

PN 1031 - Introductory Mental Health Nursing (1 Credit)

Course Description

Introductory Mental Health Nursing provides an introduction to mental health nursing which will require you to examine human dynamics and adaptive/maladaptive responses to internal and external stressors. While in this course you will be provided a summary of foundational psychological theory, an overview of current psychotherapeutic treatment modalities, and common mental health disorders. ACEN Essentials for Professional Nursing Education provide the context for this course to direct learning and provide meaningful purpose as you prepare to care compassionately for this vulnerable population. Upon completion of this course, you will be able to identify the professional role of LPNs in providing compassionate care for those with selected psychiatric disorders.

Course Objectives

- Examine the legal, ethical, and historical aspects of mental health nursing (EPSLO # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
 - Define the essential components of the nurse-client relationship in mental health nursing (EPSLO # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
 - Explain the nursing process in the care of the client with mental health alterations (EPSLO # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
 - Discuss screening tools for mental health alterations (EPSLO # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
 - Define characteristics of various mental health alterations (EPSLO # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
 - Relate the aspects of National Patient Safety Goals (NPSG) to the mental health client (EPSLO # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
 - Identify mental health concerns on a life continuum, including children, adolescents, and adult populations (EPSLO # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
 - Explain the dynamics of anger, violence, and crisis as it applies to mental health (EPSLO # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
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Course Outline

- Introduction to Mental Health and Mental Illness
 - Mental Health Care
 - Fundamental Nursing Roles in Mental Health Nursing
 - Specific Psychiatric Disorders
 - Age-Specific Disorder and Issues
 - Introductory Mental Health Nursing Final
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Textbook & Reading Materials

Docucare, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, ISBN: 9781451185171

NCLEX-Passpoint, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, ISBN: 9781496309327

Classroom Hours

Start: 10-10-2025

End: 12-12-2025

Friday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

For a full list of course hours visit: [Course Schedule](#)

Instructor Contact Information

Preston Dye — pdye@stech.edu

Office Hours: By appointment

Email is the preferred method of communication; you will receive a response within 24 hours during regular business hours.

Canvas Information

Canvas is the where course content, grades, and communication will reside for this course.

- stech.instructure.com
 - For Canvas passwords or any other computer-related technical support contact Student Services.
 - For regular Hours and Weekdays call (435) 586 - 2899.
 - For after Hours & Weekends call (435) 865 - 3929 (Leave a message if no response).
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Course Policies

See Student Policy and Orientation Manual

Additional Information

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1) Facilities Operations and Maintenance Plan; 2) Technical Infrastructure Plan; and 3) Health and Safety Plan.

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For special accommodations, please contact the ADA Coordinator, Cyndie Tracy: ctracy@stech.edu, (435) 865-3944.
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