

# **COURSE OUTLINE**

**NURS-236**

**Advanced Concepts in Nursing**

**4 Semester Hours**

## **HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **Description**

At the completion of this course, students will be prepared to assume entry-level roles as associate degree nurses in caring with for patients with diverse health needs. Theoretical study and clinical application of knowledge will focus on leadership and management in nursing to promote quality patient care outcomes. Students will develop competencies required to administer safe, technical nursing care to patients with an emphasis on resources, culture, management of care, trends, communication, pathophysiology, professional behavior, and clinical judgment. Students will demonstrate their ability to competently care for a small group of patients within the nursing care team and in a variety of health care settings. Prerequisites: NURS-235; Pre- or Co-requisite: NURS-230 (1.84 hours theory, 2.16 hours lab)

### **Overall Course Objectives**

Upon successful completion of this course, in relation to a group of patients experiencing complex or multiple health problems, the student will be able to utilize the nursing process to:

1. Integrate the knowledge of pathophysiology in the administration of nursing care of patients experiencing complex responses to stress.
2. Initiate, maintain and evaluate the collaborative relationship between health team members, patients and significant support person(s) in various health settings to promoting wellness and disease prevention while managing acute and chronic conditions.
3. Demonstrate behaviors which promote leadership, education, autonomy and power within the profession of nursing.
4. Demonstrate a holistic approach to the practice of nursing, considering physical, psychological, socio-cultural, developmental and spiritual factors, and promote the continuity of care.
5. Integrate caring, integrity, safe practice and accountability in practicing the art and science of nursing.
6. Utilize critical thinking strategies in the application of the nursing process and maintain fiscal accountability in the provision of quality care.
7. Manage care in an effective and efficient manner maintaining legal and ethical standards in the provision and delegation of nursing care.
8. Analyze the impact of responses to stress on members of a multicultural society and intervene to optimize health and empower healthcare consumers.

### **Major Topics**

- I. Leadership and Management in Nursing
  - a. Conflict Management
  - b. Delegation and Supervision
  - c. Nursing Care Delivery Models

- d. Improving Quality Care
- e. Career Management
- II. Emergency and Trauma Nursing
  - a. Nursing Role During Triage
  - b. Nursing Role During a Code
  - c. Nursing Care of the Patient with Burns
  - d. Nursing Care of the Near Drowning Victim
  - e. Nursing Care of the Patient with Poisoning
  - f. Nursing Care of the Patient with Chest Trauma
  - g. Nursing Care of the Patient with Neurological Trauma
  - h. Nursing Response to Disaster
- III. Nursing Care of a Patient with Shock and Multisystem Organ Failure

### **Course Requirements**

Grading procedures will be determined by the nursing program but will include the following: unit exams, written assignments and meeting clinical objectives.

### **Other Course Information**

This course will be offered over a seven week period and includes both a theory component and a clinical experience. Students will be on-campus for 4.3 hours per week for theory, and in clinical and laboratory activities for 11.1 hours per week.