

BUTTE COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

NSG 202 - Acute Care Nurse Assistant

4 Unit(s)

Prerequisite(s): NSG 200, NSG 201 or a Current CNA License

Recommended Prep: Reading Level II; English Level III; Math Level II

Transfer Status: NT

51 hours Lecture

68 hours Lab

This course provides the Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) the knowledge and skills needed to function in an acute care setting. Topics include Scope of Practice guidelines, effective communication, and proper procedures for care of patients with a variety of conditions in the acute care setting. Students will learn about common acute and chronic conditions that require hospitalization and surgical procedures that patients undergo in the acute care setting. Graded only.

II. OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Describe the limitations of the acute care nurse assistant with respect to the Scope of Practice guidelines.
- B. Practice effective communication and documentation skills in the acute care setting.
- C. Describe knowledge and understanding of a safe and secure environment for patients in the acute care setting. This includes ensuring the patient's room is free of hazards that might impede mobility and safety, as well as the provision of physical comfort.
- D. Demonstrate and practice safe and effective care of the surgical patient.
- E. Collaborate with nursing staff to formulate an appropriate plan of care for the patient with disorder of the major body systems: gastrointestinal, renal, reproductive, endocrine, cardiovascular, and respiratory.
- F. Identify and follow proper procedures for providing appropriate care for the orthopedic, oncology, pediatric and/or dying patient.

III. COURSE CONTENT

A. Unit Titles/Suggested Time Schedule

Lecture	
<u>Topics</u>	<u>Hours</u>
1. Acute Care Nurse Assistant Responsibilities	3.00
2. Communication - Documentation	3.00
3. Safe, Secure Environment	3.00
4. Care of the Surgical Patient	4.00
5. Gastrointestinal Care	3.00
6. Nutritional Care	3.00
7. Renal Care	3.00
8. Reproductive Care	3.00
9. Endocrine	3.00
10. Cardiovascular	4.00
11. Respiratory Care	4.00
12. Orthopedic Care	3.00

13. Neurological Care	3.00
14. Oncology, Immunosuppression	3.00
15. Death and Dying	3.00
16. Pediatric Care	3.00
Total Hours	51.00

Lab

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Hours</u>
1. Acute Care Nurse Assistant Responsibilities	3.00
2. Communication - Documentation	3.00
3. Safe, Secure Environment	3.00
4. Care of the Surgical Patient	8.00
5. Gastrointestinal Care	4.00
6. Nutritional Care	4.00
7. Renal care	4.00
8. Reproductive Care	3.00
9. Endocrine	4.00
10. Cardiovascular Care	4.00
11. Respiratory Care	4.00
12. Orthopedic Care	4.00
13. Neurological Care	4.00
14. Oncology, Immunosuppression	4.00
15. Death and Dying	4.00
16. Pediatric Care	8.00
Total Hours	68.00

IV. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- A. Lecture
- B. Group Discussions
- C. Collaborative Group Work
- D. Class Activities
- E. Homework: Students are required to complete two hours of outside-of-class homework for each hour of lecture
- F. Discussion
- G. Demonstrations
- H. Reading Assignments
- I. Multimedia Presentations

V. METHODS OF EVALUATION

- A. Exams/Tests
- B. Quizzes
- C. Homework
- D. Written Assignments

VI. EXAMPLES OF ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Reading Assignments

1. Read a professional article on post-operative care of the surgical patient. Be prepared to discuss in class.
2. Read the chapter in your textbook "Emergency Situations." Be prepared to discuss various emergency situations and how to deal with them in small groups in class.

B. Writing Assignments

1. Document your care of a patient in the clinical setting, and turn in in class.
2. Write a paper on a specific surgical procedure, and the care the CNA must provide. Turn in in class.

C. Out-of-Class Assignments

1. Working in a group, prepare an oral presentation to present in class on a common pediatric disorder and the care the CNA should provide.
2. Interview a patient in the clinical setting about their perception of their care provided by nursing staff. Be prepared to present in class.

VII. RECOMMENDED MATERIALS OF INSTRUCTION

Textbooks:

- A. JoLynn Pulliam. The Nursing Assistant: Acute, Sub-acute and Long-term Care. 5 Edition. Pearson, 2012.

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