RNSG 2021: Fundamentals of Nursing

This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamental concepts of nursing across the lifespan, along with the application of basic skills related to health history collection and physical assessment of all body systems. The course includes the consideration of nutritional, bio/psychosocial, developmental, cultural and spiritual needs, and transitional changes related to variations in health status of the client. The establishment and maintenance of a therapeutic nurse/client relationship is emphasized. Critical thinking skills are developed through activities and exercises presented in the classroom and skills lab. With a focus on patient-centered care, the nursing process will be utilized to identify and provide the building blocks of nursing care in a variety of healthcare settings. Emphasis is placed on developing skills needed to provide safety, minimizing the risk of harm to patients and providers, and evidence-based practice. Guided learning experiences in the skills and computer laboratories will assist the student in making a learning transition. The transition occurs as the student moves from basic skills to more advanced skills. Concepts presented include beginning teamwork and collaboration, documentation, patient safety, informatics, physical assessment, infection control, patient education, and the Nursing Process. Inpatient and outpatient clinical rotations will provide opportunities for the student to achieve course competencies. The course provides opportunities for the student to acquire an adequate knowledge utilizing understanding from the biophysical sciences, humanities, growth and development, problem solving abilities, critical thinking and the nursing process.

Credits: 7
Prerequisites: Program Admission.
Co-Requisites: RNSG 2022. Offered: Jesup Campus.
Program: Nursing (ASN)