

BSN Course Descriptions 2013

Course Number	Course Name	Description	Credits
NUR 3065	Health Assessment in Nursing Situations	A study of multiple dimensions of holistic assessment. Requires integration of knowledge related to the biological, psychological, social and spiritual dimensions of health, including cultural and developmental determinants. Emphasis is placed on identification of health risk factors associated with genetic and environmental influences, as well as on development of clinical reasoning skills.	2
NUR 3065L	Health Assessment in Nursing Situations Lab	Provides opportunities for application of holistic assessment skills in a guided laboratory setting. Students are encouraged to practice to the full extent of their professional role in assessment consistent with AACN Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice and ANA Scope and Standards of Practice . Selection of focused interviewing techniques for health history and physical examination is highlighted.	1
NUR 3115	Foundations of Caring in Nursing Situations	Provides an introduction to nursing as a distinct discipline of knowledge and a unique professional practice. The evolution of professional nursing is examined. Emphasis is placed on introducing the student to the caring philosophy of the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing as the foundation for practice and developing a personal philosophy to guide practice. Caring theories of nursing and other nursing theories are examined. Responsible scholarship and caring interpersonal communication is emphasized.	3
NUR 3119L	Foundations of Nursing Practice	Focuses on the study of the concepts and principles necessary to competently perform the technological skills and therapeutic interventions needed for professional nursing practice. Topics include knowledge, judgment, skills and professional values within a legal/ethical framework for nursing. Emphasis is on using multiple ways of knowing as an organizing framework and application of concepts and principles that are basic to an environment of safety. Developmental, genetic and environmental risk factors that affect healthcare are explored. Nursing situations and simulations are used	2

		to apply the concept of safe, quality care.	
NUR 3145	Pharmacotherapeutics	Examines the effects of pharmacotherapeutic agents used in the treatment of selected illnesses and in the promotion, maintenance and restoration of wellness in diverse individuals across the lifespan. Provides a basic understanding of therapeutic and adverse reactions to drugs as well as predicting potential drug interactions. Personal, genetic and environmental factors affecting drug therapy are assessed as a foundation for nursing responses. The nurse's role in safe drug administration, assessment of drug effects and patient education is emphasized. Legal and ethical responsibilities for administering drugs are interpreted.	3
NUR 3171	Creating Healing Environments	Focuses on the creation of healing environments from multiple perspectives. Students assess and design physical, metaphysical, cultural, technological and sociopolitical environments that promote health and healing. Sustainability, architecture, cultural diversity, energy fields, information systems, promoting health equity through policy and developing self as a healing environment are included.	3
NUR 3262	Chronic Care in Nursing Situations for Adults and Aging Populations	Examines the theoretical foundations of wellness and nurturing wholeness for adults and aging populations with chronic health conditions. Emphasizes health promotion, disease prevention and maintenance of function throughout the life course. Uses best evidence to create caring environments that ensure quality and safety across settings. Explores the nurse's role as a member of the interprofessional team in providing culturally appropriate health teaching, screening and care transitions.	3
NUR 3262L	Chronic Care in Nursing Situations with Adults and Aging Populations in Practice	Provides opportunities to use nursing knowledge and apply principles of wellness, health promotion, disease prevention and maintenance of function for adults, focusing on persons with chronic health conditions. Use of best evidence to promote and preserve wellness for persons and families living with chronic health conditions is core. Integrates principles of communication and information management. Emphasizes cultural differences in health teaching, screening and community referrals.	2
NUR 3465	The Developing Family: Nursing	Integrates the study of caring science with concepts and theories of	4

	Situations	family, human growth and development, health promotion, risk reduction and disease management for nursing situations with childbearing women, children and families. Examines evidence-based, age-appropriate communication strategies and nursing responses. Also examines developmental and cultural differences in health assessments, screenings, health teaching and community referrals. Emphasizes collaboration with persons, families and interprofessional teams to create quality outcomes and a culture of safety. Explores the nurse's role in advocacy for women, children and families on issues of equity in health policy and access to healthcare.	
NUR 3465L	The Developing Family: Nursing Situations in Practice	Integrates the study of caring science with concepts and theories of family, human growth and development, health promotion, risk reduction and disease management for nursing situations with childbearing women, children and families. Examines evidence-based, age-appropriate communication strategies and nursing responses. Also examines developmental and cultural differences in health assessments, screenings, health teaching and community referrals. Emphasizes collaboration with persons, families and interprofessional teams to create quality outcomes and a culture of safety. Explores the nurse's role in advocacy for women, children and families on issues of equity in health policy and access to healthcare.	2
NUR 4125	General Pathophysiology	Study of the pathophysiology of human illness within a systems framework. Emphasis is on understanding pathophysiology as an alteration of normal subsystem physiological functioning altering health of the individual. Course concepts provide the basis for interpretation and analysis of signs and symptoms within a framework of health and disease. Selected pathophysiological nursing situation exemplars and the concepts to related conditions in diverse clients across the lifespan are presented.	3
NUR 4165	Nursing Research	Explores the relationship between theory, research and practice. Examines fundamental principles of the research process, including ethical and cultural considerations. Students search and critically	3

		appraise nursing research studies	
NUR 4525	Psychiatric and Mental Health: Nursing Situations Across the Lifespan	Integrates advanced behavioral concepts, caring science and standards of practice to design person-centered care in psychiatric mental health nursing situations. Presents principles of communication as a foundation for developing caring relationships. Clinical reasoning and evidence-based practice aid the identification of calls for nursing and nursing responses that nurture wholeness, maximize outcomes and improve quality of life. Addresses legal, ethical and cultural considerations associated with psychiatric mental health problems.	3
NUR 4525L	Psychiatric and Mental Health: Nursing Situations in Practice	Discusses principles of communication in developing caring, therapeutic relationships with persons of varying age groups in psychiatric settings. Uses mental health concepts and selected theoretical frameworks to examine adaptive and maladaptive coping behaviors in response to alterations in psychological functioning. Acute care and community-based experiences provide opportunities for students to participate in interprofessional team planning, interventions and therapeutic group meetings.	2
NUR 4638	Population Health: Nursing Situations	Emphasizes promoting the well-being of populations across the lifespan. Explores core public health functions, principles of epidemiology, theoretical models of cultural competency, determinants of health, health promotion and disease and injury prevention. Addresses evidence-based clinical prevention responses, including information technology, interprofessional collaboration, population-focused advocacy partnerships and the caring role of the professional nurse to improve population health and minimize the consequences of mass emergencies.	3
NUR 4716	Acute Care in Nursing Situations with Adults and Aging Populations	Examines concepts and theories to nurture wholeness of adults and aging populations with acute alterations in health. Focuses on co-creating caring environments with interprofessional teams supporting a culture of quality and safety. Emphasizes use of best evidence to facilitate achievement of outcomes across settings.	4
NUR 4716L	Acute Care in Nursing Situations with Adults and Aging Populations	Building on a foundation of growing nursing knowledge and multiple ways of knowing, students use clinical reasoning skills to achieve	2

	in Practice	safe, quality outcomes for adults experiencing acute alterations in health. Emphasizes managing the care of patients experiencing acute illnesses and restoring health for adult and aging populations	
NUR 4764	Complex Care in Nursing Situations with Adults and Aging Populations	Emphasis is placed on integrating advanced concepts, caring science and evidence-based standards to design person-centered care in complex nursing situations. Integrates evidence-based nursing responses for adult and aging populations that nurture the wholeness of persons to maximize outcomes and improve quality of life. Collaborative relationships with patients, families and interprofessional teams are highlighted. Legal, ethical, cultural and economic considerations associated with complex health problems are addressed.	3
NUR 4764L	Complex Care in Nursing Situations with Adults and Aging Populations in Practice	Provides opportunities to use nursing knowledge and apply principles of wellness, health promotion, disease prevention and maintenance of function for adults, focusing on persons with chronic health conditions. Use of best evidence to promote and preserve wellness for persons and families living with chronic health conditions is core. Principles of communication and information management are integrated. Cultural differences in health teaching, screening and community referrals are emphasized	2
NUR 4824L	Professional Development in Nursing 1: Ethical and Legal Perspectives of Caring	Provides an introduction to the profession of nursing with emphasis on professional and personal accountability and theory-guided practice. Legal and ethical principles are examined and applied in nursing situations. Provides opportunities to establish personal and professional boundaries, examine individual beliefs and values and develop a personal philosophy of nursing emerging from the College of Nursing philosophy of caring	1
NUR 4829L	Nursing Practice Immersion	A precepted integrative clinical providing the opportunity to synthesize foundational concepts and master the competencies and skills of the advanced beginner in professional nursing. Focuses on integration of one's professional nursing identity within the complex organizational environment in which healthcare is delivered	4
NUR 4833L	Professional Development in Nursing II: Designer of Caring	Examines the professional identity of the nurse as an advocate and a member of the interdisciplinary team using concepts and theories of	1(laboratory: 2 contact

	Environments	nursing, chaos and complexity, organizational design, QSEN and IPE competencies as foundations to quality care and patient safety. Explores caring models of leadership, teamwork, decision making and priority setting in nursing situations	hours/week)
NUR 4860L	Professional Development in Nursing III: Leader/Coordinator of Caring Environments	Examines the role of the nurse as leader and manager in creating a caring, healing environment in a unique sociopolitical, cultural, economic and technological atmosphere. Analyzes professional, organizational, historical and social factors influencing healthcare delivery within an evolving healthcare system. Emphasizes building cultures of quality and safety in complex healthcare delivery systems based on organizational strengths, using multiple strategies within environmental turbulence and change and managing fiscal resources for cost effectiveness. Provides interprofessional collaborative practice opportunities.	1
NUR 4861L	Professional Development in Nursing IV: Member of a Caring Profession	Discusses contemporary issues confronting the nursing profession. Investigates methods to advocate for patients and the profession. Explores the profession's impact on the dynamic evolution of healthcare. Emphasizes professional skills, such as portfolio development, interviewing, peer evaluation and the advancement of nursing's role. Also considers professional issues related to self-care of the nurse, such as work-life balance, healthy work environments and resource assistance in building a nursing career.	1
NUR 4945	Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	Explores models of evidence-based practice and quality improvement. Student groups collaborate with designated nursing leaders to address a practice issue. Employs systematic investigation and critical appraisal and synthesis of available evidence to develop a data-based quality improvement project.	2
NUR 4945L	Evidence-Based Nursing Practice Capstone	A clinical course focused on implementing and evaluating the evidence-based practice project previously designed. Student groups collaborate with nursing leaders in a partner agency to address a practice problem using principles of quality improvement and implementing a systematic investigation to translate evidence into practice. The project is implemented, outcomes evaluated and results presented in a professional venue.	1

