

NUR 412 : ISSUES AND TRENDS IN PROFESSIONAL NURSING

Transcript title

Issues and Trends in Nursing

Credits

6

Grading mode

Standard letter grades

Total contact hours

60

Lecture hours

60

Course Description

Analyzes the impact of economic, demographic, and technological forces on healthcare delivery and the concerns relating to ethical, legal, and social issues that influence nursing practice. A historical background gives perspective to current nursing problems, and future trends regarding their impact on roles and practice. Issues currently impacting professional nursing are examined. The potential transformation of nursing practice in response to societal changes will be explored, as well as the new opportunities these challenges have for career development.

Course learning outcomes

1. Discuss the evolution of the nursing profession in relation to current and future trends in nursing practice.
2. Analyze current ethical, economic, demographic, and technological challenges facing health care that impact the quality of nursing care.
3. Discuss the effect of professional organizations and standards on shaping nursing and career development.
4. Articulate the influence of legislation and societal change on the nursing profession.
5. Demonstrate effective communication and research skills when debating current and future healthcare issues and trends.

Content outline

1. Introduction to the historical background and evolution of the nursing profession
2. Current and future trends impacting the nursing role
3. Economic, demographic, and technological influences on healthcare
4. Ethical, legal, and social issues influencing nursing care
5. Professional nursing organizations and standards
6. The transformation of nursing practice related to societal changes and legislation

Required materials

Textbook required.