

BUTTE COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

NSG 47 - Oncology Nursing

2 Unit(s)

Prerequisite(s): NSG 31, NSG 32, NSG 35, NSG 36 and NSG 37

Co-requisite(s): NSG 41, NSG 42, NSG 43 and NSG 49

Recommended Prep: NONE

Transfer Status: CSU

34 hours Lecture

This course provides a foundation in the study of oncology nursing care including an introduction to oncology, prevention, detection and medical treatment. Content includes loss, grief, and death and dying. Graded only.

II. OBJECTIVES

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

- A. Describe the psychosocial aspects of stress, loss and grief, death and dying.
- B. Utilize the nursing process as applicable to adults experiencing oncology disorders.
- C. Compare principles, practices, and skills applicable to the nursing care of adults with oncology conditions.
- D. Describe health maintenance strategies related to oncology conditions.
- E. Formulate teaching plans based on health principles and concepts of oncology nursing practice.
- F. Describe cultural differences and needs of individuals with oncology conditions.
- G. Utilize therapeutic communication strategies in the care of clients and families.
- H. Formulate caring interventions when interacting with others.

III. COURSE CONTENT

A. Unit Titles/Suggested Time Schedule

	Lecture	
<u>Topics</u>		<u>Hours</u>
1. Grief and Loss		2.00
2. Death and Dying		2.00
3. Epidemiology: Growth and Spread		2.00
4. Prevention and Risk Assessment		3.00
5. Early Detection and Diagnosis		2.00
6. Cancer Treatment Options		5.00
7. Adverse Effects of Cancer and its Treatment		4.00
8. Major Cancers		12.00
9. Community Resources for Oncology Clients		2.00
Total Hours		34.00

IV. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

A. Lecture

B. Homework: Students are required to complete two hours of outside-of-class homework for each hour of lecture

- C. Discussion
- D. Multimedia Presentations
- E. Student Presentations

V. METHODS OF EVALUATION

- A. Exams/Tests
- B. Oral Presentation
- C. Written Assignments

VI. EXAMPLES OF ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Reading Assignments
 - 1. Read in your textbook the content regarding hematologic cancers. Be prepared to discuss in class.
 - 2. Read in your textbook the chapter regarding the common treatment modalities for breast cancer. Be prepared to discuss in class.
- B. Writing Assignments
 - 1. Complete assigned chemotherapy care plan. Be prepared to discuss in class.
 - 2. Complete assigned worksheet "Radiation Care Plan". Be prepared to discuss in small groups in class.
- C. Out-of-Class Assignments
 - 1. Watch the movie "WIT" with Emma Thompson. Observe the relationship between the client with cancer and the nurse. Answer the discussion questions and be prepared to discuss in class.
 - 2. Attend a community resource class for cancer survivors. Be prepared to share reflections from this class.

VII. RECOMMENDED MATERIALS OF INSTRUCTION

Textbooks:

- A. American Cancer Society . California Cancer Facts and Figures 2010. American Cancer Society, 2010.
- B. Lewis, S., Heitkemper, M. Dirksen, S., O'Brien, P. & Bucher, L.. Medical-Surgical Nursing: Assessment and Management of Clinical Problems. 8th Edition. Mosby, 2011.

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