

Distance Learning Re-Entry Nursing Project Course Structure

Orientation (orientation to course/course information, checklist, how to use the course, computer requirements, etc.)

Unit 1- Professional Nursing Practice (stand alone module)

Module 1: Role of the Nurse and Critical Thinking
Module 2: Nursing Process
Module 3: Guidelines for Professional Nursing Practice (includes legal guidelines)
Module 4: Patient Rights
Post-Test (cover all modules)

Unit 2- Pharmacology Review (stand alone module)

Module 1: Basic Concepts of Pharmacology for Nurses
Module 2: Medication Administration
Module 3: Drug Update (CNE)
Module 4: Dosage Calculation (include a calculation quiz)
Module 5: Preventing Medication Errors
Post-Test (will include calculations)

Unit 3- Systems Review and Nursing Care of Common Disorders

Module 1: Cardiovascular & Circulatory
Module 2: Pulmonary & Respiratory
Module 3: Renal/Reproductive
Module 4: Orthopedic & Musculoskeletal
Module 5: Neurological, Pain Assessment & Management
Module 6: GI
Module 7: Endocrine & Diabetes
Module 8: Hematology, Immunology
Module 9: Psychosocial Concepts
Module 10: Infectious Disease
Post Test

NOTE: It is recommended that students begin the 72 hour clinical preceptorship following completion of Units 1-3.

Unit 4- Care of the Client

- Module 1: Basic Skills & Environment of Care (VS, Universal Precautions (infection control)), principles of medical asepsis, call light, bed making, body mechanics
- Module 2: Physical Assessment/Specimen Collection
- Module 3: The Surgical Client/Perioperative Care
- Module 4: Skin Care, Wound Care/Dressing Change
- Module 5: Nutrition & Elimination
- Module 6: Oxygenation
- Module 7: Mobility
- Module 8: Care of the Cancer Patient Receiving Radiation, Biotherapy, and Chemotherapy
- Post-Test

Unit 5- Communication & Documentation (stand alone module)

- Module 1: Communication
- Module 2: Systems of Record Keeping
- Post-Test

Unit 6- IV Therapy (stand alone module)

- Module 1: IV Therapy Prep, Venipuncture & Phlebotomy
- Module 2: IV Medications & Infusion
- Module 3: Central Venous Catheters
- Module 4: TPN
- Module 5: Blood Transfusion
- Module 6: Fluid and Electrolytes
- Post Test

Unit 7: Care of the Terminally Ill

- Module 1: Death and Dying
- Module 2: Palliative Care: Assuring Quality of Life at the End of Life (CNE)
- Module 3: Symptom Management at the End of Life (CNE)
- Post Test