



Course Description:

NURS-116 - Professional Issues in Nursing Units: 1

Current nursing and health care issues and trends are presented. Content related to management of care – providing integrated, cost effective care to clients by coordinating, supervising and/or collaborating with members of the multi-disciplinary health care team and effective care environment will be included. The differing roles of the RN, including licensure, continuation of licensure, and nursing professional organizations, are addressed. Legal and ethical aspects of nursing practice are explored.

Lecture Hours: 1 Lab Hours: 0 Repeatable: No Grading: L

Prerequisite: NURS 114 with C or better

CAN: None

Advisory Level: Read: 2 Write: 2 Math: None

Transfer Status: CSU Degree Applicable: AA/AS

CSU GE: None District GE: None IGETC: None

Learning Outcomes:

1. Define and discuss issues related to professional nursing, healthcare, education and employment.
2. Identify the functions of the major professional nursing organizations.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the professional, leadership and managerial roles of the registered nurse.
4. Apply theoretical knowledge to nursing management and leadership functions.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the basic legal aspects of Nursing Practice.
6. Apply understanding of the legal framework, the California Nurse Practice Act and the nurse's role in patient advocacy.
7. Identify at least two continuing education options available to graduate nurses for re-licensure.
8. Demonstrate knowledge of the ethical code, and the social and ethical aspects of professional nursing.
9. Complete an application for admission to the state licensing examination.