CREDIT HOURS: 4.00

CONTACT HOURS: 120.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course introduces the student to the nursing profession including history, standards of practice, legal and ethical issues, nursing process, and foundational nursing skills. An emphasis is placed on the roles and responsibilities of the nurse as a caregiver. Students will apply the skills learned a supervised laboratory practicum to develop care for clients in today’s changing health care environment.

PREREQUISITE:
ENG 119, BIO 155, BIO 240, BIO 250, BIO 295, PSY 101

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

- Describe the role and responsibilities of the nurse as a caregiver and member of the multidisciplinary team
- Verbalize the importance evidence-based practice (EBP) in lab skills and nursing practice
- Demonstrate lab skills to provide for patient health, healing, diversity, respect, and dignity
- Implement nursing decisions based on patient’s unique needs while completing lab skills.
- Define standards within the context of the nursing processes while making patient decisions with lab skills.

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