SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number: ? HCAR – 130 Department: Interdisciplinary Health

Course Title: Introduction to Patient Care Semester: Fall Year: 2008

Skills

Course Objective	Competencies
Infection control causes and prevention	Handwashing 1. Exhibit proper hand washing technique. Demonstrate proper infection control procedures: 1. Understand the chain of infection 2. Sterile vs. nonsterile equipment/environment. 3. blood and body fluid contact. 4. spills clean up
Body Mechanics – Moving safely and efficiently at work.	Demonstrate proper body mechanics during lifting, sitting at a computer station, moving and transporting patients.
Patient Communication and Documentation	Write proper progress notes based on a given diagnosis and treatment plan. 1. SOAP format Read and understand a medical chart and where to find: 1. History and physical 2. Diagnosis 3. Emergency information 4. Doctor's orders 5. nurses notes 6. lab reports, therapies, imaging graphics

Course Objective Identify Diseases/Disorders	Identify signs and symptoms of various conditions including: 1. myocardial infarction 2. diabetes 3. stroke 4. infection
Health Care Ethics and professionalism	4. infection 5. appendicitis 6. respiratory illness 7. high blood pressure List and apply the 8 ethical principles through interaction with patients and staff. (do good, do no harm, preserve life, respect autonomy, keep promises, be discreet) Understand the concepts of: 1. Patient's Bill of Rights 2. The right to Know 3. Confidentiality 4. Health Care Proxy 5. Decision Making process during controversial subjects. Apply cultural competency knowledge during interaction with patients, colleagues and staff members.
Using Treatment Plans for patient care	Create a possible treatment plan based on a patient's history and
Understand Values, Diagnosis, and Lab Work	Identify necessary diagnostic tests based on signs and symptoms. List and explain diagnostic tests and procedures related to specific medical diagnoses.
Utilizing and finding Health Care information and Research	Explore a variety of resources available in the library and health care facilities.
Presenting a Case Study Develop Basic Health Care Skills	Utilize library research skills in preparing case studies. Present a case study Perform basic vital signs.
	Perform Health Care Provider Level Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. Demonstrate first aid for a given injury or condition. Read and explain lab/test reports and results.