

Top 50 NCLEX Priority Concepts

Quick Reference Guide for Nursing Students

Safety & Infection Control

Standard Precautions	Isolation Techniques	Fall Prevention
Restraint Safety	Error Prevention	Emergency Response Protocol

Pharmacology

Medication Rights (5-9 Rights)	High-Alert Medications	Adverse Reactions
Drug Interactions	Safe Dosage Calculations	IV Medication Administration

Physiological Adaptation

Shock Recognition & Management	Fluid & Electrolyte Balance	Acid-Base Balance
Respiratory Distress	Hemodynamic Monitoring	Sepsis Criteria

Basic Care & Comfort

Pain Assessment & Management	Nutrition Support	Mobility & Positioning
Wound Care Basics	Catheter Care	Sleep Pattern Management

Reduction of Risk Potential

Vital Signs Interpretation	Lab Value Ranges	Diagnostic Test Prep
Pre/Post-Op Care	Complication Prevention	Monitoring High-Risk Patients

Health Promotion

Developmental Milestones	Immunization Schedule	Prenatal Care
Health Screening Guidelines	Disease Prevention	Patient Education Techniques

Psychosocial Integrity

Therapeutic Communication	Crisis Intervention	Mental Health Assessment
Grief Support	Abuse Recognition	Substance Use Disorders

Management of Care

Delegation Principles	Priority Setting (ABCs)	Informed Consent
Confidentiality/HIPAA	Case Management	Advocacy Role

Study Tip: Focus on understanding the principles behind these concepts, not just memorization. Practice applying them in clinical scenarios.