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WELCOME TO THE PLU RN REFRESHER COURSE FOR 2026

COURSE OBJECTIVES # 1-3

- 1. Describe and demonstrate currently accepted practice guidelines for the management of commonly encountered adult medical-surgical conditions in a variety of settings.
- 2. Apply the nursing process to the management of commonly encountered adult medical-surgical conditions in a variety of settings
- 3. Describe and demonstrate the techniques used for systematic, focused health assessment of the adult client.

COURSE OBJECTIVES # 4-6

- 4. Demonstrate an understanding of the cultural needs of the client across the lifespan.
- 5. Verbalize current professional practice standards and the legal and ethical dimensions of patient care.
- 6. Develop or discover a renewed sense of self-confidence as a professional nurse

COMPONENTS OF COURSE: ONLINE

Online modules using ATI starts Apr

for approx. 8 weeks

- Takes about 130 hours
- Self directed and done independently
- Modules have content as well as Active Learning Scenarios and Quizzes at end of each chapter
 - Tutorial: Fundamentals of Nsg
 - 7 sections-management of care, safety & infection control, Nsg throughout lifespan, Health Assessment, Basic care & comfort, Psychosocial integrity and physiological adaptation
 - Pharmacology review includes dosage calculations
 - 13 sections that review medications given for conditions affecting various systems
 - Active Learning Scenarios
 - Quizzes at end of each chapter

ONLINE MODULES (CONT)

- Adult Med-Surg Nsg
- Skills Modules
- Mental Health Nsg
 - Basic concepts including legal and ethical issues, non
 pharmacological therapies, various disorders: anxiety, depression.
 Substance use, etc., medications for the disorders, psychiatric
 emergencies,

COMPONENTS: OTHER

- Check in meetings via zoom to answer questions and help you stay on track to complete the modules in 8 weeks.
- Use of sakai
- Supervised Clinical Experience: starts after modules, & lab are completed and you have a LEA June
 and ends
 Aug
 - Complete 80 hrs in long term care with preceptor
 - Complete 80 hrs in an acute care setting with preceptor
 - Are trying to use more simulation to decrease the time at the facilities

IN PERSON LABS

- Combination of lecture, video, case studies, active learning activities, and hands on practice
- 08-1700 in Garfield building Please do not wear open toed shoes
- 12-1300 is lunch

ROUGHDRAFT DAY1

- Introductions, tour
- Scope of practice, HIPPA, Evidence based practice
- Nsg process
- Documentation
- Medication Administration
- Care of pts with Cardiovascular disorders, Resp disorders, Endocrine disorders, GI/GU disorders, musculoskeletal disorders, reproductive health, neuro
- Practice in lab: Med Admin via various routes, using ADDD

ROUGH DRAFT: DAY 2

- Specialty content:
 - Surgical Pre op post op Care
 - Domestic Violence,
 - Psychiatric/Mental Health,
 - Pediatrics
 - Geriatrics
 - Community topics
- Practice in lab: Infection control, body mechanics, transferring pts, restraints G-tubes

ROUGHDRAFT: PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT

- Health History
- Vital signs
- Adult Health Assessment
- Physical assessment skills
- Documentation

ROUGH DRAFT: DAY 4

- Lab practice & review of content:
 - IV meds, therapy, starting lvs, PCA
 - Central lines
 - Administering blood products
 - Urinary catheterization
 - NG insertion
 - Resp:
 - Chest tubes
 - Suctioning
 - Trachs

ROUGH DRAFT DAY 5

- Lab practice
- Checkoffs
- Clinical orientation
- simulations

