

**Hagerstown Community College  
Official Course Syllabus**

**Course: NUR 228 - Contemporary Trends in  
Nursing and Leadership, 2 credits**

**Fall 2015**

**Instructor:**

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**Course Description:**

This seminar course is designed to help the student transition into professional nursing practice. Current trends in nursing and concepts related to the nurse as a member of the health care team and manager of patient care will be discussed. Topics will include leading and managing, working within an organization, and professional issues and trends. A grade of 75% or above must be attained in this course. Total of 30 hours of lecture. Course fee is required. Prerequisites: NUR 126 and NUR 226.

**Required Textbooks:**

Zerwekh, J., and Garneau, A.Z. (2015) Nursing Today: Transition and Trends (8th ed). St Louis: Elsevier.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Graduates of the Associates of Science Degree in Nursing Program will

1. Utilize critical thinking in implementation of the nursing process to plan care for individuals and families that promotes health through the lifespan in a variety of settings.
2. Adhere to quality of care and safety standards in both acute and community based environments.
3. Facilitate the continuity of care for individuals in various acute and community based environments.
4. Practice within the ethical and legal framework of the nursing profession.
5. Provide compassionate care and serve as advocates for individuals and families, respecting their diverse cultures, values, and belief systems.
6. Employ therapeutic verbal, nonverbal, and written communication skills.

7. Collaborate with the individual, family, and interdisciplinary health professionals to promote, maintain, or restore health, and comfort the dying.
8. Manage human, physical, and technological resources in a safe and cost-effective manner without sacrificing quality nursing care.
9. Participate in lifelong learning activities that promote professional growth and personal development.
10. Exercise leadership skills in the management of care.

**Course Outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, the students will be able to:

1. Use Maslow's Hierarchy in conjunction with the nursing process to analyze, evaluate, and delegate care throughout all care modalities.
2. Discuss quality issues related to health care and identify safety issues impacting both patient care and employee safety in the workplace.
3. Identify the professional nurse's role in organizing a multidisciplinary approach to continuity of patient care.
4. Identify and integrate ethical, legal, and professional standards into one's practice.
5. Recognize the impact of various cultures, values, and belief systems in the delivery of health care to clients and managing team assignments.
6. Recognize therapeutic vs non-therapeutic behaviors associated with communication techniques and analyze the effectiveness of self-verbal communication skills.
7. Collaborate with the health care team and client in order to plan, implement, and evaluate therapeutic interventions.
8. Integrate concepts of resource management to provide comprehensive and cost effective care.
9. Recognize educational leadership opportunities to promote clinical competency in caring for clients and promote personal development.
10. Identify leadership styles and traits that contribute to effective patient care management, promote team work, and inspire excellence.

**Total Hours of Coursework:**

**To earn one academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute "academic hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit.**

*For face-to-face class: NUR 228*

Assignment/Assessment	Clock Hours	Explanation
In-class instruction	30	Time spent in class- lecture, exams
Assigned reading	25	Reading, studying, etc.- minimum
Homework	9	Take home assignments
Projects	8	Nursing Theorist & Resume
ATI Exams	3	To complete exams
Total hours	75	

**For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.**

**Course Content Objectives:** See course outline.

**Assessment Procedures:**

**Theory Grade**

3 Unit Exams	50%
Final	25%
Class Participation	10 %

*Participation in class means active discussion of topics presented in class.*

Cover Letter & Resume Portfolio Project	5 %
ATI Comprehensive Leadership Exam	10%

Grade will be assigned according to level achieved.

Level 3=100%

Level 2 =85%

Level 1=70%

*Must complete 2 of the non-proctored exams. There are no points for this requirement; however it is a course requirement.*

***Failure to complete all of the above requirements means you have not fulfilled those requirements and will result in failure of the course.***

### **Grading Schedule for Nursing Courses:**

- A 90.0 – 100.0
- B 80.0 – 89.9
- C 75.0 – 79.9
- D 65.0 – 74.9
- F 64.9 – below

Students must achieve an average grade of 75% on all exams in order to successfully complete this course and progress in the Nursing Program. All other grades for the course will not be added if the exam average is below 75%. (See Calculation of Course Grade Policy in Nursing Student Handbook)

Students must achieve a grade of 75% or above on 50% of the exams for the course in order to successfully complete this course and progress in the nursing program.

An average grade of 75% or greater must be achieved on all course requirements to successfully complete this course and progress in the Nursing Program. (See Calculation of Course Grade Policy in Nursing Student Handbook.)

**Grading:** Late assignments will have one point per school day late deducted. (see Nursing/Student Handbook)

### **Course Policies:**

Students are expected to arrive promptly, attend, and participate in all classes. If unable to attend class contact the professor by email.

Students are expected to adhere to the Honor Code of Hagerstown Community College and all standards in the Nursing Student Handbook

Students in the Nursing Program are required to adhere to all of the requirements of the program. Failure to do so may result in faculty conferencing, disciplinary action, and/or dismissal from the program.

The instructor reserves the right to modify the course content, requirements, and evaluation procedures as he/she deems necessary.

**Course Requirements:**

Unit Exams (3)  
Comprehensive Final Exam  
Class Participation  
Resume Portfolio Project  
ATI Comprehensive Leadership Exam  
Attendance and participation in all assigned classes.

**ATI Testing:**

Each student will be required to COMPLETE the testing package. This program evaluates each student's learning and provides the student and instructor with a detailed analysis of outcomes and progress. In addition, students will be required to complete internet based non-proctored practice examinations as part of an individualized remediation program. This evaluation package includes a final comprehensive examination to help the student determine areas of suggested independent study to improve NCLEX preparation.

**Services for Students with Special Needs:**

Students who have special needs are encouraged to identify themselves to the Coordinator of Disability Services as early as possible. Reasonable accommodations based on current documentation are provided to qualified students.

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