

EXPECTED GRADUATE COMPETENCIES (STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES)

NURSING CURRICULUM OUTCOME MEASURES

Upon graduation the East Central College Associate Degree graduate nurse will embody nursing as three roles: Nurse as provider of care, Nurse as manager of care and Member of the Nursing Profession. Clinical education throughout the program is designed to facilitate transition to professional nursing practice. This will be demonstrated as follows:

- A. Nurse as Provider of Care - Utilizes the nursing process as the basis for the delivery of health care across the life span while prioritizing care for multiple clients.
 - 1. Obtains data through assessment.
 - 2. Develops nursing diagnoses and priority goals.
 - 3. Develops, implements, evaluates, and revises individualized nursing plans of care.
 - 4. Incorporates individual learning needs to develop, implement, and evaluate the effectiveness of the teaching-learning plan.

- B. Nurse as Provider of Care - Practices within a framework of scientific evidence while implementing planned care, utilizing evidence-based practice and clinical reasoning to make sound judgments, ensuring safe, quality client-centered care for multiple clients.
 - 1. Utilizes principles of therapeutic nutrition, pathophysiology, and pharmacology.
 - 2. Identifies changes in health status which are expected and unexpected resulting in actual or potential problems that interfere with recovery or promotion of health.
 - 3. Provides and promotes physiological safety and psychosocial safety.
 - 4. Performs nursing skills proficiently based on scientific understanding and best-practice guidelines.
 - 5. Demonstrates complex evidence-based clinical reasoning and judgment supported by the most current research.

- C. Nurse as Provider of Care - Establishes and maintains therapeutic interpersonal relationships with clients, families, and professional relationships with members of the healthcare team.
 - 1. Utilizes principles of therapeutic communication
 - 2. Utilizes proper lines of authority in communicating with members of the healthcare team.
 - 3. Utilizes information technology to manage, document and communicate nursing care by contributing to the healthcare record to decrease error and support decision making.

- D. Nurse as Manager of Care - Serves as a manager of care for multiple clients continuously coordinating, managing, and promoting healthy lifestyles.
 - 1. Delivers nursing care while setting priorities, planning and organizing care, utilizing time and resources effectively and efficiently considering policy and finance of the healthcare system.
 - 2. Collaborates with and delegates aspects of nursing care to healthcare team members consistent with their educational preparation, skill, experience, and scope of practice.
 - 3. Accepts responsibility and accountability for the nursing care provided and the care delegated to others.
 - 4. Advocates 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.

- E. Member of the Nursing Profession - Functions as a member of the profession of nursing.
 - 1. Accepts responsibility and accountability for one's own professional behavior.
 - 2. Practices within the nursing profession's moral, ethical, legal, and regulatory framework.
 - 3. Utilizes current best practice guidelines to support nursing practice and quality improvement processes.
 - 4. Utilizes performance evaluations as means of continually improving one's own nursing practice.

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