

NURS 215

NURS 215 Care of the Adult

8 Credits

This course examines principles and practices of nursing adults with health problems. The focus is on the acquisition and application of knowledge in planning, implementing and evaluating the nursing care of clients requiring medical and surgical intervention. Holistic health care of individuals is highlighted. The course includes laboratory instruction in psychomotor skills. The clinical practicum enables the student to integrate the theory and skills needed to provide nursing care. Students will apply the nursing process and other problem solving strategies and concepts central to acute medical-surgical care of the adult, with a major focus on therapeutic nursing interventions for clients experiencing a variety of nursing-identified health problems. Topics will include the illness experience, immobility, pain, infection, ineffective wound healing, altered levels of consciousness, sensory impairment, and problems with nutrition, elimination, oxygenation, and circulation. Attention will be given to interactions between psychosocial, cultural and physiological parameters in acute illness. Preoperative, postoperative, and palliative care and interdisciplinary teamwork will be addressed. Students will apply knowledge of theory, through case studies and other activities, to the assessing, diagnosing, planning, implementing and evaluating nursing care for clients. The clinical practicum enables the student to integrate theory and skills needed to provide nursing care to stable adult medical/surgical clients.

Prerequisites

Take BIOL-220, BIOL-221, BIOL-222, NURS-201, NURS-203 and NURS-205, Take NURS-101, NURS-102, BIOL-131, BIOL-132, and BIOL-133 with a grade of 'C' or better in each course.

Transfer Credits

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