Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

NUR 118     Physical Assessment

CREDIT HOURS:  1.00

CONTACT HOURS:  30.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course focuses on nursing knowledge and skills necessary to conduct an adult physical assessment and document assessment findings on a healthy adult. Deviations from normal adult physical assessment and geriatric assessment findings will also be identified. The level of skill to be attained is comparable to the nursing assessment in an acute care setting. Students expand in the usage of critical thinking and the nursing process, legal and ethical issues in nursing practice, communication strategies, safety and infection control, cultural concepts and culturally responsive care, loss and grief, as well as, factors promoting physiological and psychosocial health through client/patient education that are integrated throughout the curriculum in this course. In level I, first year, first semester of the nursing program, emphasis is on the nursing student as a care giver and the responsibilities this entails. This course includes an embedded laboratory component.

PREREQUISITES: ENG 119, BIO 240, BIO 250, BIO 295, PSY 101 and Admission to the Nursing Program

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

1. Develop physical assessment skills to be used in professional nursing practice
2. Uses effective communication skills when performing physical assessment
3. Apply physical assessment skills to gather data for the nursing process
4. Identify variations in physical assessment
5. Describe caring constructs related to physical assessment
6. Discuss use of teaching/learning principles related to physical assessment
7. Describe the role of the nurse in physical assessment
8. Consider knowledge from nursing and general education courses when implementing physical assessment

ASSESSMENT METHODS:
Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:
90%-100% = A
80%-89.9% = B
70%-79.9% = C
60%-69.9% = D
<60% = E