

NURSING (543)

543-101 - Nursing Fundamentals

This course focuses on basic nursing concepts to provide evidenced-based care to diverse patient populations across the lifespan. Current and historical issues impacting nursing will be explored within the scope of nursing practice. The nursing process will be introduced as a framework for organizing the care of patients. (Prerequisites: Admission to Nursing program; 806-179 Advanced Anatomy and Physiology. Completion of or concurrent enrollment in 103-159 Computer Literacy – Microsoft Office; 890-101 College 101)

2 Credit hours

36 Lecture hours

543-102 - Nursing Skills

This course focuses on development of evidence-based clinical skills and physical assessment across the lifespan. Content includes mathematical calculations and conversions related to clinical skills. In addition, the course includes techniques related to obtaining a health history and basic physical assessment skills using a body systems approach. (Prerequisites: Admission to Nursing program; 543-200 Nursing Assistant or 543-300 Nursing Assistant; 806-179 Advanced Anatomy and Physiology)

3 Credit hours

108 Lab hours

543-103 - Nursing Pharmacology

This course introduces the principles of pharmacology, including drug classifications and their effects on the body. Emphasis is on the use of the components of the nursing process when administering medications. (Prerequisites: Admission to Nursing program; 806-179 Advanced Anatomy and Physiology)

2 Credit hours

36 Lecture hours

543-104 - Nursing Introduction to Clinical Practice

This introductory clinical course emphasizes basic nursing skills and application of the nursing process in meeting the needs of diverse clients across the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on performing basic nursing skills, the formation of nurse-client relationships, communication, data collection, documentation, and medication administration. (Prerequisites: 543-102 Nursing Skills; 806-179 Advanced Anatomy and Physiology. Concurrent enrollment in 543-101 Nursing Fundamentals; 543-103 Nursing Pharmacology. Health requirements; criminal background check; CPR)

2 Credit hours

108 Other hours

543-105 - Nursing Health Alterations

This course elaborates upon the basic concepts of health and illness as presented in Nursing Fundamentals. It applies theories of nursing in the care of patients through the lifespan, utilizing problem solving and critical thinking. This course will provide an opportunity to study conditions affecting different body systems and apply evidence-based nursing interventions. It will also introduce concepts of leadership and management. (Prerequisites: 543-101 Nursing Fundamentals; 543-102 Nursing Skills; 543-103 Nursing Pharmacology; 543-104 Nursing: Introduction to Clinical Practice; 806-179 Advanced Anatomy and Physiology)

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

543-106 - Nursing Health Promotion

This course focuses on topics related to health promotion for individuals and families throughout the lifespan. Topics include reproductive issues, pregnancy, labor and delivery, post-partum, the newborn, and the child, adaptive and maladaptive behaviors applying mental health principles. An emphasis is placed on teaching and supporting healthy lifestyles choices for individuals of all ages. Nutrition, exercise, stress management, empowerment, and risk reduction practices are highlighted. Study of the family will cover dynamics, functions, discipline styles, and stages of development. (Prerequisites: 543-101 Nursing Fundamentals; 543-102 Nursing Skills; 543-103 Nursing Pharmacology; 543-104 Nursing: Introduction to Clinical Practice; 806-179 Advanced Anatomy and Physiology; 809-188 Developmental Psychology)

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

543-107 - Nursing Clinical Care Across the Lifespan

This clinical experience applies nursing concepts and therapeutic interventions to patients across the lifespan. It also provides an introduction to concepts of teaching and learning. Extending care to include the family is emphasized. (Prerequisites: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in 543-105 Nursing Health Alterations; 543-106 Nursing Health Promotion; 543-108 Nursing: Introduction to Clinical Care Management; Health requirements; criminal background check; CPR)

2 Credit hours

108 Other hours

543-108 - Intro to Clinical Care Management

This clinical experience applies nursing concepts and therapeutic nursing interventions to groups of patients across the lifespan. It also provides an introduction to leadership, management, and team building (Prerequisites: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in 543-105 Nursing Health Alterations; 543-106 Nursing Health Promotion. Health requirements; criminal background check; CPR)

2 Credit hours

108 Other hours

543-109 - Nursing Complex Health Alterations I

Complex Health Alterations I prepares the learner to provide and evaluate care for patients across the lifespan with alterations in cardiovascular, respiratory, endocrine, and hematologic systems as well as patients with fluid/electrolyte and acid-base imbalance, and alterations in comfort. (Prerequisites: Core ADN Program Student; 543-105 Nursing Health Alterations; 543-106 Nursing Health Promotion; 543-107 Nursing: Clinical Care Across the Lifespan; 543-108 Nursing: Introduction to Clinical Care Management, 806-179 Advanced Anatomy and Physiology. Completion of or concurrent enrollment in 806-197 Microbiology)

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

543-110 - Mental Health & Community Concepts

This course will cover topics related to the delivery of community and mental health care. Specific health needs of individuals, families, and groups will be addressed across the lifespan. Attention will be given to diverse and at-risk populations. Mental health concepts will concentrate on adaptive/maladaptive behaviors and specific mental health disorders. Community resources will be examined in relation to specific types of support offered to racial, ethnic, economically diverse individuals and groups. (Prerequisites: Core ADN Program Student; 543-105 Nursing Health Alterations; 543-106 Nursing Health Promotion; 543-107 Nursing: Clinical Care Across the Lifespan; 543-108 Nursing: Introduction to Clinical Care Management; 806-179 Advanced Anatomy and Physiology. Completion of or concurrent enrollment in 806-197 Microbiology)

2 Credit hours
36 Lecture hours

543-111 - Nursing Intermediate Clinical Practice

This intermediate level clinical course develops the RN role when working with clients with complex health care needs. A focus of the course is developing skills needed for managing multiple clients across the lifespan and priorities. Using the nursing process, students will gain experience in adapting nursing practice to meet the needs of clients with diverse needs and backgrounds. (Prerequisites: 543-112 Nursing Advanced Skills. Concurrent enrollment in 543-109 Nursing: Complex Health Alterations 1; 543-110 Nursing: Mental Health and Community Concepts. Health requirements; criminal background check; CPR)

3 Credit hours
162 Other hours

543-112 - Nursing Advanced Skills

This course focuses on the development of advanced clinical skills across the lifespan. Content includes advanced intravenous skills, blood product administration, chest tube systems, basic electrocardiogram interpretation and nasogastric/feeding tube insertion. (Prerequisites: 543-105 Nursing Health Alterations; 543-106 Nursing Health Promotion; 543-107 Nursing: Clinical Care Across the Lifespan; 543-108 Nursing: Introduction to Clinical Care Management; 806-179 Advanced Anatomy and Physiology. LPN to ADN Progression students are required to have completed 543-117 Nursing Bridge to ADN)

1 Credit hours
36 Lab hours

543-113 - Nursing Complex Health Alterations II

Complex Health Alterations II prepares the learner to provide and evaluate care for patients across the lifespan with alterations in the immune, neuro-sensory, musculoskeletal, gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, renal/urinary, reproductive systems and shock, burns and trauma. The learner will also focus on management of care for patients with high-risk perinatal conditions and high-risk newborns. (Prerequisites: 543-109 Nursing: Complex Health Alterations 1; 543-110 Nursing: Mental Health and Community Concepts; 543-111 Nursing: Intermediate Clinical Practice; 543-112 Nursing Advanced Skills; 806-197 Microbiology. Concurrent enrollment in 543-115 Nursing Advanced Clinical Practice)

3 Credit hours
36 Lecture hours
36 Lab hours

543-114 - Nursing Management & Professional Concepts

This course covers nursing management and professional issues related to the role of the registered nurse. Emphasis is placed on preparing for practice as a registered nurse. (Prerequisites: 543-109 Nursing: Complex Health Alterations 1; 543-110 Nursing: Mental Health and Community Concepts; 543-111 Nursing: Intermediate Clinical Practice; 543-112 Nursing Advanced Skills; 543-115 Nursing Advanced Clinical Practice. Concurrent enrollment in 543-113 Nursing Complex Health Alterations 2)

2 Credit hours
36 Lecture hours

543-115 - Nursing Advanced Clinical Practice

This advanced clinical course requires the student to integrate concepts from all previous courses in the management of groups of clients facing complex health alterations. Students will have the opportunity to further develop critical thinking skills using the nursing process in making clinical decisions. Continuity of care through interdisciplinary collaboration is emphasized. (Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in 543-113 Nursing: Complex Health Alterations 2. Health requirements; criminal background check; CPR)

3 Credit hours
162 Other hours

543-116 - Nursing Clinical Transition

This clinical experience integrates all knowledge learned in the previous courses in transitioning to the role of the graduate nurse. The course promotes relatively independent clinical decisions, delegation, and works collaboratively with others to achieve client and organizational outcomes. Continued professional development is fostered. (Prerequisites: 543-115 Nursing: Advanced Clinical Practice. Concurrent enrollment in 543-113 Nursing Complex Health Alterations 2; 543-114 Nursing: Management and Professional Concepts. Health requirements; criminal background check; CPR)

2 Credit hours
18 Lecture hours
72 Other hours

543-117 - Nursing Bridge to ADN

Emphasizes the transition from year one of the nursing program to year two of the ADN program. Focuses on competencies that enhance student success in year two of the ADN program. Students must have Wisconsin Licensure as a Practical Nurse and acceptance into the LPN to ADN Progression program OR current enrollment in second semester of the ADN program with intent to continue into the second year. (Prerequisites: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in 543-107 Nursing: Clinical Care Across the Lifespan; 543-108 Nursing: Introduction to Clinical Care Management. Dean consent; acceptance in LPN to ADN Progression program)

2 Credit hours
27 Lecture hours
18 Lab hours

543-300 - Nursing Assistant

The Nursing Assistant Program prepares student for employment as nursing assistants. The program also prepares students for other health-related programs. During the course, students will be required to demonstrate the following skills under the supervision of a licensed nurse: communication, basic nursing assistant and personal care skills, attention to client rights, and care of clients with dementias. The program is recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services as a nurse-aide training program. Upon successful completion of the program, the student is eligible to take the Wisconsin Nursing Assistant competency evaluation for inclusion on the Wisconsin Nurse Aide Registry and employment in nursing homes, hospitals, home health agencies, hospices, CBRF's, assisted living centers and homes for the developmentally disabled. This course is a prerequisite for entrance into the Nursing - Associate Degree With a Practical Nursing Exit Point program. (Prerequisites: Students must be admitted in the Nursing Assistant program to register for this class. Students must be 16 years old; completed Health Information form; criminal background check)
Credit for Prior Learning Available

2 Credit hours

30 Lecture hours

32 Lab hours

16 Other hours