

Spokane Community College

Course Title: Foundational Principles in Nursing

Prefix and Course Number: NURS 101

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, a student should be able to:

- Identify the foundational principles of professional nursing practice as a foundation for planning patient care
- Identify and discuss therapeutic and professional communication skills necessary to promote patient safety and positive patient outcomes
- Identify evidence-based safety and quality principles associated with patient care
- Identify legal aspects of professional delegation; identify the process of completing a comprehensive health assessment
- Identify cultural variables that impact patient preferences, values, and needs

Course Outline:

- I. Nursing Process
 - A. Identify nursing process of decision making tool
 - B. Select nursing diagnoses (ND) and recognize ND's as separate from medical diagnoses.
 - C. Apply nursing process in patient care settings.
- II. Caring
 - A. Introduce caring theories
 - B. Define nursing
 - C. Identify and describe caring behaviors
- III. Assessment
 - A. Identify the concepts and techniques of a comprehensive health assessment
- IV. Accountability
 - A. Identify the concepts duty, willingness, intent, ownership and commitment as it applies to nursing care.