NRSG 352: Acute and Chronic Illness  
Credits: 5 (2 lecture, 3 clinical laboratory)  
Semesters Offered: F, Sp  
Prerequisites: NRSG 225, NRSG 238, NRSG 258  
Co-requisite: NRSG 336

Course Description: The focus of this course is application of theoretical and empirical knowledge to nursing care for clients across the adult lifespan with acute and chronic illness in a variety of settings. Health promotion, disease prevention, and symptom management are emphasized. This course builds upon and integrates knowledge gained from nursing, sciences, and the humanities.

Course Objectives: The student will:

1. Utilize evidence-based nursing practice and informatics (nursing, computer, and information science) to communicate and manage care for clients with acute and chronic illness throughout the adult lifespan. (TO 1, 2, 3, 7, 10)
2. Collaborate with health care team members to design, delegate, implement, and evaluate care of clients with acute and chronic illness. (TO 1, 7, 8, 9, 11)
3. Students will demonstrate behaviors that are congruent with the ANA Code of Ethics, Scope and Standards of Practice, and Social Policy Statements in all class related interactions. (TO 4, 5)
4. Establish professional relationships with individuals and families experiencing acute and chronic illness with attention to cultural diversity. (TO 6)
5. Synthesize previously learned knowledge, new knowledge, and quality and patient safety principles into care of clients with acute and chronic illness. (TO 1, 2, 3, 7, 10)
6. Promote health and optimal functioning in clients with acute and chronic illness. (TO 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8)

Recommended Content and Concepts:
[Reminder--students will be coming with a background in pathophysiology.]

1. Holistic nursing care of adults with common problems of nutrition/metabolic/endocrine, hydration, elimination, activity/exercise, oxygenation, sleep, pain, neurosensory, infection and inflammation, cellular proliferation, circulation, immunity
2. Perioperative care, stress, adaptation
3. Technical skills: Ng tube insertion, removal, tube feedings, central line care, chest tube care, nasal tracheal suctioning, wound care
4. Local, national, and global health problems
5. Possible prototypes: Diabetes, cardiovascular disease (e.g., CHF, CAD), respiratory disorders (e.g., COPD), CVA, degenerative joint disease, HIV, obesity, hepatitis, cancer
Suggested Student Learning Activities

Lecture/discussion
Videos
Reading
Clinical conferences
Case studies
Analysis of laboratory data
Psychomotor technical skills

Communication and documentation of the professional nurse
Client care
Guest speakers
Exams

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