

Distance Learning Re-Entry Nursing Update Course Structure

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

Student Support Module

Unit 1- Professional Nursing Practice

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

Module 1: Basic Concepts of Pharmacology for Nurses

Module 2: Medication Administration

Module 3: Drug Update

Module 4: Dosage Calculation (includes a calculation quiz)

Module 5: Preventing Medication Errors

Post-Test (includes 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 successful completion of Units 1-3 and the medication exam.

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- IV Therapy

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 6- Communication & Documentation

Module 1: Communication

Module 2: Systems of Record Keeping

Module 3: Communication & the Spanish Speaking Client

Module 4: Cultural Communication

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

Module 3: Symptom Management at the End of Life

Post Test

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