Welcome to N487 Practicum in Nursing: Work-Study Experience!

Course Description: This course provides the student an opportunity to participate in a work-study experience in participating health care agencies. Students participate in a reflective experience that integrates classroom and experiential learning.

Course Objectives:

1. Prioritize and perform designated nursing skills within their scope of practice safely and accurately with appropriate supervision and within the employing agencies job description.
2. Develop interpersonal and interdisciplinary relationships that foster teamwork and communication among all members of the healthcare team, the client and family.
3. Describe the development of a professional identity focusing on the interactions observed, actions taken, and the interactions among healthcare team members.
4. Develop self-assessment and independent thinking skills through the use of an individualized learning contract and reflective writing assignments.
5. Apply legal, ethical and professional guidelines in providing client care.

In this course, students secure employment or a volunteer position in a clinical care setting that is subsequently approved for the N487 work-study experience course, and identify a Registered Nurse for supervision/mentoring during the work-study experience. If a position is not secured within three weeks of the start of the summer session, students are to notify the course coordinator to arrange adjustments to assignment due dates. The assignments for the online course are designed to support the work-study experience and progression into practice. The student is required to complete a minimum of 84 hours for the work-study experience.

The student must be certified as an NA I & NA II by the North Carolina Board of Nursing [www.ncbon.com]; or have comparable certification in a state other than NC if that is where the student will be employed; or have licensure as an LPN. Appropriate documentation MUST be kept on file at the School of Nursing.

NOTE: All students who are registered for N487 should plan to attend course orientation held prior to the beginning of the summer semester. Date TBA.

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