



## Davis Applied Technology College

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### Course Descriptions - Practical Nurse Catalog Year: 2012

#### **NRSG 0000 Practical Nursing General Education Courses - 0 Hours**

Completion of this course recognizes the general education requirements have been met for graduation from Practical Nursing. The following general education courses are available from a college or university with regional accreditation.

#### **NRSG 1020 Introduction to Nursing - 60 Hours**

This course will introduce the student to nursing as a professional discipline and students will understand their role as a member of an interdisciplinary healthcare team. Principles of therapeutic communication, teamwork, delegation, and teaching/learning theories will be presented. The nursing process and culturally competent nursing care will also be emphasized. Evidence-based nursing practice will be explored and used as a guide for teaching principles of patient safety and quality of care. Legal and ethical aspects of nursing practice will be covered in addition to the role of informatics in nursing.

#### **NRSG 1021 Fundamentals of Nursing Care Practice - 120 Hours**

Patient-centered care will be emphasized in this course as students learn basic nursing skills associated with the care of patients with medical/surgical conditions. Patient safety will be emphasized as students learn the administration of medications including dosage calculations. Students will practice in a simulated lab setting and pass off key skills before applying them in clinical settings associated with the Nursing Principles across the Lifespan Course.

#### **NRSG 1022 Principles of Nursing Across the Lifespan - 300 Hours**

Developmental concepts throughout the lifespan are the framework for this course. Beginning with genetics, all aspects of growth and development from fetal development to geriatrics are examined. Childhood growth and development will emphasize safety principles and care during hospitalization. Young adult growth and development will include a discussion on human sexuality. Adult growth and development will include perinatal nursing and the care of woman, infants, and families during the childbearing process. Geriatric growth and development will focus on the aging population and the many adjustments associated with this period of life. This is both a didactic and clinical course where the concepts learned in this and other foundational courses will be applied in simulated labs and clinical settings.

#### **NRSG 1023 Patient Focused Care - 360 Hours**

This course builds upon the principles of nursing presented in the first semester foundation courses. Utilizing evidence-based research, students will learn medical/surgical and psychiatric nursing practices as they apply to both adult and pediatric patients. This didactic and clinical course is designed to provide students with experience in caring for patients with conditions in acute care settings. Students will use the nursing process to assess, plan, and evaluate their nursing interventions.

#### **NRSG 1024 Pharmacological Nursing Care - 90 Hours**

This course will continue to focus on the safe administration of medications including dosage calculations. Categories of pharmacological agents will provide the framework for organizing this course. Information regarding desired effects, side effects, drug contraindications, patient education, methods of administration, and the effects of age on reactions to medications will be included. Nursing responsibilities associated with the administration of pharmacological agents will be emphasized.