

PN Course Outlines

PNUR 184: CONSOLIDATED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE 4 (200 hrs)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This practice experience provides learners with the opportunity to integrate theory from all courses into the role of the Practical Nurse in the acute care setting and other practices areas as appropriate. Learners will focus on clients with exacerbations of chronic illness and/or acute illness across the lifespan and will consolidate knowledge and skills such as: post operative care, surgical wound management, intravenous therapy, focused assessment, and clinical decision-making in acute care settings.

PRE-REQUISITES: Professional Communication 4; Professional Practice 4; Variations in Health 4, Health Promotion 4; Integrated Nursing Practice 4.

COURSE CONCEPTS

Course outcomes will be met through examination and exploration of the following:

- Leadership
- Professional communication
- Clinical decision making
- Inter-professional approach to practice
- Comprehensive and focused assessments
- Medication administration
- Surgical wound care
- Discharge planning
- Self-reflective approach to practice

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, and with input from the interprofessional health team and faculty guidance, the learner will be able to:

1. Practice within relevant legislation, Baseline Competencies, Scope of Practice, Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics as set out by the CLPNBC, the Health Professions Act, and facility specific policies and procedures.
2. Demonstrate safe, competent, ethical care and transfer of skills.
3. Practice with integrity and accountability in a client care context.
4. Begin to look critically at clinical decision making and knowledge of assessment to plan, implement, and evaluate care in predictable situations with faculty guidance.
5. With faculty guidance, make practice decisions that are client specific and consider client acuity, complexity, variability, and available resources.
6. Demonstrate a collaborative approach with other members of the interprofessional health care team to meet the collective needs of their clients.
 7. Provide a caring environment for clients by connecting, sharing and exploring with them in a collaborative relationship.
8. Provide person-centered care that recognizes and respects the uniqueness of each individual and is sensitive to culture and diversity.
9. Describe the PN role in providing leadership, direction, assignment, and supervision of unregulated care providers.
10. With faculty guidance, apply professional communication to advocate for clients in their care.
11. Apply evidence-informed practice in the client nurse relationship at a beginning level.
12. Identify own values, biases, and assumptions in interactions with clients and other members of the health care team at a beginning level.
13. Explain the need for continuous learning to maintain and enhance competence.