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.