CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 90.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course introduces the student to the dynamics of human behavior during psychiatric illness. Principles and concepts of mental health, mental health interventions, and therapeutic environments are explored. Use of evidence-based practice is integrated to provide the student with current trends to better facilitate the development of clinical reasoning skills. Student skills in the application of the nursing process are sharpened in managing care of the diverse psychiatric patient.

PREREQUISITE: ENG 119, BIO 155, BIO 240, BIO 250, BIO 295, PSY 101, NUR 110, NUR 118, NUR 112, NUR 119, NUR 114, NUR 116

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

- Examine the roles and responsibilities of the nurse as a caregiver and member of the psychiatric multidisciplinary team.
- Distinguish evidence-based practice (EBP) for determining quality and safe practice in the psycho-social care of the patients.
- Collaborate with multiple disciplines during patient centered care clinical experiences to diverse patients.
- Apply therapeutic communication techniques to display compassion and respect when responding to the unique psycho-social care needs of the patient.
- Advocate for patient care need variations when providing mental health-psychiatric nursing care.

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