

Imperial Valley College
Division of Nursing and Health Technologies
COURSE SYLLABUS
NURSING 204: Transition to Associate Degree Nursing

Course Description

This course facilitates the transition of advanced placement student (Licensed Vocational Nursing) into the associate degree nursing program. It provides an introduction to becoming a provider of care and member of the discipline as roles of the R.N. The course provides an introduction to the nursing process and critical thinking as a process to learn and improve nursing practice. Emphasis is placed on the acquisition and utilization of the nursing process as a basis for care. Concepts related to program philosophy, conceptual framework, cultural sensitivity, delegation, growth and development and role expectations and emphasized. Advanced assessment knowledge, skills and practice in the classroom and laboratory are completed.

Prerequisites, if any:

1. Completion of advanced placement requirements according to the Imperial Valley College Catalog
2. Possess an active California LVN license
3. At least 6 months of work experience as an LVN
4. Possess an IV Therapy Certificate from an approved program in California
5. Microbiology (BIO 220) for degree applicants or Microbiology (BIOL 092) for students seeking the 30 unit option.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate successful strategies for test-taking at the RN level.
2. Cite the role and legal limitations of the Registered Nurse.
3. Discuss the role and scope of practice of the Registered Nursing as a leader and provider of care.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking and nursing practice at the Registered Nursing level.
5. Utilize the nursing process to assess, develop nursing diagnoses, plan, implement and evaluate care.
6. Exhibit proficiency in all skills required to enter as an advanced placement student.
7. Demonstrate the concepts of time-management in the implementation of patient care.
8. Describe the principles of nursing care for medical-surgical clients with complications of normal physiology.
9. Review the physiology of pregnancy and the nurse's role in providing care.
10. Recognize the complications of normal pregnancy and implement appropriate nursing actions.
11. Review the transitional and normal physiology of a neonate.
12. Recognize complications of the transitional and newborn neonate; describe and implement appropriate nursing actions.