

Minnesota State University Moorhead

NURS 352: End of Life Nursing Care

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This on-line course addresses critical aspects of palliative end-of-life nursing care. The course is based on the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) curriculum.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 04/05/2005 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Identify changes in population demographics, healthcare economics, and service delivery that necessitate improved professional preparation for end-of-life care.
2. Analyze complex issues in end-of-life care, recognizing the influence of personal values, professional codes, ethical and legal principles, plus patient preferences.
3. Apply knowledge gained from palliative care research to end-of-life education and care.
4. Apply knowledge of concepts of suffering, grief, loss and bereavement in end-of-life nursing care.
5. Evaluate traditional, complementary, and technological therapies on patient-centered outcomes.
6. Identify evidence-based practices used in the management of symptoms experienced by patients at the end-of-life.
7. Identify the role of nursing in interdisciplinary collaboration in end-of-life care.
8. Incorporate assessment of multiple dimensions, including physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs, into plans of care to improve quality at the end-of-life.
9. Promote effective and compassionate communication with patients, families, and healthcare team members about end-of-life issues.
10. Promote the provision of comfort care to the dying as an active, desirable and important skill, and an integral component of nursing care.
11. Recognize one's own attitudes, feelings, values, and expectations about death and the individual, cultural and spiritual diversity existing in these beliefs and customs.

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

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted