

HCA 120: INTRODUCTION TO PRACTICE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an introduction to the role of the HCA within the British Columbia health care system. Students will be introduced to the healthcare team and the roles and functions of HCA within the team. Students will also have opportunities to develop self-reflective skills required for competent practice and will be introduced to effective job-finding approaches.

COURSE HOURS: 30

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Display an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of HCAs within the health care system in British Columbia:
2. Contribute to the effective functioning of the healthcare team:
3. Function in a responsible, accountable fashion recognizing legal and ethical parameters of the HCA role:
4. Apply self-reflection, and self-appraisal processes in order to recognize and respond to own self-development needs as a care provider:
5. Confidently conduct a job-search process:

COURSE CONTENT

Workplace Settings and Contexts
Team work in Healthcare Settings
Legal and Ethical Issues
Professional Responsibility and Elder Abuse
Employability Skills
Professional Approaches to Practice

EVALUATION STRATEGIES

1. Quiz #1 (15%)

This quiz will focus on content from Unit 1: *Workplace Settings and Contexts* and Unit 2: *Team Work in Health Care Settings*. Quiz questions may include a variety of different formats such as case studies, short answer, true/false, matching and / or multiple choice. You will have one hour to complete the quiz.

2. Ethics Case Study (15%)

After obtaining knowledge about ethics in health care, you will be asked to join a group and work on a case study and answer questions involving an ethical dilemma. You will then be asked to share your scenario and answers with the class. Marks are given for participation in answering questions and sharing discussion with the class. A make-up assignment is available through your instructor if you are absent from class. The make-up assignment is available only if you have phoned in to the college in advance to alert us that you will be absent.

3. Journal Activity (15%)

Students will journal about their experience with their groups during the community visit and presentation preparation time. Half of a mark will be allocated for including comments on the following: group effectiveness, group communication, identifying barriers or problems, feelings experienced, activities, legibility, grammar, - identifying barriers or problems, identifying barriers or problems. A full mark will be allocated to the following: identifying possible solutions and identifying insights into own behaviour and learning.

4. Group Presentation (5%)

Each group will create a presentation on their community site. Half of a mark will be allocated to each of the following: location/availability of site, client profile, value of service, creativity of presentation, use of visual aids, and reflections on community site mandate / vision. One mark will be given for client service and for having examples of how the community site promotes wellbeing.

5. Self Reflective Practice Assignment (25%)

In this written assignment you are asked to describe the qualities and characteristics of an “ideal” care provider, with emphasis on how an “ideal” HCA works both independently and collaboratively. You will then be invited to compare yourself to this ideal care provider and use this comparison to delineate self-development needs.

6. Quiz #2 (25%)

This quiz will focus on content from Unit 4: *Legal and Ethical Issues* and Unit 5: *Pro-fessional Responsibility & Elder Abuse*. Quiz questions may include a variety of different formats such as case studies, short answer, true/false, matching and / or multiple choice. You will have one hour to complete the quiz.

<p>NOTE: As with all courses in the Health Care Assistant program, you are required to achieve a minimum grade of 70% (B-) in HCA 120 Health Care Assistant: Introduction to Practice in order to successfully pass the course.</p>
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