

COURSE: **PERSONAL & VOCATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to introduce students to the philosophy and goals of the Practical Nursing Program and to their role as a member of the health team. The course includes orientation, history of nursing, learning skills, the health care system, communication skills, cultural uniqueness, spiritual needs, nursing ethics, assertiveness and career mobility.

COURSE: **ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY**

DESCRIPTION: This course includes the basic fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology which serves as the foundation for safe, effective nursing care. The study of body systems and the body as an integrated whole, proceeding from the simple to the complex, with elementary principles of chemistry, microbiology, and physics is included.

COURSE: **FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to teach nursing principles and skills that provide the foundation of safe, effective nursing care to clients with simple to complex, short and long term needs, from birth to senescence. Normal nutritional needs are incorporated as they relate to the student, the client and the community. A basic overview of the principles, practices and techniques in giving medications is included.

COURSE: **MATERNAL/CHILD HEALTH NURSING**

DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to teach normal growth and development, physical, psychological, and social patterns from conception through adolescence. The concept of the family unit is emphasized. Included are theory and clinical experience in nursing care of the prenatal, post-natal, postpartum mother and infant. Normal and abnormal conditions, complications and the psychosocial aspects are discussed. The course also includes nursing care of children with specific health needs and the effects upon both child and parent. Community health agencies and services are presented as they relate to patient needs. Diet and drug therapy are integrated where applicable.

COURSE: **MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING I**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course introduces the student to disease conditions and the related nursing care of the medical-surgical and geriatric client. Diet therapy which stresses modification of normal requirements is integrated throughout Medical-Surgical Nursing. Drug therapy is integrated throughout the program where applicable.

COURSE:

MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING II

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is a continuation of Medical-Surgical Nursing I in which the students continue their study of disease conditions and the related nursing care of the Medical-Surgical and Geriatric client. Diet Therapy, which stresses modification of normal requirements, is integrated throughout Medical-Surgical Nursing. Drug Therapy is integrated throughout the program where applicable.

Emphasis is placed upon:

1. Etiology, pathology, symptomatology, diagnostic procedures and treatment of disease.
2. Effective, safe nursing care as related to the client's recovery.
3. Interpersonal relationships as they affect the client's hospitalization.
4. Basic principles of chemistry, physics and microbiology are included.
5. The nursing process as it applies to the study and care of selected Medical-Surgical and Geriatric clients.

The student is presented the opportunity, under supervision of the instructor, to function within the scope of the student practical nurse and progress from basic to comprehensive nursing care of the medical-surgical and geriatric client. Clinical assignments are correlated with theory presented. Educational experience will be enhanced by observations in physical therapy, respiratory therapy, operating room, emergency room, oncology unit, VNA, dialysis, speech therapy, heart station, the rehabilitation unit, Heart Cath Lab, a hospice unit, substance abuse treatment unit and school nursing.