

NRSG1430: Fundamentals of Nursing Practice I

Credit Hours: 4

Clock Hours: 45/30/0

The Fundamentals of Nursing Practice I course is an introduction to professional nursing in healthcare systems. There will be an exploration of the scope of nursing practice as well as the many roles of the professional nurse. Innovative teaching will focus on providing an introduction to basic comfort and client care concepts important to nursing practice. Emphasis is placed on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to provide client-centered, safe, quality care while reducing risk potential for diverse patients across the lifespan. The theoretical foundations for basic psychomotor nursing skills as well as therapeutic communication skills are presented, and students are given opportunities to demonstrate these skills in a clinical and community setting(s). An introduction to the nursing process provides a decision-making framework to assist students in developing effective clinical judgment and critical thinking skills. As the title implies, this course provides the foundation for students to have a complete programmatic learning experience resulting in a well-rounded and prepared professional nurse.