Bemidji State University

NRSG 3440: Palliative Care Nursing

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 0
Lab Hours/Week: 0
OJT Hours/Week: *.*
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course examines nursing care needs common to individuals and families receiving palliative and end-of-life care. Emphasizes nursing practice representing a holistic, interdisciplinary, client-centered approach aimed to ameliorate suffering and support serious illness, dying, and a peaceful death. Addresses symptom-control and quality of life issues for patients with life-threatening illness who are not yet experiencing end-of-life issues. Health care resources and issues related to the provision of palliative care are addressed. Prerequisite(s): Admitted to the major.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/11/2021 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Palliative care nursing
2. Pain management
3. Symptom management
4. Ethical issues in palliative care nursing
5. Cultural and spiritual considerations in end-of-life care
6. Communication
7. Grief, loss, and bereavement
8. Final hours

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Interpret professional perspectives and resources regarding the aims, standards, and selected components of practice related to palliative care within the health care delivery system.
2. Examine selected ethical considerations common to end-of-life nursing practice and to dilemmas faced by other patients & families with life-limiting and life-threatening illnesses.
3. Interpret core elements of nursing practice associated with providing a holistic approach with individuals/families engaged in palliative care.
4. Identify approaches by which professional nursing can support and advance quality palliative care and end-of-life care.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus
G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted