NSG 310: Nutrition and Health

Credit Hours: 3 credit hours

Meeting times and Locations:
Fully Online. No required in class sessions.

Pre-Requisite and/or Co-Requisite:
None.

Course Description:
This online course focuses on basic concepts of nutrition for those students that are pursuing careers in nursing and other allied health fields. This course covers healthy nutrition through the life cycle, selected cultural variation, diet and physical activity, medical nutrition therapy and selected diseases, and food safety.

Student Learning Outcome:
At the conclusion of this course, the student will achieve the following identified course objectives:

- Describe nutritional requirements across the life cycle including selected cultural groups.
- Discuss the role of nutrition in promoting and maintaining health.
- Describe the appropriate methods for safe tracking, storage and preparation of food to prevent illness.
- State interventions to provide adequate nutrition for clients with specific clinical disorders including diabetes, cardiovascular disease, renal insufficiency, and hepatic insufficiency.
- Develop patient and family teaching plans for healthy nutrition.

Teaching Strategies:

- Online Lectures
- Selected literature search
- Online activities
- Readings
- Case studies
Online Testing

**Evaluation Methods/Learning Outcomes:**

**Course Activities:**

1. **Remember to budget your time!** Typically you will spend at least 9 hours per session on class activities for this online class. For a 3 credit class of nutrition education you are expected to:
   
   - review the online lecture/study notes
   - complete all assigned readings in the required text
   - access and review online web resources as needed
   - complete activities as directed
   - submit the online test for each session

2. Online sessions will include lecture/study notes (supplemented with your readings in the required text), web resources, activities, and a test to be completed for each session.

3. Online tests, although taken at your geographical and time convenience, should be treated as a classroom based examination experience. This means you should study prior to taking the examination and refrain from using study and lecture material during the test. To prepare for the test you are encouraged to review lecture and reading material, and complete all activities.

4. All online tests must be submitted prior to the end of the course. **Please NOTE:** The online tests are timed according to the number of questions. The time limit will be clearly posted before you begin the test. You can access the test only once. Therefore, once you start the test you must finish it! Academic honesty requires you not share test information with others.

4. **Questions about the course or content should be emailed to the course facilitator, Nellie Wixom at nellie_wixom@urmc.rochester.edu**

**Evaluation:**

Online tests are 100%. The first 11 tests are weighted for 8% and the last test is weighted for 12% of the overall grade.

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Written work must be original and you must cite all reference sources according to APA (2001). The instructor reserves the right not to accept poorly written papers (e.g., incorrect grammar, spelling, sentence structure, format, etc.). Such papers will be returned to students neither read nor graded. Students will then be expected to resubmit a revised readable document for evaluation on a set date. Papers are to be typewritten, double-spaced, and proofread before submission.

The final numerical grade will be converted to a letter grade based on the following scale for undergraduate credits:

- A = 93-100
- A-= 90-92
- B+ = 87-89
- B = 83-86
- B-= 80-82
- C+ = 77-79
- C = 73-76
- C-= 70-72
- D+ = 67-69
- D = 63-66
- D-= 60-62
- F = Below 60

**Required and Recommended Texts**

**Required:** Nutritional Foundations and Clinical Applications, A Nursing Approach by Michele Grodner, 6th edition 2015

**PLEASE NOTE:** The textbook is required for class activities, readings and to supplement the online lectures! The book can be purchased through the bookstore.

**The Barnes and Noble Bookstore at the University of Rochester Medical Center** sells texts and materials for all Nursing School classes. The Service Desk will handle any special needs or questions (585-275-4012). You can also order books on-line through the Medical Center bookstore at urochester.bncollege.com
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**Bb Activity: Healthy People 2020**  
(not graded or submitted, enhancement only) |
| **Session Two: Digestion, Absorption, & Metabolism; Carbohydrates; and Fats** | Lecture #2  
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(not graded or submitted, enhancement only) |
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Activities:

Activity 1 Session #1: Healthy People 2020

Access the website for Healthy People 2020 (found in Session 1). Review the Healthy People 2020 documents and identify the goals/objectives that apply to nutrition.

Activity 2 Session #3: "Brown Bag Meal Plan"

Create a full day meal plan with adequate and appropriate choices for a generally healthy intake for yourself. Assure to address:

- Adequacy in meeting DRI (carbohydrate, protein, fat).
- Go to Choosemyplate.gov and go to My Tracker to input your foods for nutritional analysis and identify how your meal plan meets recommended nutritional needs based on the new Choose My Plate icon.
- Identify the percent of CHO, protein, and fat for the total day.
- Rationale of meal plan: defend your choices in terms of cost, palatability, color, age-appropriate, texture, appeal.
- Food safety plan: For the lunch meal, discuss how to prevent spoilage.

Activity 3 Session #4: Fad Diet Literature Search

Complete an online search of the scientific/peer reviewed literature and review an article that critiques a popular "fad diet". Identify the benefits and disadvantages to the diet under review.

Review of the scientific literature for evidence pro and con for a popular fad diet.

Activity 4 Session #5: Community Research Project
Review a community research project assessing the nutritional health of seniors from Washington State. description.htm#purpose

As you review the study identify:

1. ...Why did the group feel this study was important?
2. ...What were the steps the group went through to implement the study?
3. ...What methods were used to collect the data?
4. ...What are the findings?
5. ...What are the implications for practice?

**Activity 5 Session #6: Case Studies**

Review the interactive case studies on the link provided in session 6.

**Activity 6 Session #12: Therapeutic Diet Teaching Plan** Uncomplicated Cardiovascular Patient Case Study

Review the case study, answer select questions, and use the Teaching Plan Outline Template to develop a teaching plan for the patient.

You will be given a case study and Teaching Plan Outline Template for a patient with a new uncomplicated cardiovascular condition.

Outline your teaching plan including topics, content, teaching methods, timeframe, and evaluation. Identify other issues you may need to consider when teaching patients about nutrition therapy to maximize compliance (i.e, lifestyle, preferences, age-specific issues, finances).

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