St. Luke’s Hospital School of Nursing
at Moravian College
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

NURS 317: THE PROFESSIONAL NURSE
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CLASS: Friday, 8:50-11:00

CLINICAL: 120 Total Clinical Hours
As arranged: 24-32 Hours Per Week beginning March 14-April 10, 2005

CATALOG/COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Clinical practicum in which students establish their role as a professional nurse. Transition to entry-level practitioner by understanding of autonomy, interdependency, leadership, and collaboration.

COURSE CREDITS/UNITS/HOURS:
Course Units: 1
Theory Hours: 3
Clinical Hours: 8

PREREQUISITES: NURS 313, NURS 315

CO-REQUISITES: NURS 316 (if not taken previously)

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
1. Engage in continuous inquiry in use of nursing management research as it is developing for the profession.
2. Integrate family and community concepts in promoting, maintaining, and restoring health for individuals.
3. Provide a nursing leadership perspective in collaborating with clients and other care providers.
4. Develop accountability in the roles of professional nurse leader: practitioner, counselor, educator, advocate and coordinator.
5. Participates in the change process to influence health care delivery and to develop health policy.
6. Reflect values of morality, ethics, and spirituality for application to leadership in nursing practice.
REQUIRED TEXTS:


GRADED REQUIREMENTS:
Directives for the following requirements are available at the course web site on Blackboard:
15% Clinical Reflective Journals
10% Career Planning Project: Portfolio Review & Résumé
15% Management/Leadership Seminar
30% Midterm and Final Exams (15% each)
10% Creative Project
20% HESI Exit Exam (first time score)

NON-GRADED REQUIREMENTS:
Directives for the following requirements are available at the course web site on Blackboard:
   NCLEX Online Questions
   Virtual Chat
   Discussion of book, *Bed Number 10*

GRADING POLICY
Successful completion of the course requires a B- in graded course requirements and a satisfactory on the clinical evaluation tool and on requirements graded “S/U”. Students who do not receive a satisfactory in clinical will receive a course grade of “F”.

1. Assignments are expected on or before their due date. Five points per day will be deducted from a graded assignment or project grade for each day late up to 5 days. After that time assignments will not be accepted and will earn a grade of 0.

2. The grading scale is as follows:
   A   = 93-100
   A-  = 90-92
   B+  = 87-89
   B   = 83-86
   B-  = 80-82
   C+  = 77-79
   C   = 73-76
   C-  = 70-72
   D+  = 67-69
   D   = 60-66
   D-  = 60-62
   F   = <60

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS
1. Class attendance is an expectation. Students are expected to be prepared for all class meetings and to engage themselves in class discussion. They are expected to have completed online materials, study guide materials or other assignments prior to attending class. Students who are not prepared may not be able to meet course standards and are at risk for course failure. If unable to attend a class, please contact the course faculty prior to the class session to be missed via pager, phone or notification of Department Secretary. Failure to notify the instructor will result in one point off the final course grade based on 100 points. For each unexcused absence, students course grade will be lowered one letter grade (e.g. from an
A to A-). Students are responsible for obtaining any notes, handouts, or other class items from classmates.

2. Clinical attendance is mandatory. If a student is ill or unable to attend, s/he must contact the clinical agency, nurse preceptor and clinical instructor prior to the clinical experience. Alternative assignments may be required at the discretion of the course faculty. Failure to notify the instructor will result in one point off the final course grade.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
1. Evidence of plagiarism or academic dishonesty will be handled according to the college policy on academic honesty. This policy is described in the Moravian College Student Handbook, 2004-2005. Plagiarism is the intentional use of another’s words or ideas as your own. This can range from using another individual’s direct words or changing the words without appropriate citation. It also includes obtaining a paper from someone else, the Internet or a professional writing service.

2. Students are expected to uphold standards of conduct specified in the St. Luke’s School of Nursing Student Handbook, 2004-2005. The consequence of unacceptable behavior may be failure of this nursing course and non-completion of the nursing major.