

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number: NURS 104 Class Hours: 15 Lab Hours: none Lecture Hours: 15 Dept.: Nursing

Course Title: Trends & Issues in Nursing 1 Semester: Fall Year: First 2013

Course Description, Prerequisite, Co-Requisites:

NURS-104 serves as a foundation for discussing the historical and contemporary issues and trends that presently impact the profession of nursing. This course provides the student with an opportunity to apply theory and evidence based research to the study of nursing and healthcare. This course emphasizes the importance of effective communication skills, safe practice, professional standards, and the nurse's legal and ethical responsibilities as a member of the healthcare team within a systems based environment.

Prerequisite: Admission to the School of Nursing

Co-requisites: NURS 102, BIOL 132, ENGL 100, PSYC 100

Course Objectives / Competencies

At the completion of NURS 104, the student will:

1. explain how information and technology is used to communicate, manage knowledge, and mitigate errors. (Information Technologies)
2. demonstrate an understanding of professional standards of nursing practice. (Professionalism)
3. identify the role of the nurse within health care systems to provide quality care of the individual. (Systems-Based Practice)

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4. demonstrate therapeutic communication skills with individuals/families. (Communication)
5. explain the role of the nurse as part of the multidisciplinary team. (Teamwork and Collaboration)
6. identify the use of data to monitor outcomes and care processes to continuously improve the quality and safety of health care. (Quality Improvement)
7. describe methods of accessing and utilizing evidence-based practice. (Evidence Based Practice)