

# Common Course Outline

NURN 234

Nursing Concepts II

5 Credits

## The Community College of Baltimore County

### Description

NURN 234 – Nursing Concepts II prepares students for the role of the nurse generalist in the provision of complex nursing care to patients, families and communities. Emphasis is placed on the nursing concepts of elimination, immunity, end of life and community based nursing care. Supervised simulation and clinical experiences are designed to enhance students' development of clinical reasoning, and clinical judgment.

**5 credits:** 2.6 credits of theory (39 clock hours) and 2.4 credit hours simulation/lab/clinical (108.5 clock hours)

**Prerequisite:** NURN 160 (with a grade of C or higher)

### Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. utilize nursing judgment to create a patient-centered care plan for alterations in elimination and immunity, and for end of life;
2. determine a nursing plan of care to prevent and manage complications related to alterations in elimination and immunity;
3. examine evidence-based practices related to alterations in elimination and immunity;
4. explain pharmacologic principles in the care of a patient with alterations in elimination and immunity, and for end of life;
5. integrate safety into the nursing management of patients with alterations in elimination and immunity and at the end of life;
6. recommend health promotion activities for patients with alterations in elimination and immunity;
7. evaluate informatics resources related to the care of patients with alterations in elimination and/or immunity;
8. examine nursing roles in multiple community settings;
9. differentiate philosophies of care in multiple community settings;
10. explain management of patients with communicable diseases;
11. examine nursing roles in preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative areas; and
12. compare and contrast the nursing care in the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative areas.

### Major Topics

- I. Nursing Care of the Patient with Elimination Issues
  - A. Gastrointestinal Elimination
    1. Inflammatory Bowel Disease

2. Pancreatitis
3. Cholecystitis
- B. Renal/Urinary Elimination
  1. Obstructive Problems
  2. Glomerulonephritis
  3. Acute Renal Failure
- II. Nursing Care of the Patient with Immunity Issues
  - A. Autoimmune Disorders
  - B. Immunosuppression
  - C. Influenza
- III. Community Based Nursing Care
  - A. Role of the Nurse
  - B. Philosophies of Care
  - C. Management of Communicable Disease
    1. Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)
    2. Lyme's Disease
    3. Chlamydia
    4. Norovirus
  - D. Home health/Hospice
  - E. Disaster Nursing
- IV. Nursing Care at the End of Life
  - A. Theories
  - B. Symptom Management
  - C. Bereavement and Grief

## **Course Requirements**

An overall grade of C (75.00%) or higher is required for satisfactory completion of the course.

Grading: Grading procedures will be determined by the course faculty members but will include the following:

### Grading/Exams:

- A minimum of three theory examinations. The exam average must equal 75.00% or higher to pass the course.
- A minimum of two quizzes.
- A minimum of two clinical writing assignments, such as a clinical analysis report or a case study analysis.

Written Assignments: A minimum of one writing assignment. Students are required to utilize appropriate academic resources.

### Simulation Lab/Clinical Requirements:

- Attendance at all assigned clinical and simulation experiences.
- Satisfactory completion of all clinical assignments.
- Satisfactory performance in the clinical experience.