PROFESSIONAL NURSING (PRNU)

Courses

PRNU 060. Trans to Cntmp Prof Nursing. 3 Credits.
This course bridges students into the RN-BS-MS program. An emphasis is placed on nursing theory, holistic nursing practice, contemporary issues in nursing and ethical decision-making. Prerequisite: Admission to Alternate Track - VT RN program.

PRNU 095. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

PRNU 110. Art & Science of Nursing. 3 Credits.
Ways of knowing that contribute to the professional nurse's understanding of the human experience of health are explored within the context of environment and culture. Pre/co-requisites: One course in Sociology, PSYS 001, ENGS 001.

PRNU 111. Research in Nursing. 3 Credits.
Provides an introduction to nursing research and its relationship to nursing theory and practice. Knowledge and skills essential for the critique and utilization of nursing research are presented. Prerequisites: PRNU 110, STAT 111 or STAT 141.

PRNU 113. Health Assessment. 0 or 3 Credits.
Through classroom and laboratory experiences, students learn to holistically assess and differentiate healthy from at-risk or altered findings of clients in a variety of settings. Prerequisites: ANPS 019, NFS 043, HDFS 005, PRNU 110. Pre/co-requisites: PRNU 111, PRNU 114, ANPS 020, MMG 065, MMG 101 or MLRS 054, MLRS 056. 

PRNU 114. Intro to Clinical Practice. 0 or 3 Credits.
Introduces students to the application of nursing knowledge to address basic human health problems. Course objectives are applied through supervised experiences in selected settings. Pre/co-requisite: PRNU 113.

PRNU 121. Gerontology. 3 Credits.
This course emphasizes the challenges of older adults and methods to minimize the risk of morbidity, functional decline and hospitalization. Prerequisite: PRNU 114.

PRNU 128. Pharmacology. 0-4 Credits.
Examination and application of knowledge of pharmacotherapeutic principles to nursing practice. Prerequisites: PRNU 114, CHEM 026, ANPS 020. Pre/co-requisite: NURS 120.

PRNU 129. Women & Newborn Nursing. 0 or 4 Credits.
This course focuses on the human experiences of childbearing. Students will have opportunities to care for childbearing women, neonates and their families. Prerequisites: PRNU 113, PRNU 114. Co-requisites: PRNU 128, NURS 120.

PRNU 131. Health Alterations. 3 Credits.
Focus on the human experience of alterations in health for individuals and their families. Content addresses individual and family responses to disease processes from a holistic perspective. Prerequisites: PRNU 121, PRNU 128, NURS 120.

PRNU 132. Child & Adolescent Nursing. 0 or 5 Credits.
Through classroom and practicum, students learn to holistically care for children/adolescents experiencing health alterations within the context of family. Prerequisites: PRNU 128, PRNU 129, NURS 120. Pre/co-requisite: PRNU 131.

PRNU 134. Adult Health Nursing I. 0 or 6 Credits.
Through classroom and practicum, students learn to holistically care for adults and elders experiencing health alterations within the context of family. Prerequisites: NURS 120, PRNU 128. Pre/co-requisite: PRNU 131.

PRNU 196. Special Topics. 1-12 Credits.
Refer to course schedule for specific title. Prerequisites: Senior standing; Majors only.

PRNU 197. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.
An independent study is an educational experience taken for credit that occurs separate from a group class. The student develops a plan specific to their learning needs and interests and works under the guidance of a faculty member to achieve the predetermined objectives. Prerequisite: Agreement from a faculty sponsor and approval by the Baccalaureate Education Committee.

PRNU 231. Chronic & Palliative Care Nurs. 3 Credits.
Nursing care of clients experiencing complex alterations in health related to the human experience of chronic illness and end of life issues. Prerequisite: PRNU 131.

PRNU 234. Adult Health Nursing II. 0 or 6 Credits.
Through this second course and practicum students learn to holistically care for adults and elders experiencing complex health alterations within the context of family. Prerequisite: PRNU 134. Pre/co-requisite: PRNU 231.

PRNU 235. Psychiatric Mental Hlth Nurs. 0 or 5 Credits.
Focus on clients experiencing altered human response patterns from acute, serious and persistent psychiatric disorders. Prerequisite: PSYS 170. Corequisite: PRNU 131.

PRNU 240. Contemp Iss&Ldrsh Prof Nursng. 0 or 6 Credits.
Focuses on issues in health care as they relate to the leadership and management roles of the professional nurse. Practicum focuses on caring for clients in an identified clinical specialty. Prerequisite: PRNU 234. Co-requisite: PRNU 241.

PRNU 241. Public Health Nursing. 0-6 Credits.
Focus on population health and community partnerships. Students provide care to a defined community and work in collaboration with professionals in a variety of settings. Co-requisite: PRNU 240.

PRNU 243. Transition to Prof Practice. 1 Credit.
This seminar is designed to provide practical guidance and strategies for success in the transition from the student role to the professional nursing role. Prerequisites: PRNU 234. Co-requisites: PRNU 240, PRNU 241.
PRNU 260. Chronic Disease Management. 3 Credits.
Introduces the RN to the multifaceted approach of coordinating care and improving the quality of health for individuals with chronic diseases in the community. Examines programs such as the Blueprint for Health, etc. Prerequisites: PRNU 060, PRNU 111; Nursing Alternative Track major.

PRNU 263. Prof Nursing Pract&Soc Justice. 3 Credits.
Course will focus on social justice for individuals, families, and groups recognized as marginalized within our society. Prerequisite: Admission to Alternate Track - VT RN program.

PRNU 264. Public Health Nursing for RN. 3 Credits.
Introduces the RN student to public health nursing concepts. Key elements are examined for their effect on the health of our society. Various issues, influences, and concepts that impact the health of populations are explored. Prerequisites: PRNU 060, PRNU 111; Nursing Alternative Track major.

PRNU 265. Intro Health Care Fin & Policy. 3 Credits.
This survey course provides an overview of US health care organization, structure, policies, and financing, inclusive of selected international comparisons. Prerequisite: Matriculation in the RN to BS program.

PRNU 266. Theories for Nursing Practice. 3 Credits.
This course is a survey and introduction to the theories and concepts that undergird nursing practice, with an emphasis on middle range theories originating both within and outside of nursing, and selected grand theories of nursing. Prerequisites: Current status as a registered nurse and matriculated in the RN to BS program.

PRNU 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-12 Credits.
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