Course Description

This course introduces the concepts for nursing practice. The focus is on assessment and wellness across the lifespan, as well as on roles of the professional nurse. The emphasis is on concepts such as development, culture, nutrition, elimination, mobility, health promotion, professionalism, evidence, safety, ethics, patient education, and technology/informatics. At the completion of this course the student should be able to think conceptually and provide safe nursing care through integration of the concepts introduced in this course. Special fee required.

Course Outcomes

1. Recognize the role of the nurse in the holistic care of patients, families, and communities as it relates to accountability, leadership, advocacy, values and ethical conduct which impact health care delivery.
2. Identify safe quality care and teamwork within health care organizations which influences health care policies and delivery systems to improve the quality of health for diverse populations in the context of the community.
3. Relate knowledge from the disciplines of nursing, the sciences, arts, and humanities as the foundation for nursing judgment to improve quality of care for patients, families, and communities.
4. Express a sense of curiosity to inform learning and nursing practice utilizing evidence-based practice and technology.
5. Discuss clinical decision making using evidence-based practice within a family and community context to promote wellness across diverse populations with an emphasis on cultural, spiritual, and ethical aspects of quality care.
6. Describe the components of inter-disciplinary collaboration as it relates to promoting relationship centered care and the provision of safe, quality care.
7. Identify the principles of assessment to recognize the progressive growth of patients and families to promote wellness, integrity and self-determination.