LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BRIEF SYLLABUS

SPECIAL NOTE:
This brief syllabus is not intended to be a legal contract. A full syllabus will be distributed to students at the first class session.

TEXT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS USED IN THE COURSE (if any):

Please check with the LCC bookstore http://www.labette.edu/bookstore for the required texts for this class.

COURSE NUMBER:  NURS 122

COURSE TITLE:  MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING

SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS:  9 Credit Hours (6 hrs. theory, 3 hrs. clinical)

DEPARTMENT:  Nursing

DIVISION:  Health Science

PREREQUISITE:  Successful completion of NURS 120 Fundamentals of Nursing

REVISION DATE:  October 2014

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Presents holistic nursing care of medical-surgical clients with common health needs. As a member of the health care team, the student will practice beginning management and leadership skills, and will differentiate delegation and clinical skills required of practical versus registered nurses.

COURSE OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES:
Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

1. Define accountability in practicing nursing within the legal scope of practice for practical nurses in Kansas in basic medical-surgical nursing.
   - Discuss legal and ethical issues impacting low risk medical-surgical health care needs of any age adult.
   - Identify the Standards of Practice of Medical-Surgical Nursing and Gerontological Nursing developed by the American Nurses Association.
   - Identify personal beliefs and societal attitudes regarding adults of all ages with low risk medical-surgical health needs.

2. Utilize the nursing process in providing safe care for individuals, families, and communities with low risk health needs in basic medical-surgical nursing.
   - Describe health needs of adults of all ages with low risk medical-surgical health needs.
   - Identify changes in body structure and function that occur as humans age.

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• Discuss psychosocial adjustments of clients as they experience the aging process.
• Utilize critical thinking and the nursing process to develop a plan of nursing care for adults of all ages with low risk medical-surgical needs.
• Utilize therapeutic nursing interventions individualized to meet the needs of adults of all ages and their families with low risk medical-surgical needs.

3. Effectively identify and incorporate appropriate verbal and nonverbal therapeutic communication skills in caring for individuals with low risk health needs, and document care appropriately in basic medical-surgical nursing.

• Identify therapeutic communication techniques utilized by the nurse to achieve effective interactions with adults of all ages with low risk medical surgical needs and their families.
• Document nursing care appropriately for adults of all ages with low risk medical-surgical needs in a variety of health care settings.

4. Identify teaching needs for individuals, their families, and communities with low risk health needs in basic medical-surgical nursing.

• Discuss adaptation of teaching techniques to address cognitive changes of adults of all ages with low risk medical-surgical needs.
• Develop individualized teaching plans and participate in community activities to identify the assessed health needs of adults of all ages with low risk medical surgical health needs and their families.

5. Collaborate with other members of the health care team in the management of resources to effectively provide care for individuals, families and communities with low risk health needs in basic medical-surgical nursing.

• Describe the roles and responsibilities of health care team members caring for individuals of all ages and their families experiencing low risk medical-surgical health needs in a variety of health care settings.
• Identify community resources and services, which help meet the health care needs of any age adult with low risk medical-surgical needs and their families.
• Develop individualized teaching plans and participate in community activities to identify the assessed health needs of adult of all ages with low risk medical surgical health needs and their families.
• As a beginning nurse manager, identify needs that could be safely and effectively delegated to qualified personnel.

ADN PROGRAM OUTCOMES
1. Adapt through the use of the nursing process the ability to think critically and make safe and effective clinical judgments incorporating evidence-based practice.
2. Integrate caring behaviors in practicing the art and science of nursing within a diverse population.
3. Demonstrate effective communication methods to manage client needs and to interact with other health care team members.
4. Collaborate with clients and members of the interdisciplinary health care team to optimize client outcomes.

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5. Implement professional standards and scope of practice within legal, ethical, and regulatory frameworks.
6. Manage care and provide leadership to meet client needs using available resources and current technology.
7. Generate teaching and learning processes to promote and maintain health and to reduce risks for a variety of clients.

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