

SYLLABUS PART I
EDISON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NUR 300S PROFESSIONAL NURSING CONCEPTS
4 CREDIT HOURS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Focuses on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to practice evidence-based, client-centered nursing. Competency areas include the role of the professional nurse and its historical, philosophical, theoretical, and social developments. Clinical judgement criteria, ethical/legal criteria, and political components of professional nursing practice are examined. Prerequisite: Department acceptance into the RN-BSN program is required.

COURSE GOALS

The student will:

Bloom's Level		Program Outcomes
2	1. Discuss historical and contemporary events that have shaped and continue to influence the profession of nursing.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
3	2. Compare and contrast differing nursing philosophies and theories that help define the scope of nursing practice.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
2	3. Discuss ethical and legal concepts that impact the practice of nursing including parameters established by the Nurse Practice Act and the American Nurses Association (ANA) Code of Ethics.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
2	4. Explain nursing as a profession and the transition to becoming a professional nurse.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
2	5. Explain how the nursing process acts as a systematic guide to critical thinking and client-centered care using evidenced-based practice.	2, 3
2	6. Discuss the differing levels of political involvement nurses may engage in as nurse citizens, nurse activists, and nurse politicians.	1, 2, 4, 5

CORE VALUES

The Core Values are a set of principles that guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison State. They include communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry/respect for learning, and interpersonal skills/teamwork. The goals, objectives, and activities in this course will introduce/reinforce these Core Values whenever appropriate.

TOPIC OUTLINE

1. Nursing in today's healthcare system
2. The evolution of nursing into a profession with its own body of knowledge
3. Acclimation and assimilation into the professional nurse role
4. Educational opportunities beyond the baccalaureate degree
5. Legal issues in nursing and nursing practice regulations
6. Nurse Practice Act
7. Ethical considerations guiding clinical decision-making
8. ANA Code of Ethics
9. Philosophical foundations to nursing practice
10. Nursing theories as a basis to the profession
11. Critical thinking using the nursing process
12. Political activism as a professional nurse
13. Evidence-based practice
14. Professional American Psychological Association (APA) communication standards