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NUR 170.01: Advanced Clinical Skills - LPN - NCLEX Review

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Course Name and Number: NUR270 NCLEX Review

Course and Time Allotment: 2 total credit hours, 2 classroom hours per week

Prerequisite Courses: All semester two and three nursing courses.

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Course Description:
This is a study course for graduating Practical Nursing (PN) students, helping them prepare both educationally and emotionally for success on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). The course approach is to help the students learn how to answer test questions successfully and covers a comprehensive review of nursing content learned, to enhance the strategy for success. Class study sessions followed by practice tests cover all clinical areas and all phases of the nursing process.

Course Objectives:
At the end of the course students will have:
1. Developed an understanding of how the NCLEX-PN is developed and administered.
2. Taken multiple practice tests to measure the results of study needed before the NCLEX-PN examination.
3. Gain confidence for taking the NCLEX-PN examination.
4. Develop tools and strategies for preparing for the examination and answered questions in the NCLEX style.
5. Enhanced learning of basic scientific legal, and humanistic principles along with nursing procedures that apply to all patients in any clinical setting.
6. Using the nursing process, have completed a review of holistic nursing care organized by clinical areas of maternity, pediatric, medical-surgical, and psychiatric nursing.
7. Completed a comprehensive practice NCLEX-PN examination.

Required Text:

Method of Instruction:
1. Lecture and discussion.
2. Small group work.
3. In class and home (computerized and hand written) practice exams.

Method of Evaluation:
1. This is a Pass/Fail course. Regular, timely attendance is expected and will be taken every class period. If a student misses more than three classes, they will fail the course.
2. Completion of all NCLEX practice examinations.
3. Classroom participation.
Course Outline:
Unit I: Psychosocial and Mental Health
Unit II: Pediatrics
Unit III: Maternity and Newborn
Unit IV: Medical/Surgical

Students will take multiple practice examinations throughout this course. A comprehensive final practice N-CLEX examination will be taken at the end of the course allowing students to evaluate their knowledge based on readiness to take the National N-CLEX Practical Nursing Examination. This will also give them an understanding of the areas they need to review to be better prepared.