Course/Program Title: NUR 114: Practical Nursing Through the Lifespan II

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Expected Learning Outcomes:

- Incorporate the nursing process to provide care to individuals with complex healthcare needs
- Demonstrate safety measures when providing care to all individuals in various settings
- Integrate ethical and legal principles the care of individuals with complex healthcare needs
- Demonstrate sensitivity to the individual and family in a stressful situation
- Begin to interact with the individual, family, and the healthcare team therapeutically
- Work together with the healthcare team in providing care to the individual
- Adjust work plan to improve organizational skills and available resources
- Explore opportunities to promote personal and career growth
- Demonstrate continuity of care for multiple individuals

Assessment: Clinical evaluation, clinical laboratory/simulation observations, projects, written assignments, examinations, student evaluations

Validation: Observation and demonstrations in the clinical lab/simulation setting and in the clinical setting as well as theory examinations. The ATI Mental Health Content Mastery Exam is administered in the NUR 114 Semester at the conclusion of the specific course content with additional information and nursing skills that are taught in the clinical lab and classroom.

Results: 19 students started the NUR 114 course with two students unsuccessful in completing the course with the required 75% exam average. All of the 19 students were successful in completing the required clinical and clinical lab/simulation requirements. (The two students, who were unsuccessful in the NUR 114 course, had difficulty balancing work, family, and classwork assignments. Both of the students are eligible to return to NUR 114 with the 2013-2014 class.)

Follow-up: Will review the student evaluations and the ATI Mental Health Content Mastery Examination to determine any changes in teachings and laboratory practices that need to be addressed.

Student evaluations will be reviewed as to their perspective on the clinical site and the use of simulation in the laboratory.

ATI Content Mastery Exam for Mental Health:

- Level 3: 5 students
- Level 2: 14 students
- Level 1: No students
- Below Level 1: No students
In reviewing the ATI results, faculty will discuss and review updated course content with the possibility of changing the textbook as well as review the NCLEX-PN final report to determine changes in teaching content. The faculty were pleased with the ATI Mental Health Content Mastery Exam scores.

**Budget Justification:**

- Need additional assistance in the clinical laboratory to allow more face to face time to demonstrate nursing skills and monitor return demonstrations.
- Continue with the ATI Program and the Skills Module assignments as well as the practice modules available online to the students.
- Continue to pursue reputable clinical site/s for Mental Health and Adult acute care clinical experiences
- Possibly consider additional simulation laboratory experiences for individual/family/teamwork learning

**Overall Conclusions to NUR 114**

The faculty of the NUR 114 struggled with the clinical instruction and competency of the clinical instructors. The PN Program Coordinator had to alter schedules (this writer) to fulfill the vacancy in the clinical site, therefore the Part time Instructor had to step into the Lab/Simulation rotations with little notice. This lead to inconsistency in the post conference experiences for the students and faculty schedules. The students did get the required hours for clinical and lab/simulation experiences, but faculty felt that the student/s should have received more consistency and learning.

The faculty request administration and Director of Nursing seek reliable and consistent clinical instructors to increase the learning and challenges of caring for the individual and working with healthcare teams. Additional laboratory/simulation support will be needed as the PN Program has obtained one of the SimMan Learning mannequins. Also, relocation of the SimMan will require minimal redesign of the dedicated PN laboratory, CPB 154.

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