

# 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.