NURS - Registered Nursing Courses

NURS B26 Medical Surgical Nursing 3
5.5 units
Prerequisites: Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
Description: Level 3 course focuses on the application of previously learned knowledge as well as the development of more in depth knowledge for adult clients across the lifespan who have more diverse and complex disease states. The nursing process is the framework used in this course to present topics, such as leadership, critical thinking, pharmacology and safety. Correlated clinical experiences are provided with adult patients who have increasingly complex outcomes. The roles of Provider of Care, Manager of Care, and Member of the Profession are integrated and analyzed throughout the didactic and clinical experiences.
Materials Fee: $24.00
Hours: 18 lecture, 54 lab
Transferable: CSU and private colleges.

NURS B27 Pediatric Nursing
3.5 units
Prerequisites: Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
Description: This Level 3 course provides a foundation for pediatric nursing using growth and development concepts as a framework for presenting problems and special concerns of the pediatric client. Communication, anticipatory guidance, response to hospitalization, legal and ethical issues and health care of pediatric clients are discussed. Correlated clinical experiences emphasize clinical decision making, patient care management, including prioritization of care, and development of psychomotor skills. The roles of Provider of Care, Manager of Care, and Member of the Profession are introduced and integrated in both the theory and the clinical components.
Hours: 27 lecture, 108 lab
Transferable: CSU and private colleges.

NURS B28 Medical Surgical Nursing 4
7 units
Prerequisites: Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
Description: This capstone course focuses on the integration of knowledge and skills, though analysis and synthesis. The nursing process is used as the framework for providing nursing care to clients who have critical and complex medical conditions. Correlated clinical experiences emphasize refinement of clinical decision-making, formulating and revising priorities of care; psychomotor skills and patient care management. The roles of Provider of Care, Manager of Care, and Member of Profession are integrated to promote success in transitioning from student to entry level Registered Nurse.
Materials Fee: $24.00
Hours: 54 lecture, 216 lab
Transferable: CSU and private colleges.

NURS B29 Gerontology - Community Nursing
2 units
Prerequisites: Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
Description: Level 4 course integrates previous medical surgical knowledge and leadership skills as it applies to the aging adult. The Nursing process framework is used to explore the lifestyle and physical changes that occur with aging, apply the process of initiating health referrals and propose the outcome criteria for evaluating the aging individuals response to teaching/learning. Correlated clinical experiences will emphasize the application of interventions that will increase the older adults functional ability. The roles of Provider of Care, Manager of Care, and Member of Profession are integrated throughout the didactic and clinical experiences.
Hours: 18 lecture, 54 lab
Transferable: CSU and private colleges.

NURS B40 Foundations of Nursing Practice
4.5 Units
Prerequisites: Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
Description: This Level 1 course introduces the concepts of the professional nurse, nursing skills, beginning leadership, health care environment, growth and development across the lifespan, basic physiologic and human needs in health and illness, and providing a safe environment. Beginning critical thinking skills are emphasized, within the framework of the nursing process. Correlated clinical experiences are provided with adult patients who have basic health problems with predictable outcomes. The roles of Provider of Care, Manager of Care, and Member of the Profession are introduced and integrated throughout the course.
Limitation on Enrollment: Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program and appropriate standing in the Nursing Program.
Hours: 45 lecture, 108 lab
Transferable: CSU and private colleges.

NURS B41 Nursing Care of the Medical Surgical Patient 1
4 Units
Prerequisites: Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
Description: This level 1 course introduces medical surgical nursing concepts and practices as they relate to adult clients across the lifespan. Using the nursing process as the framework, the student will begin to recognize alterations in function or illness, and formulate age appropriate nursing interventions. Correlated clinical experiences are provided with adult patients who have basic health problems with predictable outcomes. The roles of Provider of Care, Manager of Care, and Member of the Profession are introduced and integrated throughout the course.
Materials Fee: $24.00
Hours: 36 lecture, 108 lab
Transferable: CSU and private colleges.

NURS B42 Pharmacology for Nursing Practice
3 Units
Prerequisites: Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
Description: This Level 1 course provides the foundation knowledge base related to pharmacology in nursing, including both theoretical and mathematical aspects. The course uses the nursing process as the framework, and addresses the roles of provider of care, manager of care, and member of the profession. Fundamental principles of pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, legal and ethical issues, and nursing responsibilities are covered. Information regarding intravenous drug administration is limited to pharmacokinetics. The drug classes most commonly used in clinical
practice are presented. Additionally, information regarding basic mathematical calculations related to medication administration is introduced.

**Hours:** 54 lecture
**Transferable:** CSU and private colleges.

**NURS B43 Nursing Care of the Medical Surgical Patient 2**

**5.5 Units**

**Prerequisites:** Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

**Description:** This Level 2 course focuses on the development of the knowledge base and skills to care for patients across the lifespan, in various settings, who have higher acuity and more complex nursing needs. The nursing process is the framework for identification and treatment of health problems, and other concerns. Correlated clinical experiences emphasize clinical decision making, patient care management, including prioritization of care, and development of psychomotor skills. Leadership and management knowledge and skills are integrated in both the theory and clinical components. The roles of Provider of Care, Manager of Care, and Member of the Profession are integrated throughout the course.

**Materials Fee:** $24.00
**Hours:** 45 lecture, 162 lab
**Transferable:** CSU and private colleges.

**NURS B44 Nursing Care of the Psychiatric-Mental Health Client**

**3 Units**

**Prerequisites:** Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

**Description:** This Level 2 course provides an introduction to Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, using the nursing process as the framework to promote psychosocial integrity within the context of the health illness continuum across the life span. Emphasis is on therapeutic interactions and communications, bio-psychosocial rehabilitation and therapeutic use of self. Correlated clinical experiences will provide opportunities for students to participate in therapeutic activities in a variety of mental health settings. The roles of Provider of Care, Manager of Care, and Member of the Profession are integrated in both the theory and the clinical components.

**Hours:** 27 lecture, 81 lab
**Transferable:** CSU and private colleges.

**NURS B45 Transition to Registered Nursing**

**2 Units**

**Prerequisites:** Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

**Description:** This Level 3 course designed for the LVN who is pursing licensure as an RN or the RN who wants to update skills to re-enter the workforce. The focus is on the development of critical thinking skills, physical assessment, the nursing process, role transition, and clinical skill competencies. The roles of provider of care, manager of care, and member of the profession are integrated throughout the course. The lab correlates with the didactic portion and provides an opportunity for application of concepts in the Nursing Skills lab.

**Hours:** 27 lecture, 27 lab
**Transferable:** CSU and private colleges.

**NURS B46 Nursing Care of the Medical Surgical Patient 3**

**5 Units**

**Prerequisites:** Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

**Description:** This Level 3 course focuses on the application of previously learned knowledge as well as the development of more in-depth knowledge for adult patients across the lifespan who have more diverse and complex disease states. The nursing process is the framework used in this course to present topics, such as leadership, critical thinking, pharmacology and safety. Correlated clinical experiences are provided with adult patients who have increasingly complex outcomes. The roles of Provider of Care, Manager of Care, and Member of the Profession are integrated and analyzed throughout the didactic and clinical experiences.

**Materials Fee:** $24.00
**Hours:** 45 lecture, 135 lab
**Transferable:** CSU and private colleges.

**NURS B47 Nursing Care of Maternal Newborn Patients**

**3 Units**

**Prerequisites:** Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

**Description:** This Level 3 course provides a foundation for theoretical and technical knowledge base while caring for the contemporary family centered childbirth. Parent/newborn issues are viewed from a nursing process approach for the antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, and neonatal client. Correlated clinical experiences emphasize clinical decision making, patient care management, including prioritization of care, and development of psychomotor skills. The roles of Provider of Care, Manager of Care, and Member of the Profession are integrated in both the theory and the clinical components.

**Hours:** 27 lecture, 81 lab
**Transferable:** CSU and private colleges.

**NURS B48 Nursing Care of Children and Adolescents**

**3 Units**

**Prerequisites:** Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

**Description:** This Level 3 course provides a foundation for Nursing Care of Children and Adolescents using growth and development concepts as a framework for presenting problems and special concerns of the pediatric client. Communication, anticipatory guidance, response to hospitalization, legal and ethical issues and health care of pediatric clients are discussed. Correlated clinical experiences emphasize clinical decision making, patient care management, including prioritization of care, and development of psychomotor skills. The roles of Provider of Care, Manager of Care, and Member of the Profession are integrated in both the theory and the clinical components. Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program and appropriate standing in the Nursing Program are required.

**Hours:** 27 lecture, 81 lab
**Transferable:** CSU and private colleges.

**NURS B48WE Occupational Work Experience Education/Internship**

**1-8 units**

**Prerequisite:** Declared major or occupational goal and evaluation of student’s qualifications and objectives.

**Description:** College credit for registered nursing related learning experiences obtained on the job in accordance with a training plan developed cooperatively between the employer, college, and student. Occupational work experience credit may accrue at the rate of 1 to 8 units per semester for a total of sixteen units, and students must work 75 paid hours or 60 non-paid hours per unit. Repetition allowed per Title 5 55253.

**Hours:** Non-paid 60 hours for each 1 unit (60 - 480). Paid 75 hours
NURS B49 Nursing Care of the Medical Surgical Patient 4
7 Units
Prerequisites: Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
Description: This Level 4 capstone course focuses on the integration of knowledge and skills, though analysis and synthesis. The nursing process is used as the framework for providing nursing care to patients who have critical and complex medical conditions. Correlated clinical experiences emphasize refinement of clinical decision-making, formulating and revising priorities of care; psychomotor skills and patient care management. The roles of Provider of Care, Manager of Care, and Member of Profession are integrated to promote success in transitioning from student to entry level Registered Nurse.
Materials Fee: $24.00
Hours: 45 lecture, 243 lab
Transferable: CSU and private colleges.

NURS B70 Role Transition: Bridging Nursing Theory to Practice
2 units
Prerequisites: LVN or RN licensure and Limitation on Enrollment, Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
Description: Prerequisite: LVN or RN licensure. This Level 3 course is designed for the LVN who is pursing licensure as an RN or the RN who wants to update skills to re-enter the workforce. The focus is on the development of critical thinking skills, physical assessment, the nursing process, role transition, and clinical skill competencies. The roles of provider of care, manager of care, and member of the profession are integrated throughout the course. The lab correlates with the didactic portion and provides an opportunity for application of concepts in the Nursing Skills lab.
Hours: 27 lecture, 27 lab
Transferable: Not transferable. Degree applicable.

NURS B99 Strategies for Success in a Nursing Program
2 units
Description: This course will provide information and skills that facilitates student success in any college level course as well as in the Nursing Program. An overview of the Nursing program requirements and expectations are discussed. Career options, time management skills, budget management, personal values, and cultural diversity are additional topics of exploration. This course satisfies the 0.5 unit educational planning requirement for graduation from Bakersfield College.
Hours: 36 lecture
Transferable: Not transferable. Not degree applicable.

NURS B201A Learning Lab
1 unit
Prerequisites: Enrollment into the ADN or LVN program or nursing student with evaluation of skills and knowledge by the ADN Program Director.
Description: An on-campus lab designed for self-paced practice and mastery of nursing skills necessary for providing safe client care throughout the program. This level 1 course provides instructional guidelines to assist students to refine newly acquired skills and develop the competency level expected of entry level nurses. Multimedia and computer assisted instructional materials which support the semester learning objectives are available. Subsequent enrollment in additional semesters will offer the student an opportunity for additional skill and competency development within the subject matter.
Note: Offered credit/no credit grading only. Open entry/open exit. Formerly NURS B201L.
Hours: 54 lab
Transferable: Not transferable. Not degree applicable.

NURS B201B Learning Lab
1 unit
Prerequisites: Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
Description: An on-campus lab designed for self-paced practice and mastery of nursing skills necessary for providing safe client care throughout the program. This level two course builds upon content from level one curriculum and provides instructional guidance to assist students in refining newly acquired skills and to develop the expected competencies for level two students.
Note: open entry/open exit
Hours: 54 lab
Transferable: Not transferable. Not degree applicable.

NURS B201C Learning Lab
1 unit
Prerequisites: Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
Description: An on-campus lab designed for self-paced practice and mastery of nursing skills necessary for providing safe client care throughout the program. This level three course builds upon content from level two curriculum and provides instructional guidance to assist students to refine newly acquired skills and develop the expected competencies for level two students.
Note: open entry/open exit
Hours: 54 lab
Transferable: Not transferable. Not degree applicable.

NURS B201D Learning Lab
1 unit
Prerequisites: Appropriate standing in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
Description: An on-campus lab designed for self-paced practice and mastery of nursing skills necessary for providing safe client care throughout the program. This level four course builds upon content from all previous levels of the curriculum and provides instructional guidance to facilitate student success in any college level course as well as in the Nursing Program. An overview of the Nursing program requirements and expectations are discussed. Career options, time management skills, budget management, personal values, and cultural diversity are additional topics of exploration. This course satisfies the 0.5 unit educational planning requirement for graduation from Bakersfield College.
Hours: 54 lab
Transferable: Not transferable. Not degree applicable.