RATIONALE

Medical – Surgical Nursing III is a course designed to introduce concepts of Medical Surgical Nursing with emphasis on meeting the needs of the whole client. This course enhances the student's ability to assess, implement, and evaluate nursing interventions as they apply to medical or surgical patients. Successful students will assimilate the care needs of the client in conjunction with their disease process or surgical intervention.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Medical – Surgical Nursing III enhances the student's ability to incorporate the nursing process as it relates to various disease processes and health promotion. Specific body systems and the disease processes associated with them will be covered in the areas of etiology, diagnosis, signs and symptoms, treatment and nursing considerations. The student has the opportunity to apply the concepts of this course throughout the clinical portion of the program.

MOST IMPORTANT LEARNER OUTCOMES

1. Identify the various disease processes and how they affect different body systems.
2. Identify and plan individual nursing care based on the nursing process.
3. Demonstrate and continue to develop leadership and management skills.
4. Identify the issues and trends that are affecting the medical-surgical nurse.
5. Identify assessment skills and the application of the nursing process in clinical practice.
6. Identify the psychosocial aspects that affect a patient's reaction to illness
7. Identify ways to prevent infection in all patients and the nursing care involved in treating the patient who does experience an infection.
8. Identify the nursing care for patients with chronic illness, including those in extended-care facility.

EVALUATION

Evaluations of student performance and understanding in Medical-Surgical Nursing III will be accomplished through instructor observations during learning team activities, individual projects, and written examinations. Core competencies required to pass the course and standards of North Central Accreditation are utilized by the instructor as the established benchmarks.