

NURS G052N: CARE OF THE ELDERLY ADULT PRACTICUM

Item	Value
Curriculum Committee Approval Date	10/04/2022
Top Code	130900 - Gerontology
Units	0 Total Units
Hours	20 Total Hours (Lab Hours 20)
Total Outside of Class Hours	0
Course Credit Status	Noncredit (N)
Material Fee	No
Basic Skills	Not Basic Skills (N)
Repeatable	Yes; Repeat Limit 99
Grading Policy	P/NP/SP Non-Credit (D)

Course Description

This noncredit course is the practicum portion of NURS G051N. Emphasis will be placed on the demonstration of vital sign assessments, safe use of mobility devices, and proper body mechanic techniques while caring for the elderly patient population. Ten of the twenty lab hours may be completed off-site under supervision. PREREQUISITE: NURS G050N. COREQUISITE: NURS G051N. NOT DEGREE APPLICABLE. Not Transferable.

Course Level Student Learning Outcome(s)

1. Course Outcomes
2. Demonstrate skills in vital signs assessment.
3. Employ appropriate use of mobility techniques and devices.
4. Use safe body mechanics while working with the elderly patient.

Course Objectives

- 1. Identify normal and abnormal parameters while obtaining vital signs in elderly patients.
- 2. Demonstrate safe use of mobility devices and safe body mechanics when caring for elderly patients.

Lecture Content

Lab Content

Demonstration and practice of assessment skills Blood pressure Pulse Respiration Pain Temperature Demonstration and practice of ambulation devices Walkers Crutches Wheelchairs Canes Proper patient repositioning Body mechanic techniques in caregivers

Method(s) of Instruction

- Enhanced NC Lab (NC2)

Reading Assignments

Handouts provided by instructor

Writing Assignments

Complete fill-in portions of handouts provided by instructor

Out-of-class Assignments

Read the provided handouts and watch videos

Demonstration of Critical Thinking

Case study, role play using proper body mechanics and ambulation devices.

Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration

Demonstrate skills in vital signs assessment, appropriate use of mobility techniques and device, and proper body mechanic techniques.

Eligible Disciplines

Nursing: Masters degree in nursing OR bachelors degree in nursing AND masters degree in health education or health science OR the equivalent OR the minimum qualifications as set by the Board of Registered Nursing, whichever is higher. Masters degree required.

Textbooks Resources

1. Required Townsend, K.. Fundamental Concepts and Skills for the Patient Care Technician, 2nd ed. Mosby, 2022 Rationale: To master information and skills needed to be a Senior Healthcare Technician.