

NURS 3302: Professionalism and Ethics in Nursing

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: NURS 3209, NURS 3304, and NURS 3309

Students analyze historical, contemporary, and global perspectives on the role of nursing in society, and on professional nursing roles within the context of contemporary health care delivery systems. Primary emphasis is on the ethical and legal foundations of nursing, including exploration of common ethical and legal dilemmas encountered at the beginning and end of life, as well as in everyday nursing encounters. In addition, students develop communication skills essential to collegial nursing practice and to collaborative roles within interdisciplinary health care teams. Students apply and critique selected models of ethical decision-making, and explore their utility for nursing practice and for assuming responsibility and accountability for nursing's ethic of care and commitment to client advocacy.

NURS 3303: Clinical Pharmacology for Nurses

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: NURS 3209 and NURS 3304

An introduction to fundamental nursing pharmacologic principles and their application. The nursing process approach will be utilized in providing the theoretical base for the knowledge and skills needed to safely administer medications to patients. An in-depth review of current and evidence-based practice will be discussed when applying responsible and accountable knowledge regarding medication administration.

NURS 3304: Clinical Pathophysiology for Nurses

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Admission to BSN Program

This course relates the physiologic manifestations of disease and the pathology underlying illness to nursing practice. Emphasis is placed on applying knowledge of pathophysiology using the nursing process to guide clinical practice. Students learn the underlying physiology of disease states and how such knowledge informs nursing care.