PRACTICAL NURSING (PN)

Courses

PN-100 FOUNDATIONS OF PRACTICAL NURSING 2.00 Credits
Explores the role of the practical nurse, including legal and ethical issues, patients' rights, standards of practice, and legislative/economic influences in the delivery of healthcare services. Employment-seeking skills and responsibilities of healthcare employees, including confidentiality, are discussed. The program philosophy is introduced, as are opportunities for continued learning in nursing.

PN-104 PRACTICAL NURSING THEORY I 4.00 Credits
The fundamental principles underlying nursing care are presented in this course. Students develop knowledge and theoretical skills necessary to care for patients of all ages. This course introduces the student to disease processes and nursing interventions in the care of patients with alterations in select body systems. Special needs and care of the geriatric patient is integrated throughout. The nursing process, principles of documentation, health assessment, nutrition, medication administration and patient safety issues are included.

PN-105 PRACTICAL NURSING PRACTICUM I 3.00 Credits
The practical nursing student will develop competency in basic psychomotor and assessment skills and apply theoretical knowledge while caring for adult patients in the structured health care setting. Experiences provide the student with opportunities to develop and enhance medication administration and health assessment. Graded P/F only.

PN-200 PRACTICAL NURSING THEORY II 2.00 Credits
This course builds on theoretical concepts from Practical Nursing 1 (PN 104) to provide nursing care for individuals experiencing more complex, less stable conditions across the life span. Students study the common diseases and disorders of patients and the appropriate nursing measures to restore health or facilitate adaptation. Specific focus is on acute care.

PN-206 PRACTICAL NURSING PRACTICUM II 4.00 Credits
This course provides the practical nurse student the opportunity to practice and refine psychomotor and assessment skills and apply theoretical knowledge while caring for patients in a variety of healthcare settings. Pre-Requisites: Admission to LPN Program and passing semester 1 of the PN program.

PN-210 MENTAL HEALTH NURSING THEORY 2.00 Credits
This course introduces the practical nursing student to the concepts of mental health and illness and care of the patient with common psychological disorders and associated therapies. Death, dying and grief concepts will be included.

PN-213 PRACTICAL NURSE ROLE DEVELOPMENT 4.00 Credits
Investigates the roles and responsibilities of the practical nurse as provider of care to individuals. Professional standards of practice, principles of evidence-based practice, and the program philosophy are introduced. Fundamental skill development and use of technology in providing nursing care are emphasized. Pre-requisites: Admission to LPN Program or permission from the Instructor.

PN-251 PRACTICAL NURSING THEORY III 3.00 Credits
This course builds on the theoretical concepts from Practical Nursing I and II (PN 104 and 200). Students will demonstrate knowledge of the LPN management role. This course meets the requirements of the Rules and Regulations of the Idaho Board of Nursing for LPNs to function in a management role.

PN-256 PRACTICAL NURSING PRACTICUM III 4.00 Credits
This course provides the practical nursing student the opportunity to refine psychomotor and assessment skills and apply theoretical knowledge while caring for patients in a variety of health care settings.

PN-261 MATERNAL HEALTH THEORY 2.00 Credits
This course introduces students to principles of appropriate care for patients in the antepartal, labor, and postpartal stages. Care associated with normal conditions, awareness of abnormal signs and symptoms, and appropriate nursing care measures are included. Concepts of health maintenance and client teaching will be stressed.

PN-262 CHILD HEALTH THEORY 2.00 Credits
This course will focus on the pediatric client from infant to 18 years of age. This course introduces students to principles of appropriate care for pediatric clients. Care associated with normal conditions, awareness of abnormal signs and symptoms, and appropriate nursing care measure are included. Concepts of health maintenance, growth and development, and client teaching will be stressed.

PN-292 SPECIAL TOPICS IN PRACTICAL NURSING 1.00-12.00 Credits