

## **RNBSN Course Descriptions**

*(beginning Fall, 2015)*

### **NUR 322 Contemporary Nursing Practice** *6 weeks-3 credits*

#### **Course Description:**

This course explores the professional nurse's engagement with and response to emerging healthcare trends. Ethical, political, and legal issues within professional nursing practice are examined. The role of the professional nurse is introduced, particularly as it relates to addressing local, regional and global healthcare disparities across cultures. Prerequisite: IDS 301

### **NUR 323 Information Technology & Healthcare** *6 weeks-3 credits*

#### **Course Description:**

This course explores informational technology relevant to healthcare and education. Course content addresses legal and ethical issues related to information management in light of current trends such as the Electronic Health Record (EHR). Students will explore innovative methods of utilizing technology as an educational tool. Prerequisite: NUR 322

### **NUR 324 Professional Nursing Role Enhancement** *6 weeks-3 credits*

#### **Course Description:**

This course applies the nursing process and advanced theoretical concepts of nursing to health problems of varying complexity experienced by patients across the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on refining skills in communication and collaboration, critical thinking, and evidence-based nursing practice. Prerequisite: NUR 323

### **NUR 431 Introduction to Biostatistics and Epidemiology** *6 weeks-3 credits*

#### **Course Description:**

This course focuses on examining basic statistical methods and epidemiologic principles used in healthcare. Application will be made to disease prevention and health promotion as they pertain to the surveillance of health status among diverse populations. Prerequisite: NUR 324

### **NUR 432 Introduction to Research and Evidence-Based Practice** *6 weeks-3 credits*

#### **Course Description:**

This course assists the student to understand fundamental research concepts and to become skilled at understanding, analyzing and critiquing existing research. The concepts and implementation of evidence-based practice are introduced. Ethical and legal implications related to research practice are explored. Prerequisite: NUR 431

### **NUR 433 Leadership and Community Health** *8 weeks-4 credits*

#### **Course Description:**

This course explores the nurse's role in leading health promotion for communities. Focus will be on evaluating the health of a community within the framework of Healthy People 2020 and designing evidence-based interventions to promote and improve health. Current public health issues will be explored. 45 practicum hours are required. Prerequisite: NUR 432

**NUR 434 Leadership and Organizational Management** 8 weeks-4 credits

**Course Description:**

This course will introduce the role of the nurse administrator as leader and manager of healthcare services. Provides an understanding of the ability to effectively collaborate in diverse settings with interprofessional partnerships. Relevant management and business theories/practices will be introduced. 45 practicum hours are required. Prerequisite: NUR 433

**NUR 435 Leadership and Healthcare Finance** 8 weeks-4 credits

**Course Description:**

This course will illustrate the nurse leader's role in analyzing and evaluating the financial management and administrative practices of healthcare organizations. Emphasis will be placed on stewardship of resources, budget analysis and basic financial functions. 45 practicum hours required. Prerequisite: NUR 434

**NUR 436 Leadership and Health Policy** 8 weeks-4 credits

**Course Description:**

This course assists the student to identify and analyze health policies relevant to professional practice. Introduces the process of leading change in health policy in a variety of settings, with an awareness of ethical implications. 45 practicum hours required. Prerequisite: NUR 435

## **RNBSN Course Descriptions**

*(for currently enrolled RNBSN students graduating through Spring, 2017)*

### **IDS 301 Principles of Adult Learning 3 weeks-1 credit**

This seminar is the foundation for adults enrolled in the General & Professional Studies Program (GPS) at Averett University. It must be taken prior to enrollment in any undergraduate business-related degree program. It is designed to help new and returning students make the transition to the academic world. This seminar stresses critical reading, active discussion, and reflective writing. Readings are drawn from the fields of education, philosophy, literature, psychology, and the social and natural sciences.

### **NUR 318 Nursing Issues and Trends 6 weeks-3 credits**

This course explores the role of the nurse and emerging practice-related issues within the profession. Examination of ethical, political, economic and legal trends impacting nursing practice is included. The course integrates evolving issues regarding civic engagement within the profession and the role of health policy to promote social justice, assure quality care, and diminish health disparities across the United States. **Prerequisite: IDS 301**

### **NUR 419 Nursing Informatics 4 weeks-2 credits**

This course explores basic computer skills, information literacy and technology relevant to healthcare settings. Focus is on databases, electronic health record(EHR) and includes current knowledge and principles related to legal, ethical, and policy concerns in information management related to healthcare settings. **Prerequisite: NUR 318**

### **BIO 303 Human Pathology/Medical Terminology 8 weeks-4 credits**

This course encompasses a study of the mechanism underlying disease processes and their treatments in the human body. Causes of and clinical changes produced by diseases, as well as the body's response will be discussed in detail. principles and methods of treatment will be examined. This course will focus on noninfectious diseases since a study of pathogens and the diseases they cause takes place in other courses. A study of medical terminology will comprise a large part of the laboratory portion of the course. **Prerequisite: NUR 419**

### **BIO 313 Pharmacology 8 weeks-4 credits**

This course introduces the basic concepts of pharmaceuticals, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and pharmacotherapeutics. The process of clinical calculations is introduced, as well as the major drug classifications. Students will additionally practice application of knowledge to patients. Drugs by body system and disease will be explored. **Prerequisite: BIO 303**

### **NUR 313 Health Assessment 6 weeks-3 credits**

This course focuses on the knowledge and skills needed to conduct a health assessment including a health history and physical examination. Interpretations of normal findings and identification of deviations from normal are included. **Prerequisite: BIO 313 45 hours practicum experience**

**NUR 415      Nursing Research** *6 weeks-3 credits*

This course assists the student to understanding the importance of using nursing research as a component of evidence-based nursing practice. The course focuses on fundamental research concepts and methodologies to improve and enhance patient care outcomes. Ethical and legal implications related to research design and the application of research evidence will also be explored. **Students are strongly recommended to take MTH 160 (Statistics) prior to this course. Prerequisite: NUR 313**

**NUR 420      Population Focused Nursing Care** *10 weeks-5 credits*

This course explores the nurse's role in health assessment and health promotion for families and vulnerable groups in communities. Focus will be on the evaluation of public health issues, epidemiology, bioterrorism, disasters, and services available in the community health care and disease prevention across the lifespan. Healthy People 2020 will be discussed. Clinical experiences in a variety of settings in the community will be incorporated including both indirect and direct care. Preceptors may be used for clinical in this course. **Prerequisite: NUR 415 90 hours of practicum experience**

**NUR 418      Nursing Care of the Older Adult and Family** *10 weeks-5 credits*

This course addresses holistically problems of older adults, the developmental tasks of aging and patient responses to changes in health status and end of life care. Topics included are medications, abuse, community services, and health policies, safe and quality care. In the ever-changing health care setting nursing process is applied to the care of diverse older adult patients and their families. Preceptors may be used for clinical in this course. **Prerequisite: NUR 420 90 hours of practicum experience**

**NUR 430      Nursing Leadership** *10 weeks-5 credits*

This course focuses on the nurses' role as a leader using theory, skills and attitudes required for professional decision-making in organizations. Emphasis will be on conflict management, the delegation and setting of priorities in complex health care organizations, and working collaboratively with inter-professional teams. Concepts and principles of management and leadership will be addressed as it relates to information technology. Preceptors will be used for clinical in this course. **Prerequisite: NUR 418 90 hours of practicum experience**

**NUR 499      Complex Health Care Concepts** *6 weeks-3 credits*

This courses addresses advanced theoretical concepts of nursing care for patients experiencing complex health problems occurring across the lifespan. Emphasis will be on the theories, principles and applications of complex clinical decision making, determination of therapeutic nursing interventions and critical thinking in multi-organ system problems in a variety of healthcare settings.

**Prerequisite: NUR 430**