Description: The Beginning Practitioner

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STAFFING
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REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: NUR3090 and MHN2020 and MHN3030

RATIONALE
In order to promote delivery of nursing care in a timely, economic and environmentally safe manner, students need to be prepared for the transition from tertiary education to the work culture.

SYNOPSIS
This course is practice based and encompasses clinical and management skills fundamental for beginning practitioners and will enhance graduate transition to the workforce.

OBJECTIVES
On completion of this course students will be able to:

1. explore the relationship between work expectations and role conflict;
2. explain the significance of work culture and its effect on personnel management at a beginning level;
3. explain the impact of collaborative practice on outcomes of care;
4. demonstrate ability to assess, plan, implement, evaluate and document safe, effective nursing care at beginning practitioner level;
5. demonstrate ability to utilise critical reasoning at beginning practitioner level.
6. CLINICAL OBJECTIVES 6-15: utilise Irurita’s framework when assessing health status of clients as a beginning practitioner;
7. apply management theory to prioritising and planning client care at a beginning practitioner level;
8. demonstrate ability to interpret events and intervene appropriately as a beginning practitioner;
9. demonstrate ability to practice within the legal and ethical boundaries of their qualifications;
10. demonstrate ability to communicate effectively with peers, clients in verbal and non-verbal forms;
11. demonstrate ability to maintain the safety and dignity of clients at all times;
12. demonstrate ability to apply current research findings when planning client care;
13. demonstrate accountability for practice;
14. interact collaboratively when planning care; and
15. evaluate outcomes of client care at an appropriate level.

TOPICS

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TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).


REFERENCE MATERIALS:

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

All texts used previously in courses in the BN program.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS:

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. Attendance requirements:
   It is the students’ responsibility to participate actively in all classes scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximize their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration. Students must attend 200 hours of clinical experience. To maximize their chances of satisfying the objectives of the practical component of the course, students should attend and actively participate in the laboratory sessions and tutorials in the course prior to undertaking their Clinical Experience.

2. Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   Students must complete 200 hours of clinical experience as partial fulfillment of Queensland Nursing Council requirements for registration and must demonstrate clinical competence in the following areas: (i) completion of four quality audits; (ii) priority planning and care delivery; (iii) drug calculations management of I.V. therapy; and (iv) medications, pain assessment, aseptic technique (simple or complex). Clinical skills and experience will be classified as satisfactory or
unsatisfactory according to the clinical evaluation form. The assessment is based on the ANC Competencies and must be completed at a competent level in a clinical setting.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 10% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each working day late.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of a pass in this course students must: (i) obtain 100% in relation to medication calculations (to be completed whilst on clinical); (ii) satisfactorily complete the clinical experience component of the course, indicated by the award of 1 mark for clinical experience; and (iii) satisfactorily complete assessment items as per criteria in the course guide.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
As P is the only passing grade available for this course, all students who are qualified for a passing grade will be given a grade of P. Other students will be given either a Failing grade or an Incomplete grade.

6 Examination information:
There is no examination in this course.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
There will be no Deferred or Supplementary examinations in this course.

8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 Students need to be conversant with and will require access to e-mail and internet access to USQConnect for this course.

10 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner.

11 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. If requested, students will be required to provide a copy of assignments submitted for assessment purposes. Such copies should be despatched to USQ within 24 hours of receipt of a request being made.

12 The examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 Students of clinical courses need to be certain they have submitted the following documents to the Faculty Office to ensure they will be allowed to proceed to a
clinical placement - Current CPR Certification, Completion of the Queensland Health Orientation and submission of the checklist, Hepatitis B titre declaration and Confidentiality Form.