

VNRS - Vocational Nursing Courses

VNRS B67 Principles of Pharmacology

2 units

Corequisites: VNRS B68 and VNRS B69 and VNRS B69L and appropriate standing in the Vocational Nursing Program.

Description: This course is designed to prepare the vocational nurse to function safely when administering medication. Using the nursing process as the framework, concepts of pharmacology, calculations, and nursing considerations that pertain to the safe administration of medication are presented.

Hours: 36 lecture

Transferable: Not transferable. Degree applicable.

VNRS B68 Basic Medical Surgical Nursing Practice

3 units

Corequisites: VNRS B67 and VNRS B69 and VNRS B69L and appropriate standing in the Vocational Nursing Program.

Description: This Vocational Nursing theory course focuses on the application of the nursing process in common health/illness situations. Using the nursing process as a framework, emphasis is placed on the role of the vocational nurse as a provider of care in assisting the adult and geriatric patient with chronic disorders affecting the GI, GU endocrine, integumentary systems. Topics in basic nutrition are also presented including an overview of basic nutrients, basic therapeutic diets, and patient education specific to chronic conditions. Basic mental health concepts are introduced. Concepts in this course are correlated with the clinical settings presented in Foundations for Vocational Nursing Practice Lab.

Hours: 54 lecture

Transferable: Not transferable. Degree applicable.

VNRS B69 Foundations for Vocational Nursing Practice

3 units

Corequisites: VNRS B67 and VNRS B68 and VNRS B69L and appropriate standing in the Vocational Nursing Program.

Description: This Vocational Nursing theory course begins with an introduction to the roles of the vocational nurse and provides a foundation of basic nursing arts and sciences necessary for the practice of nursing including concepts specific to the gerontological client. Using the nursing process as a framework, concepts of professionalism, growth and development, safety, and health concerns for the adult and geriatric population are discussed. Legal and ethical considerations, cultural diversity, the nursing process, and basic data collection are included as theory topics along with the presentation of basic mental health concepts applicable to the geriatric client. Fundamental nursing skills are discussed in detail with concurrent hands-on practice of skills.

Hours: 54 lecture

Transferable: Not transferable. Degree applicable.

VNRS B69L Foundations for Vocational Nursing Practice Lab

6 units

Corequisites: VNRS B67 and VNRS B68 and VNRS B69 and appropriate standing in the Vocational Nursing Program.

Description: This Vocational Nursing lab course focuses on the provider of care role of the vocational nurse in assisting the adult and geriatric patient to meet essential activities of daily living. A beginning knowledge of nursing techniques and medication administration with an understanding of the principles, rationales, and procedures for each technique is emphasized. Using the nursing process as a framework, students will provide basic care for adult

and geriatric patients with various uncomplicated diseases and disorders who require nursing intervention to meet basic human needs. Basic communication techniques for the adult and geriatric client with mental health disorders are integrated throughout. This clinical course includes experiences primarily in long term care clinical settings.

Materials Fee: \$24.00

Hours: 324 lab

Transferable: Not transferable. Degree applicable.

VNRS B79 Intermediate Medical Surgical Nursing

9 units

Prerequisites: Appropriate Standing in the Vocational Nursing Program and concurrent enrollment in VNRS B79L.

Description: This Vocational Nursing theory course uses the nursing process as a framework to guide the development of critical thinking skills used to determine nursing actions for adult and geriatric patients with cancer and conditions affecting the cardiovascular, lymphatic, musculoskeletal, endocrine, and respiratory system. The role of the vocational nurse as a provider of care and manager of care related to leadership, supervision, and rehabilitation are also discussed. Care of the medical surgical patient with mental health disorders will be integrated. Concepts in this course will be correlated in the various lab settings presented in VNRS B79L (Intermediate Medical Surgical Lab).

Hours: 162 lecture

Transferable: Not transferable. Degree applicable.

VNRS B79L Intermediate Medical Surgical Nursing Lab

6 units

Prerequisites: Appropriate Standing in the Vocational Nursing Program and concurrent enrollment in VNRS B79.

Description: This Vocational Nursing lab course concentrates on the application of the nursing process and the continued development of the manager and provider of care roles for adult medical-surgical patients from various cultural and social backgrounds. Clinical experiences build on the basics of the first semester as students perform more advanced skills when providing nursing care to patients. Incorporated into the course is the utilization of intermediate assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation under clinical supervision. This clinical course includes acute care and rehabilitation settings which correlate with the topics presented in VNRS B79 (Intermediate Medical Surgical).

Materials Fee: \$24.00

Hours: 324 lab

Transferable: Not transferable. Degree applicable.

VNRS B83 Critical Thinking and Leadership for the Vocational Nurse

1.5 units

Prerequisite: Appropriate standing in the Vocational Nursing Program.

Corequisite: VNRS B89L

Description: This Vocational Nursing theory course will focus on the concepts of critical thinking skills and clinical reasoning strategies utilizing a case study approach. Leadership skills, capabilities, and knowledge essential to the vocational nurse including roles and responsibilities, application of the nursing process to problem solving methods, and supervision and evaluation of the effectiveness and quality of care are discussed. Managerial traits,

styles, roles, and models are also explored. Critical thinking skills and utilization of the nursing process in clinical decision-making will be presented and correlated to the lab setting in VNRS 89L (Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing Lab).

Hours: 27 lecture

Transferable: Not transferable. Degree applicable.

VNRS B84 Maternal Child Pharmacology

1 unit

Prerequisite: Appropriate standing in the Vocational Nursing Program.

Corequisite: VNRS B88L

Description: This Vocational Nursing theory course will reinforce and emphasize the basic principles of pharmacology and calculations necessary for safe and effective medication administration. The primary focus is on the pharmacology content and variables that influence drug therapy when caring for the child bearing family and the pediatric patient. Utilization of the pharmacological principles from this course will occur in the maternal/child clinical lab course (VNRS B88L Maternal/Child Nursing Lab).

Hours: 18 lecture

Transferable: Not transferable. Degree applicable.

VNRS B88 Maternal Child Nursing

3 units

Prerequisite: Appropriate standing in the Vocational Nursing Program.

Corequisite: VNRS B88L

Description: This Vocational Nursing theory course provides an overview of contemporary family-centered childbirth and a foundation for pediatric nursing using growth and development concepts as a framework for presenting health problems and special concerns of the pediatric client. This course focuses on the provider and manager of care role for the vocational nurse in assisting families experiencing common health/illness situations associated with their age group. Using the nursing process and developmental theory as a framework, topics and nursing responsibilities for the normal aspects of the child-bearing family and the pediatric client will be discussed. The course concepts will be correlated with the lab setting in VNRS B88L (Maternal/Child Nursing lab).

Hours: 54 lecture

Transferable: Not transferable. Degree applicable.

VNRS B88L Maternal Child Nursing Lab

3 units

Prerequisite: Appropriate standing in the Vocational Nursing Program.

Corequisite: VNRS B88

Description: This Vocational Nursing lab course is correlated with the corresponding Maternal/Child Theory course in the Vocational Nursing Program. Using the nursing process and developmental theory as a framework to guide the plan of care, students will provide care for the childbearing family and the pediatric client. This lab course focuses on the advanced application of the nursing process in the care of multiple patients from various ethnic and social backgrounds. Clinical experiences will provide opportunities for the demonstration of leadership skills, capabilities, and knowledge essential to the role of the vocational nurse as a member of the health-care team and supervisor of other vocational nurses and unlicensed health care givers. This clinical course includes setting in acute care, clinics, and Physician offices for obstetric and pediatric patients. Clinical content correlates with VNRS B88

(Maternal/Child Nursing).

Hours: 162 lab

Transferable: Not transferable. Degree applicable.

VNRS B89 Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing

3.5 units

Prerequisite: Appropriate standing in the Vocational Nursing Program.

Corequisite: VNRS B89L

Description: Using the nursing process as a framework, this Vocational Nursing theory course reinforces the critical thinking skills necessary to care for adult and geriatric patients with acute and complex medical surgical disease states, including multi-system involvement. The care for the patient with increasingly complex mental health conditions will be explored. Role expectations related to being a member of the profession are also discussed. Knowledge of nursing principles and leadership/management techniques to determine and prioritize nursing actions will be correlated with the lab setting presented in VNRS 89L (Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing Lab).

Hours: 63 lecture

Transferable: Not transferable. Degree applicable.

VNRS B89L Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing Lab

3 units

Prerequisite: Appropriate standing in the Vocational Nursing Program.

Corequisite: VNRS B89

Description: This Vocational Nursing lab course focuses on the advanced application of the nursing process in the care of multiple patients from various ethnic and social backgrounds. Clinical experiences will provide opportunities for the demonstration of leadership skills, capabilities, and knowledge essential to the role of the vocational nurse as a member of the health-care team and supervisor of other vocational nurses and unlicensed health care givers. Application of critical thinking skills and the utilization of the nursing process in clinical decision making will be assessed. Students will provide care for patients with acute medical surgical illness and families experiencing common health/illness situations. This clinical course includes acute and sub-acute settings which correlate with topics in VNRS 89 (Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing) and VNRS B83 (Critical Thinking and Leadership for the vocational Nurse).

Materials Fee: \$24.00

Hours: 162 lab

Transferable: Not transferable. Degree applicable.