

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING
Master Resource Outline

N528 Family Mental Health Nursing IV

Credits: 6 (1 lecture, 5 clinical)

Semester Offered: Spring

Prerequisites: N527

Course Description: In this course students will integrate the conceptual and theoretical foundations for working with individuals and families with mental health problems or psychiatric disorders. Interventions will include health promotion, the coordination and use of organizational or community resources, consultation, teaching/coaching, and the application of nursing leadership skills. Emphasis will be placed on working with individuals and families across the lifespan within culturally diverse environments.

Course objectives:

1. Analyze a mental health practice setting emphasizing strengths, limitations and resources.
2. Apply selected theories to diverse clients in mental health practice settings.
3. Apply legal and ethical principles in the care of clients in mental health practice settings.
4. Demonstrate skills in the role of family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner including comprehensive psychiatric mental health assessment, diagnosis, and interventions.
5. Employ evidence-based clinical practice guidelines to guide screening and diagnostic testing as appropriate.
6. Demonstrate care management abilities consistent with the clinical setting, individuals and families with mental health problems and psychiatric disorders.
7. Participate in self-evaluation in conjunction with preceptor and faculty.
8. Demonstrate the ability to provide client care for individuals and families with mental health needs within appropriate time frames for the client complaint/presentation and site parameters.
9. Integrate collaboration with primary care providers to improve care of individuals and families with mental health problems or psychiatric disorders.

Recommended Content and Concepts

1. Case management and care management
2. Community support systems
3. Multi-systemic therapy
4. Populations with special needs, such as
 - a. Rural mentally ill
 - b. Residential care
 - c. Incarcerated mentally ill
 - d. Homeless

5. Research utilization
 - a. Standards of care
 - b. Evidence-based practice
 - c. Practice guidelines
 - d. Current trends in research
 - e. Future directions
6. Legal/ethical issues
 - a. Competency
 - b. Confidentiality
 - c. Privacy
 - d. Malpractice
 - e. Testimony
 - i. Expert witness
 - ii. Material witness
7. Role and scope of advanced nursing practice
 - a. Peer supervision
 - b. Consultation

Examples of teaching methods:

The course will include seminar meetings for the integration and synthesis of current and previous course content with mental health clinical practice exploring the role and scope of practice of the family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner.

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