Administrative Unit: Science Department
Course Prefix and Number: NURS 203
Course Title: Medical/Surgical Nursing I

DIGITAL DESCRIPTIONS

STUDENT DESCRIPTION: PAY-HOUR DESCRIPTION:
# Cr Hrs - # Lec Hrs - # Lab Hrs Total # = Lec Hrs + Lab Hrs
6 - 5 - 16

Catalog Description: This course is designed to provide the foundation for entry level competence in adult Medical-Surgical Nursing. Emphasis is placed on selected pathophysiological concepts and the related care using Self-Care Deficit Theory of Nursing and the nursing process. Communication, legal-ethical, patient education, pharmacological, nutritional, and sociocultural principles are integrated throughout. Leadership and management theories are presented. Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of general education and science course requirements for the nursing major and NURS 200 – Fundamentals of Nursing, NURS 201 – Foundations of Associate Degree Nursing and NURS 202 – Pharmacology for Nursing.

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Course Objectives: At the completion of this course, the student will:

1. Utilize Orem’s Self-Care Deficit Theory of Nursing and the nursing process to guide the management of care provided for patients with complex health deviation states.

2. Exhibit effective communicative skills in verbal and non-verbal communication with patients and patients' significant others.

3. Exhibit professional verbal and nonverbal communication with peers, instructor, members of the health care team and administration.
4. Demonstrate accountability for practising within the profession’s legal and ethical framework.

5. Incorporate principles of patient education when caring for medical-surgical patients.

6. Develop characteristics of a professional nurse.

Topical Outline:

I. Introduction in Medical-Surgical Nursing
II. IV therapy
III. Fluid & Electrolytes
IV. Diabetes Mellitus
V. Renal & Urinary Problems
VI. Peripheral Vascular Disease
VII. Physiologic Defence Problems
VIII. Leadership & Management
IX. Chronic Illness/Dying, Death & Loss
X. Pain
XI. Hematologic Problems
XII. Stress & Stress Response
XIII. Immobility Problems (Musculoskeletal)
XIV. Sexual & Reproductive Problems
XV. Preoperative Nursing

Recommended maximum class size for this course: 32

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NOTE: The intention of this master course syllabus is to provide a general outline of the contents of this course, as specified by the faculty of Columbia College, regardless of who teaches the course, when it is taught, or where it is taught. This generic outline is not intended to restrict the way any individual faculty member teaches the course. The master syllabus, therefore, should be general enough to allow for a diversity of individual approaches to teaching the course, while at the same time it provides guidance on what the course should cover.