A. Course Description

Credits: 3

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week:

MnTC Goals: None

This course focuses on the holistic care of clients experiencing mental health challenges. Psychiatric disorders, populations at risk, and the continuum of care delivery are addressed. Emphasis will be placed on the application of assessment skills and nursing interventions relating to psychiatric clinical conditions through didactic and simulation experiences. The effects of ethical, legal, cultural, and political factors on care of the mentally ill are examined. The Healing through Caring theoretical model is used as the basis for planning, implementing, and evaluating nursing care.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/15/2009 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Analyze the effects of ethical, legal, cultural, and political factors on the care of clients experiencing mental health challenges.
2. Apply critical thinking in the care of clients experiencing mental health challenges.
3. Assess mental health services in the community.
4. Differentiate among anticipated client system responses to mental health challenges at various developmental stages and ages.
5. Explain the underlying pathology, clinical presentation, and nursing assessments and interventions required in specific psychiatric disease states and situations.
6. Integrate the Healing through Caring model and other relevant theories into holistic nursing practice with clients experiencing mental health challenges.
7. Utilize current research in understanding mental health nursing practice.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

None