

COURSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

UNDERGRADUATE NURSING COURSES

COHP 1231 - Orientation Seminar on Nursing/Health Care 1.00 Credits

This elective course introduces nursing and health care history and theoretical framework, including Albany State University's nursing framework. Various theories of nursing and health care are explored. The role of the health care professional including the nurse is analyzed. Proficiencies supporting the role of the health care professionals are explored and adopted.

COHP 2110 - Nutrition 3.00 Credits

This course includes normal nutrition across the life span, as well as diet therapy and nutritional feedings. Prerequisites: Completion of core curriculum and admission to the Nursing Program or approval of Department Chair.

NURS 2112 - Foundations of Professional Nursing 3.00 Credits
Prerequisite(s): NURS 1231

This elective course is for the student who will not meet nursing admission requirements before the Fall Semester of his/her sophomore year. Learning opportunities will facilitate development of skills in critical thinking and health promotion interventions. The student will develop proficiency in the performance of basic nursing skills, primarily in campus labs through independent and guided laboratory experiences. Course content includes theoretical and clinical knowledge necessary for certification as a nursing assistant and as a beginning professional nursing student. Prerequisite(s): NURS 1231 or Approval by Chair; Co-Requisites: Core Courses

NURS 2120 - Growth & Develop for Health Professional 3.00 Credits

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the developmental needs of the highly complex individual and family during the entire lifespan - from birth to death. The focus is on the physical, emotional, cognitive, social and spiritual dimensions of the developing person. These dimensions will be explored in the context of the family and community settings. Integration of health promotion, risk reduction, and anticipatory guidance during the lifespan will be emphasized.

NURS 2121 - Foundations of Pathophysiology 3.00 Credits

This elective course is designed to serve as a prelude to NURS 2320: Pathophysiology for the student who wishes more preparation prior to entering the Nursing Program. The course examines the underlying biological process involved in the development, evolution, manifestations and complications of common alterations in health status across the life span, and compares normal and abnormal states. The biological basis for therapeutic actions is examined. Approval by Chair, Co-Requisites: Core Courses

NURS 2210 – Pharmacology 3.00 Credits

This course introduces the student to pharmacological concepts and measurements and includes such topics as medication dosage, calculations, interaction with drugs or foods, medication administration and intravenous therapy. CO-requisite: NURS 2131

NURS 2212 - Foundation of Health Assessment 3.00 Credits

The elective course is designed to serve as a prelude to NURS 2510: Health Assessment for the student who wishes more preparation prior to entering the Nursing Program. The course promotes the development of basic assessment skills across the life span and requires successful performance of selected techniques frequently used in a head-to-toe physical assessment. Approval by Chair; Co-Requisites: Core Courses

NURS 2231 - Fundamental Concepts of Professional Nursing 5.00 Credits

This course is designed to provide further exploration of the theoretical framework and major conceptual threads of the nursing curriculum. The student applies the concept of person, health, environment and nursing along with ethical/legal aspects to lab and clinical practice. Emphasis will be placed on assessment and primary interventions related to health promotion, health maintenance and disease prevention. PRE-REQUISITE: Admission into the Departmental of Nursing.

NURS 2320 – Pathophysiology 3.00 Credits

This course is a survey of the fundamentals of pathology with emphasis on anatomical, physiological and clinical process across the life span. This course is open to natural science majors.

NURS 2331 - Adult Health Nursing I 5.00 Credits

This course emphasizes the responses of individuals experiencing physical and emotional illnesses with emphasis on the nurse's role in health restoration, maintenance and promotion. This course incorporates clinical decision making in a variety of health care settings. Pre-Requisite: Admission to the Department.

NURS 2510 - Health Assessment 3.00 Credits

This course promotes the development of assessment skills across the life span and requires successful performance of a complete physical examination. Co-requisites: NURS 2110, 2320, 2331.

NURS 3010 - Jr. Nursing Summer Externship 3.00 Credits

This junior year co-op elective provides the student an opportunity for "hand-on" work experience in the clinical setting under the direct mentorship of a professional registered nurse at an approved health care agency. Working in a one-to-one, mentor to student relationship, the student will gain an understanding of the basic role of the professional RN. Students will increase their skills in providing activities of daily living (ADL) for the hospitalized client. It will further strengthen the critical thinking skills of students involved in the nurse clinician role. Prerequisite: Meets designated eligibility.

NURS 3110 - Nutrition 3.00 Credits

This course includes normal nutrition across the life span as well as diet therapy and nutritional feedings. Prerequisites: Completion of core curriculum and admission to the Nursing Program or approval of Departmental Chair. Co-requisites: NURS 3210, 3311, 3510

NURS 3120 - Ethical Legal Issues/Health Care 3.00 Credits

This elective course assists the student in understanding complex contemporary issues in health care related to ethical and legal decision making. Prerequisite: Admission to the Department of Nursing or Departmental approval.

NURS 3121 - Computers in Health Care 1.00 Credits

As an elective, this course is designed to provide the cognitive, affective and interactive skills needed to become informed, proficient users of computer technology in the health care environment. Prerequisites: Admission to the Department of Nursing or Departmental approval.

NURS 3134 - Pediatric Nursing 5.00 Credits

This course covers nursing theories and skills related to health promotion and health maintenance of children from birth through adolescence. Prerequisite: NURS 2331

NURS 3136 - Women's Health Nursing 4.00 Credits

This course covers nursing theories and skills related to health promotion and health maintenance of childbearing women and selected women's health concerns. Co-requisite: NURS 3335

NURS 3312 – Orientation to the Philosophical Concepts of Nursing 5.00 Credits

This course, open to R.N.s and selected transfer students, is an orientation to concepts of nursing. Selected nursing and other related theories are utilized to enhance the student's knowledge. Pre-requisites: admission to the Department of Nursing.

NURS 3335 - Mental Health Nursing 4.00 Credits

This course is an introduction to the application of nursing concepts and principles in the maintenance and promotion of emotional and mental health of individuals, families, groups and populations. Co-requisite: NURS 3136

NURS 4010 - Senior Nursing Summer Externship 3.00 Credits

This senior year elective course is a continuation of the first externship experience. It provides the students an opportunity to interact with more than one hospitalized client along with more complex clinical challenges. The experience occurs in the clinical setting under the mentorship of a professional registered nurse at an approved health care agency. The student will also have opportunities to interact with a more experienced health care team. Prerequisite: Approval of Department Chair

NURS 4111 - Directed Study Varied Credits

An elective, this course requires student investigation of a nursing problem under faculty supervision. Prerequisite: Senior status or Department approval.

NURS 4131 – Research 3.00 Credits

This course is an introduction to the research process in nursing and health care as a basis for utilization in clinical decision making. Pre-requisites: Admission to the Department of Nursing or Departmental approval.

NURS 4140 - Principles of Leadership and Management 2.00 Credits

This is a course in leadership, management, and organizational theories. Additionally, this course integrates nursing and related theories through simulated clinical learning activities. Prerequisites: NURS 3330, NURS 4131 and core courses.

NURS 4240 - Community Health Nursing

5.00 Credits

This course includes the application of community health nursing principles in the care of vulnerable populations.

NURS 4342 - Adult Health Nursing II

5.00 Credits

Clinical practice allows utilization of leadership and management skills in preparation for the role of a professional nurse. This is a clinical practicum which must be taken concomitantly with NURS 4140 which allows the students an opportunity to apply leadership principles and management skills in a variety of work/health care environments. Students develop individual goals and objectives for clinical experiences which serve to establish a base for content reviews during planned seminars. Co-Requisites: Electives.

NURS 4344 - Senior Seminar

3.00 Credits

This course is designed to assist the student to successfully complete the Departmental Exit Examination prior to graduation by providing an in-depth review of all upper level nursing courses.

NURS 4345 - Senior Comprehensive Nursing

5.00 Credits

This course is designed to strengthen the student's ability to successfully meet licensure requirements for professional nursing practice shortly following graduation by providing in-depth critique and assessment of basic nursing content including multisystem disorders and ensuring an appropriate laboratory support environment for the student's practice and role acquisition.

NURS 4346 - RN to MSN Seminar

2.00 Credits

This course is designed to strengthen the student's ability to successfully meet requirements including the Departmental Exit Examination prior to graduation by providing an in-depth critique and assessment of basic nursing content and ensuring an appropriate laboratory support environment for the student's practice and role acquisition.

NURS 4413 - RN-MSN Transition

6.00 Credits

This online course examines nursing history, trends, and conceptual framework, including Albany State University's nursing framework. Students examine teaching and learning concepts. The evolving role of the advanced practice nurse is analyzed and evaluated. The course examines the leadership, management, and organizational theories, including nursing theories that utilize leadership and management concepts. Students plan assignments and leadership/management actions through simulated clinical learning activities.