



East Central College Practical Nursing Program

Practical Nursing Curriculum Outcome Measures

Upon completion of the East Central College program of practical nursing, the graduate practical nurse shall:

- 1. Provide safe, evidence-based, client-centered nursing care utilizing the nursing process to restore, promote, and maintain both physical and mental health throughout the lifespan in diversified healthcare settings.**
 - a. Conduct focused physical, behavioral, and spiritual assessments of health and illness in clients experiencing health problems utilizing a developmentally and culturally appropriate approach.
 - b. Collaborate with the professional nurse or other healthcare provider to identify client needs based upon assessment findings.
 - c. Contribute to the plan of care under guidance from the professional nurse utilizing all steps of the nursing process.
 - d. Assist with the revision of the plan of care based upon ongoing collection of patient data including recognition of alterations to previous client conditions.
 - e. Reinforce client teaching that reflects patient preferences, individual learning needs while utilizing health literacy considerations.

- 2. Use clinical reasoning to make sound clinical judgement regarding care decisions within the scope of practice of the Practical Nurse.**
 - a. Demonstrate evidence-based clinical reasoning and judgment to ensure accurate and safe care when implementing all steps of the nursing process.
 - b. Anticipate risks, predict, and manage potential complications for clients experiencing common health problems, both expected and unexpected.
 - c. Prioritize client care while providing and promoting physiological and psychosocial safety
 - d. Perform nursing skills proficiently while following guidelines of evidence-based practice.

- 3. Collaborate with the interprofessional team, the client, and the client's support system utilizing therapeutic communication.**
 - a. Communicate pertinent, accurate, and complete information with the interprofessional healthcare team.
 - b. Utilize principles of therapeutic communication.
 - c. Utilize information technology to communicate, manage, and document nursing care.
 - d. Collaborate with the professional nurse to plan client safety and implement quality improvements.
 - e. Delegate appropriate nursing care tasks to unlicensed personnel, consistent with their educational preparation, skill, and experience.
 - f. Accept responsibility and accountability for the nursing care provided and the care delegated to others.
 - g. Advocate for clients, their families, and members of the healthcare team to promote healthy lifestyles, involving them in decision making and management of care, being sensitive to cultural diversity and specific needs.

- 4. Functions as a valued member of the profession of nursing.**
 - a. Accepts responsibility and accountability for one's own professional behavior.
 - b. Practices within the nursing profession's moral, ethical, legal, and regulatory framework as outlined for the Practical Nurse.
 - c. Utilizes current best practice guidelines to support nursing practice and quality improvement processes.
 - d. Identify situations in which should seek assistance that require knowledge/actions beyond individual expertise and scope of the PN practice to provide safe, quality care.

 - e. Utilize performance evaluations as means of continually improving one's own nursing practice.
 - f. Cultivate accountability, integrity, and responsibility for ongoing professional growth in nursing practice as a valid member of the health care team.