Acute & Chronic Health Care Nursing I

**COURSE:** Nursing 321

**CREDIT HOURS:** 7 semester hours

**PREREQUISITES:** Nursing 202, Nursing 231, & Nursing 241

**CO-REQUISITES:** Nursing 341

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Nursing 321 Acute & Chronic Health Care Nursing I emphasizes use of the nursing process in care of individuals and families with health problems seen in acute care settings and the community. The course discusses: [1] the interactions of acute and chronic health problems with the individual's physiological, psychological, sociocultural, developmental, and spiritual variables; [2] the primary, secondary, and/or tertiary interventions utilized to assist the individual and family in coping with their intrapersonal, interpersonal, and extrapersonal stressors of the environment; [3] the modes used to strengthen the lines of defense and resistance; [4] the priorities according to individual's basic needs and energy state; and [5] scientific principles and rationale of health care regime used to assist the individual and family in retaining, attaining, and maintaining an optimal level of health on the wellness-illness continuum.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Upon successful completion of N321, the student is expected to be able to:

1. Discuss the alterations/disorders listed in the Topical Outline and the significance of signs and symptoms.
2. Discuss interrelationships of physiological, psychological, sociocultural, and spiritual variables and stressors with the alterations and their effects on environment and energy state of the client/client system.
3. Using the nursing process, discuss the nursing interventions needed by the individual and family according to priorities and preferences, available resources, and health care regime to attain, retain, and maintain optimal health.
4. Discuss the effect of the findings of research activities on nursing and nursing interventions.
5. Discuss scientific principles and rationale used to identify appropriate nursing primary, secondary, and tertiary interventions and health care for actual and potential alterations in the client's health status.
6. Based on understanding of the roles of nursing with their historical, political, sociocultural, ethical, and legal aspects, determine accountability and responsibilities for nurses in providing nursing care to assist individuals and families to attain, retain, and maintain optimal health status.