

Course Description

NUR1211L | Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical Lab | 4.00 credits

Students will learn how to apply concepts of adult health nursing. Experiences in both in-patient and community settings will be provided. Students are encouraged to participate in projects emphasizing preventive aspects of nursing care. Prerequisites: NUR1025, 1025C, 1025L, 1060C, 1141; Corequisites: NUR1211, 1214C

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will organize the management of clients with selected immune disorders by:

- 1. Reviewing the components and functions of the immune system
- 2. Describing the assessment of a client's immune status
- 3. Discussing the pathophysiology of autoimmune disorders
- 4. Discussing the characteristics of immune deficiencies
- 5. Identifying appropriate laboratory and diagnostic testing to assess and monitor immune changes
- 6. Describing collaborative management of clients
- 7. Discussing the use of the nursing process as a framework to provide individualized care to clients with altered immune status

Competency 2: The student will organize the management of clients with selected digestive and gastrointestinal disorders by:

- 1. Reviewing the significant structures and functions of the gastrointestinal system
- 2. Identifying clinical manifestations of impairment in gastrointestinal function
- 3. Describing the diagnosis and pathophysiology of gastric disorders, including ulcerative disorders
- 4. Describing the diagnosis and pathophysiology of bowel disorders including inflammatory bowel disease
- 5. Describing the collaborative management of clients applying principles of perioperative care to the client having gastric or intestinal surgery
- 6. Discussing the use of the nursing process as a framework to provide individualized care to clients

Competency 3: The student will organize the management of clients with selected neurologic disorders by:

- 1. Reviewing the normal anatomy and physiology of the neurologic system
- 2. Comparing and contrasting methods used to diagnose neurologic conditions
- 3. Explaining the mechanisms related to unconsciousness
- 4. Describing the nursing management of the unconscious client
- 5. Explaining the physiologic mechanisms that maintain intracranial pressure
- 6. Identifying the causes, clinical manifestations, and related nursing care for a client with increased intracranial pressure
- 7. Describing the collaborative care and nursing management of a client with a head injury
- 8. Explaining factors that influence cerebral blood flow
- 9. Describing factors that place a client at risk for developing a stroke
- 10. Comparing and contrasting occlusive and hemorrhagic strokes
- 11. Discussing collaborative, pharmacologic, and nutritional support for the stroke client
- 12. Outlining the nursing management of the client with a stroke from the acute through the rehabilitation periods
- 13. Explaining the impact of a stroke on the client within the family system
- 14. Describing the physiologic mechanisms involved in seizure disorders
- 15. Identifying the causes, clinical manifestations, and related nursing care for a client with a seizure disorder
- 16. Discussing collaborative management of the client with a seizure disorder
- 17. Identifying pathophysiology and clinical manifestations of brain tumors
- 18. Comparing and contrasting treatment modalities for brain tumors

19. Applying concepts of perioperative nursing to the client undergoing intracranial surgery using the nursing process as a framework for providing individualized care to clients

Competency 4: The student will organize the management of clients with cancer by:

- 1. Reviewing the mechanisms and characteristics of normal cellular proliferation
- 2. Comparing the characteristics of normal cells with those of malignant cells
- 3. Describing the effects of cancer on specific body systems describing laboratory and diagnostic testing
- 4. Comparing and contrasting treatment modalities identifying clinical manifestations and nursing management of the client with cancer
- Discussing areas for collaboration with other disciplines and the delegation of responsibilities in caring for clients with cancer
- 6. Discussing the educational needs of clients regarding prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer

Competency 5: The student will organize the management of a diabetic client by:

- 1. Reviewing the normal anatomy and physiology of the pancreas
- 2. Comparing the pathophysiology, epidemiologic factors, and clinical manifestations of Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes mellitus
- 3. Describing the collaborative management of the diabetic client including areas of delegating responsibilities
- 4. Differentiating the assessment and management of clients with hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia
- 5. Determining the potential for and methods for preventing chronic complications
- 6. Discussing the role of client education, nutritional support, and exercise
- 7. Identifying community resources available to assist diabetics and their families
- 8. Describing the components of a care plan for the newly diagnosed diabetic client
- 9. Discussing the nurse's role in the home management of the diabetic client
- 10. Discussing collaborative management, including interdisciplinary care and delegation of responsibilities

Competency 6: The student will organize the management of clients with selected cardiovascular disorders by:

- 1. Reviewing the normal anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular system
- 2. Describing the location and elements of the cardiac conduction system
- 3. Identifying clinical manifestations of cardiac impairment
- 4. Describing the pathophysiology, diagnosis, and management of clients with coronary artery disease, hypertension, congestive heart failure, and peripheral vascular disease
- 5. Applying principles of perioperative nursing to the client undergoing cardiac surgery
- 6. Discussing the collaborative management of clients, including interdisciplinary care and delegation of responsibilities

Competency 7: The student will organize the management of clients with selected musculoskeletal disorders by:

- 1. Reviewing the anatomy and physiology of the musculoskeletal system
- 2. Describe the characteristics of normal movement and identify clinical manifestations of musculoskeletal impairments
- 3. Describing the pathophysiology, diagnosis, and management of clients with fractures and amputations
- 4. Applying principles of perioperative nursing to the client undergoing orthopedic surgery
- 5. Discussing the collaborative management of clients, including interdisciplinary care and delegation of responsibilities
- 6. Discussing the use of the nursing process in caring for clients in the acute through rehabilitation phases of care

Competency 8: The student will organize the management of clients with selected respiratory disorders by:

- 1. Reviewing the anatomy and physiology of the respiratory system
- 2. Explaining the mechanics of normal respiration
- 3. Identifying clinical manifestations of respiratory impairments

- 4. Describing the pathophysiology, diagnosis, and management of clients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia, and tuberculosis
- 5. Discussing the collaborative management of clients, including interdisciplinary care and delegation of responsibilities
- 6. Discussing the use of the nursing process in caring for clients

Competency 9: The student will organize the management of clients with selected disorders related to women's health by:

- 1. Reviewing the anatomy and physiology of the female reproductive system
- 2. Discussing the primary health needs of women throughout their lives and explain the types of neoplasms specific to women
- 3. Identifying barriers to women seekinghealth care

Learning Outcomes:

- Use quantitative analytical skills to evaluate and process numerical data
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information

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