

**Course Grading System:**

Percentage Result Range	Grade Level	Award
85 - 100	D	Distinction
70 - 84	C	Credit
55 - 69	P	Pass
Below 55	F	Fail

**NURSING****EXIT PROFILE**

**Definition of Nursing:** Nursing is an integral part of the health care system which encompasses the promotion of health, prevention of illness, and care of physically ill, mentally ill, and disabled people of all ages, in all health care and other community settings. This scope of practice concerns individual, family, and group to respond to actual and potential health problems (ANA, 1980, p 9). These human responses range broadly from health restoring reactions to an individual episode of illness to the development of policy in promoting the long-term health of a population.

The unique function of nurses in caring for individuals, sick or well, is to assess their health status and to assist them in the performance of those activities contributing to health or recovery or to dignified death that they would perform unaided if they had the necessary strength, will, or knowledge and to do this in such a way as to help them gain full or partial independence as rapidly as possible (Henderson, 1977, p4). Within the total health care environment, nurses share with other health professionals and those in other sectors of public service the functions of planning, implementation, and evaluation to ensure the adequacy of the health system for promoting health, preventing illness, and caring for ill and disabled people. (ICN, 1987)

**Definition of a nurse:** A nurse is an autonomous person who has received a formal and recognized nursing education and training which enables her/him to provide quality care to the patients/clients and their family. She/he is also an educator, advocator, counsellor, health promoter and administrator. Her/his practice is based on research and evidence. She/he must be an effective communicator and reflective practitioner.

**Professional Competencies**

1. Practices in accordance with legislation affecting nursing practice and health care
2. Practices within a professional and ethical nursing framework
3. Practices within an evidence-based framework
4. Participates in ongoing professional development of self and others
5. Conducts a comprehensive and systematic nursing assessment
6. Plans nursing care in consultation with individuals/groups, significant others and the interdisciplinary health care team
7. Provides comprehensive, safe and effective evidence-based nursing care to achieve identified individual/group health outcomes
8. Evaluates progress towards expected individual/group health outcomes in consultation with individuals/groups, significant others and interdisciplinary health care team
9. Establishes, maintains and appropriately concludes therapeutic relationships
10. Collaborates with the interdisciplinary health care team to provide comprehensive nursing care

