Geriatric Nursing introduces students to the care of older patients with a focus on health promotion and safety. The "knowledge" and "skills/practice-know-how" apprenticeships are developed with emphasis on common health problems of the older adult in restorative and residential facilities as well as safety and end-of-life care. Application of pathophysiology, nutrition and pharmacology are applied to common diseases within each topic area. Prerequisite(s): Current CNA certification and registered with MN DHS.

COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 05/19/2014 - Present

OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Safety: Safety and environment, fall assessment, risk for injury, nursing skills
2. Patient/Relationship Centered Care: physical and psychosocial variations, variables and impact of chronic illness, grief and loss, palliative and hospice care, death, cultural and religious impact of dying, post-mortem care and tissue/organ donation
3. Identify complications and interventions for health and illness concepts. (Nursing Judgment/Evidence Based Care SLO)

LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Demonstrate lab skills, parenteral medication administration, and environmental safety for older adults using proper techniques that ensure safety. (Safety SLO)
2. Recognize the importance of cultural sensitivity and communication when providing end of life care. (Patient/Relationship Centered Care SLO)
3. Identify complications and interventions for health and illness concepts. (Nursing Judgment/Evidence Based Care SLO)

Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted