

PRACTICAL NURSING (NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCE DIVISION)

PN-100 FOUNDATIONS OF PRACTICAL NURSING (2 cr.) 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 health care services. Employment seeking skills and responsibilities of health-care 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 cr.) 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 cr.) 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-106 PRACTICAL NURSING SKILLS LAB I (1 cr.) Students develop competency in basic psychomotor skills necessary to care for patients of all ages. Supervised opportunities to practice using the nursing process, principles of documentation, health assessment, nutrition, medication administration and patient safety issues are included. Graded P/F only.

PN-200 PRACTICAL NURSING THEORY II (2 cr.) 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-201 PRACTICAL NURSING SKILLS LAB II (1 cr.) Students develop competency in more complex psychomotor skills necessary to care for patients of all ages. Supervised opportunities to practice using the nursing process, principles of documentation, health assessment, nutrition, medication administration and patient safety issues are included. Graded P/F only.

PN-205 PRACTICAL NURSING PRACTICUM II (5 cr.) 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 health care settings.

PN-210 MENTAL HEALTH NURSING THEORY (2 cr.) 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-250 PRACTICAL NURSING THEORY III (4 cr.) 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-255 PRACTICAL NURSING PRACTICUM III (5 cr.) 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 cr.) 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 cr.) 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-265 INTRAVENOUS THERAPY (1 cr.) Provides theory relating to the practical nurse's role in IV therapy. Includes the essential responsibilities in IV therapy, the initiation and maintenance of IV infusion, and monitoring and maintenance of central venous lines. This course meets the requirements of the Rules and Regulations of the Idaho Board of Nursing for LPNs who wish to perform functions related to IV therapy.

PN-266 IV THERAPY LAB FOR THE PRACTICAL NURSE (1 cr.) Provides hands-on instruction in all skills relating to the practical nurse's role in IV therapy. Includes the essential responsibilities in IV therapy, the initiation and maintenance of IV infusion, and monitoring and maintenance of central venous lines. This course meets the requirements of the Rules and Regulations of the Idaho Board of Nursing for LPNs who wish to perform functions related to IV therapy. Graded P/F only.

PN-292 SPECIAL TOPICS IN PRACTICAL NURSING (1-12 cr.)