

## Course Descriptions

### LVN RN 021- Role Transition LVN to RN

This course is designed to prepare the licensed vocational nurse for entry into an associate degree nursing (ADN) program. The course includes topics not included in vocational nursing (VN) programs; leadership and management, nursing process, role change, research skills, teaching-learning principles and development of the teaching role. The course content will focus on competencies expected of the graduate ADN, critical thinking skills, and reviews of medical-surgical nursing, pharmacology and medication calculation to prepare the student for success in an ADN program.

### LVN RN 021A - Role Transition Clinical

This course is designed to teach registered nursing skills in a lab setting and to simulate the clinical experience. Emphasis will be upon the role of the registered nurse caring for adult and geriatric clients with acute and chronic problems in the nursing simulation lab.

### LVN RN 031 - Community Mental Health Nursing

This course is designed to present mental health principles to assist the nursing student in developing an increased understanding of human behavior, therapeutic communication, anxiety, psychiatric disorders, psychopharmacology, chemical dependency, personality disorders, domestic violence, sexual assault, and mental status assessment. This course is designed to provide theoretical and clinical approaches in providing nursing care in the community setting to individuals of varying ages, with complex health care needs.

### LVN RN 031A - Community Mental Health Nursing Clinical

Clinical experiences are offered in private, public and community psychiatric agencies where psychiatric care is provided to a culturally diverse population with emphasis on a holistic, collaborative model approach to providing nursing care. In addition, nursing care is provided in the community, in the client's homes, where they work and where they play. Critical thinking skills are emphasized and outcomes are measured using the Nursing Process.

### LVN RN 032 - Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing

The nursing of adult and geriatric clients with acute and chronic illnesses is addressed. Students study common chronic and acute illnesses, adaptation to, and acute episodes of these illnesses in the acute hospital setting. Physical assessment of the adult, normal development and physiology, nutrition, pharmacology, sexuality, cultural factors, and prevention and early detection measures appropriate to the various nursing problems are discussed. Management principles and nursing process to promote adaptation is stressed throughout the course.

### LVN RN 032A - Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical

Instructor directed clinical experiences in hospitals, community health agencies and agencies that provide services to the acutely ill adult, elderly or those having disabilities/chronic conditions. Using the nursing process, the student will manage and provide care, teaching, support and rehabilitation to individuals who have acute or chronic illness, disabilities, or are emotionally stressed.

#### LVN RN 033 - Introduction to Clinical Judgment

This course will apply theory to clinical learning experiences in a classroom lab setting through the use of case study, evaluation and simulations. Clinical narratives and use of clinical simulation situations using manikins which include descriptions of factors beyond the immediate focus, providing the complex situations actually seen in clinical practice will be presented. This course will challenge the beginner with excellent learning opportunities because there is more than one correct response and the students are challenged to consider many aspects of a situation. In addition, real-life scenarios, reasoning questions, and mind mapping will be introduced as visual tool that will help the student identify important elements in a situation and understand their relationship with one another.

#### LVN RN 041 - Advanced Maternal – Child Nursing

This course will focus on the nursing process as it relates to the childbearing, and child rearing family. The nurse's roles of provider and manager of care and member of the profession are explored in meeting the needs of patients in labor and delivery, mother-baby and pediatrics. This course will focus on assessing, developing, implementing and evaluating a plan of care that respects the individual's cultural and ethnic childbearing beliefs that have impact on the hospitalized child and family. Simulated practice of nursing skills in a nursing simulation laboratory will be required.

#### LVN RN 041A - Advanced Maternal – Child Nursing Clinical

Instructor directed clinical experiences are offered in hospitals and community health care agencies where maternal - child care is provided to a culturally diverse population with emphasis on a holistic, collaborative model approach to providing nursing care. In addition, nursing care is provided in the community, in the clients' homes, where they work and where they play. Critical thinking skills are emphasized and outcomes are measured using the Nursing Process.

#### LVN RN 042 - Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing

This course will emphasize concepts, principles, and skills of the three ADN roles of Provider of Care, Manager of Care, and Member within the Discipline of Nursing necessary for entry level nursing practice. Students will be provided opportunities to enhance nursing practice skills related to these roles in adult and elderly patients with acute cardiovascular, respiratory, and renal dysfunction, and studying the care of clients facing crisis with cancer, trauma, homeodynamic changes, shock, and multi-system failures.

#### LVN RN 042A - Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical

Instructor directed final clinical experience in the ADN program with the focus on the application of theoretical content and the demonstration of skills mastered throughout the program, while providing care to groups of adult and geriatric patients. Clinical assignments are designed to enhance the transition from the student role to the role of graduate nurse. The theoretical content presented will focus on management, decision-making, priority setting and preparing to take and pass the national licensing exam.

#### LVN RN 050 - Leadership and Ethics

This course will introduce principles of leadership and supervision as they apply to the registered nurse. The focus is on the role of the registered nurse as a member of the health-care team and supervisor of vocational nurses and unlicensed health care givers. Students will address basic ethical concepts, principles, justification, and reasoning. Then students will apply them to ethical issues and cases involving professionalism, confidentiality, veracity, paternalism, and informed consent in the context of nursing.