Course Information

Credits 2
Campus Washburn Institute of Technology
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Description
This course explores basic concepts and trends in mental health nursing. Therapeutic modalities and client behavior management are discussed. Emphasis is placed on using the nursing process and meeting the basic human needs of the mental health client.

Textbooks

Student Learning Outcomes:
A. Communicate effectively
B. Integrate technology
C. Learn effectively
D. Demonstrate cooperative teamwork skills
E. Apply safety in the workplace
F. Think critically and creatively
G. Demonstrate responsible work ethics

Competencies
1. Explore the concepts of mental health, wellness and illness.
2. Explore nursing care for clients with behavior management needs.
3. Adapt therapeutic communication to the mental health client.
4. Explore nursing care for clients experiencing with end of life, grief and loss issues.
5. Explore nursing care for clients with common mental health needs.
6. Identify nursing care for clients experiencing abuse, neglect, or chemical dependency.
7. Investigate therapeutic modalities.
Guidelines for Success

Assessment Plan
Assessment is an integral part of the educational process at Washburn Tech and accurate feedback is an important tool in continuously improving the institution’s technical programs. Students can expect to participate in assessment activities prior to entry into programs, within specific courses and following program completion for specific fields of study.

Grading Rationale and Grading Scale
Course grade reports will be given to students following each semester. Written examinations and course grades will be assigned according to the following scale:

- **A**  94-100%  Excellent
- **B**  87-93%  Above Average
- **C**  80-86%  Average
- **D**  75-79%  Unsatisfactory/Failing
- **F**  Below 75%  Failing

Attendance
Students are expected to maintain a minimum attendance consisting of no more than 90% of the total contact hours in the curriculum (10% absence). Students are expected to attend all classes to promote optimal learning. Emergency situations which are beyond the control of the student at the time and could not have been foreseen or planned for in advance will be considered individually by the Health Occupations Coordinator and/or Associate Director of Student Services upon written request by the student. A student is expected to notify the program office when absent before the start of class. Students are expected to treat attendance during the program the same as they would work.

Disability
The Special Support Services (SSS) Office is responsible for assisting in arranging accommodations and for identifying resources at Washburn Institute of Technology for persons with disabilities. Qualified students with disabilities MUST register and provide documentation with the office to be eligible for services. New requests for accommodations should be submitted two months or more prior to the date services should begin; however, contact the SSS Office as soon as a need may arise. Depending on the accommodation request, four to eight week lead time may be needed for timely and effective provision of services. SSS coordinates and assist in arranging services it deems appropriate of eligible students on a case-by-case basis.

If you are a student with a disability that may substantially limit your ability to participate in this class and believe you will need accommodations, it is your responsibility to contact:

Special Support Services Coordinator
Phone:  785-228-6356
E-Mail:  ssscoordinator@washburn.edu