Course Description

PRN0006C | Professional Role Transition | 5.00 credits

This course facilitates the transition of the student to the role of PN. Emphasis is placed on issues related to nursing and healthcare, as well as skills necessary to provide care to multiple patients and assign tasks to other PN and unlicensed personnel. Concepts related to leadership and management are presented, as well as career development options that enhance career mobility. Standards of practice and the importance of practicing according to state regulations and statutes are examined. Clinical experiences provide the student the opportunity to apply theoretical concepts. Prerequisites: PRN0080C and PRN0204C (25 Contact Lecture Hrs., 125 Contact Clinical Hrs.)

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: Examine healthcare institutions' organizational structure and governance systems and the implications for LPNs

Competency 2: Identify problem-solving frameworks used to resolve client care issues

Competency 3: Examine selected leadership styles and their potential impact on the management and role of employees

Competency 4: Implement nursing skills and care that demonstrate an individual is working within the scope of practice

Competency 5: Explore the concept of change and the nurse's role as a change agent

Competency 6: Determine the relationship of effective communication, group process, and teamwork to the PN's role as a member of the interprofessional healthcare team

Competency 7: Utilize information technology and computer information systems that can be used as a tool to access client information and establish evidence-based practice

Competency 8: Utilize time-management and prioritizing skills necessary to provide care for multiple clients effectively

Competency 9: Integrate professional behaviors required for maintaining accountability and responsibility for care provided while adhering to legal and ethical standards when managing the care of clients and families

Learning Outcomes:

- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society
- Use computer and emerging technologies effectively