

# NURSING (NURS)

## NURS-115 Wellness for Care Providers

### 1 Credit

**Lecture:** 1 hour per week

**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course prepares students entering the Associate's Degree Nursing Program to maintain self-care as a priority, providing a foundation for subsequent nursing courses. Students will become familiar with the roles and responsibilities of the professional nurse in self-care and learn positive ways in which nurses can contribute to the culture of quality and safety in healthcare.

## NURS-196 LPN Transition

### 4 Credits

**Lecture:** 2 hours per week, **Lab:** 2 hours per week

**Offering:** Summer Only, All Years

This course is intended for students who are Licensed Practical Nurses and are seeking advanced placement in the Associate Degree Nursing Program at North Idaho College. The course consists of 30 hours of lecture and includes both classroom and online components. The course is designed to provide content from the first year nursing courses that is not typically covered in LPN programs. The course content includes legal/ethical issues, teaching/learning principles, therapeutic communication, group and nursing process, and dosage calculations. The 90-hour clinical component is designed to transition the LPN to the RN student role, as well as introduce the student to the ADN Program requirements.

## NURS-198 Nursing Practice Clinical Practicum

### 1 Credit

**Lab:** 22 hours per week

**Offering:** Summer Only, All Years

This course provides students with opportunities to apply the theory and skills from preceding nursing courses in clinical nursing practice. Patient care experience in an acute care health setting allows students to further develop skills in critical thinking and application of the nursing process, effective communication with patients, family and other health care providers, and implementing therapeutic nursing interventions. This course may be repeated twice for credit.

## NURS-201 Fundamentals of Nursing

### 2 Credits

**Lecture:** 2 hours per week

**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course prepares students entering the Associate's Degree Nursing Program to care for others, while providing a foundation for subsequent nursing courses. Students will become familiar with the roles and responsibilities of the professional nurse, and the culture of quality and safety in healthcare.

**Prerequisites:** BIOL-227, COMM-101, ENGL-101, GEM 3 MATH course, PSYC-101

**Corequisites:** NURS-210, NURS-215, NURS-225

**Pre/Corequisites:** BIOL-228, SOC-101

## NURS-210 Fundamentals of Nursing Lab

### 2 Credits

**Lab:** 6 hours per week

**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course prepares students entering the Associate's Degree Nursing Program to provide nursing care to assist individuals in meeting basic human needs, while providing a foundation for subsequent nursing courses. Students will apply concepts of quality and safety in the care of patients to meet basic human needs.

**Prerequisites:** BIOL-227, COMM-101, ENGL-101, GEM 3 MATH Course, PSYC-101

**Corequisites:** NURS-201, NURS-215, NURS-225

**Pre/Corequisites:** BIOL-228, SOC-101

## NURS-215 Physical Assessment With Lab

### 1 Credit

**Lecture:** 1 hour per week, **Lab:** 1.5 hours per week

**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course prepares students to perform both comprehensive and focused physical assessments, while providing a foundation for subsequent nursing courses. Students will learn how to identify normal and abnormal assessment data, and document and communicate patient conditions.

**Prerequisites:** BIOL-227, COMM-101, ENGL-101, GEM 3 MATH Course, PSYC-101

**Corequisites:** NURS-201, NURS-210, NURS-225

**Pre/Corequisites:** BIOL-228, SOC-101

## NURS-225 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice

### 1 Credit

**Lecture:** 1 hour per week

**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course prepares students in basic pharmacology concepts with an emphasis on safe administration of medications, while providing a foundation for subsequent nursing courses. Students will become familiar with medication classification, implications of medication administration in special populations, medication dosage calculation, error prevention systems, and clinical tools that support well-informed decision making.

**Prerequisites:** BIOL-227, COMM-101, ENGL-101, GEM 3 MATH course, PSYC-101

**Corequisites:** NURS-201, NURS-210, NURS-215

**Pre/Corequisites:** BIOL-228, SOC-101

## NURS-235 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing With Lab

### 1 Credit

**Lecture:** 1 hour per week, **Lab:** 1 hour per week

**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course prepares students to provide nursing care to individuals with mental and behavioral problems. This course is a continuation of prior nursing courses. Students will apply the nursing process in support of evidence-based and equitable interdisciplinary care that maintains patient safety and promotes illness recovery.

**Prerequisites:** BIOL-228, NURS-115, NURS-201, NURS-210, NURS-215, NURS-225, SOC-101

**Corequisites:** NURS-250, NURS-255

**Pre/Corequisites:** BACT-250, ENGL-102

**NURS-240 Nursing Care of Child-Bearing Families With Lab****2 Credits****Lecture:** 1.5 hours per week, **Lab:** 1.5 hours per week**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course prepares students to provide nursing care to individuals and families within the childbearing continuum, which includes sexuality, childbirth, and children. This course is a continuation of prior nursing courses. Students will demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to prevent injury and provide safe care to this patient population. Students will demonstrate professional communication and standards during the planning and delivery of family-centered care.

**Prerequisites:** BACT-250, ENGL-102, NURS-235, NURS-250, NURS-255**Corequisites:** NURS-260, NURS-265**Pre/Corequisites:** GEM 5 Course**NURS-245 Community Health Nursing****1 Credit****Lecture:** 1 hour per week**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course prepares students to provide nursing care across the lifespan to groups and populations with disease and health issues. This course is a continuation of prior nursing courses. Students will examine healthcare and habits of individuals and groups in various cultures and socioeconomic states. Students will also focus on health promotion and disease prevention and on methods to reduce morbidity and mortality. This course offers a service-learning component in the application of nursing knowledge, skills, and attitudes.

**Prerequisites:** GEM 5 Course, NURS-240, NURS-260, NURS-265**Corequisites:** INTR-2500, NURS-270, NURS-275**Pre/Corequisites:** GEM 5 Course**NURS-250 Medical Surgical Nursing I****3 Credits****Lecture:** 3 hours per week**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course prepares students to provide nursing care to adult patients with acute and chronic medical-surgical conditions, with an emphasis on chronic conditions. This course is a continuation of prior nursing courses. Students will learn roles and responsibilities of the developing nurse in planning and delivering evidence-based patient care using the nursing process.

**Prerequisites:** BIOL-228, NURS-115, NURS-201, NURS-210, NURS-215, NURS-225, SOC-101**Corequisites:** NURS-235, NURS-255**Pre/Corequisites:** BACT-250, ENGL-102**NURS-255 Medical Surgical Nursing Lab I****3 Credits****Lab:** 9 hours per week**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course prepares students to provide nursing care to stable patients with acute and chronic illnesses. This course is a continuation of prior nursing courses. Students will apply roles and responsibilities of the developing nurse, collaborating with the healthcare team to plan and deliver evidence-based patient care using the nursing process.

**Prerequisites:** BIOL-228, NURS-115, NURS-201, NURS-210, NURS-215, NURS-225, SOC-101**Corequisites:** NURS-235, NURS-250**Pre/Corequisites:** BACT-250, ENGL-102**NURS-260 Medical Surgical Nursing II****4 Credits****Lecture:** 4 hours per week**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course prepares students to integrate the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to care for patients and families experiencing complex acute and chronic illness. This course is a continuation of prior nursing courses. Students will develop problem-solving and clinical reasoning skills necessary to coordinate and deliver comprehensive nursing care in a variety of settings using the nursing process.

**Prerequisites:** BACT-250, ENGL-102, NURS-235, NURS-250, NURS-255**Corequisites:** NURS-240, NURS-265**Pre/Corequisites:** GEM 5 Course**NURS-265 Medical Surgical Nursing Lab II****4 Credits****Lab:** 12 hours per week**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course prepares students to provide nursing care to patients in a variety of settings. This course is a continuation of prior nursing courses. Emphasis will be on the multiple dimensions of safe patient care, including teamwork, interprofessional communication technologies, and patient/family values. Students will demonstrate application of the nursing process that utilizes strategies based on research, clinical expertise, and quality improvement principles.

**Prerequisites:** BACT-250, ENGL-102, NURS-235, NURS-250, NURS-255**Corequisites:** NURS-240, NURS-260**Pre/Corequisites:** GEM 5 Course

**NURS-270 Transition to Nursing Practice****1 Credit****Lecture:** 1 hour per week**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course prepares students to transition from nursing student to registered nurse. This course is a continuation of prior nursing courses. Students will be introduced to advanced concepts related to the role of the nurse as a member of the profession, provider of patient-centered care, patient advocate, and member of the healthcare team. Emphasis is placed on the utilization of evidence-based practice and informatics to promote safety and quality in healthcare. This course also provides additional instruction to assist students in career planning and development as well as preparing for NCLEX success and licensure.

**Prerequisites:** GEM 5 Course, NURS-240, NURS-260, NURS-265**Corequisites:** INTR-2500, NURS-245, NURS-275**Pre/Corequisites:** GEM 5 Course**NURS-275 Transition to Nursing Practice Lab****3 Credits****Lab:** 9 hours per week**Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course prepares students to provide safe and effective nursing care. This course is a continuation of prior nursing courses. Students will participate in clinical practicum experiences which provide opportunities to further develop competencies in patient-centered care, teamwork and collaboration, safety, quality, informatics, and evidence-based practice. Satisfactory completion of this course prepares students for entry into professional nursing practice.

**Prerequisites:** GEM 5 Course, NURS-240, NURS-260, NURS-265**Corequisites:** INTR-2500, NURS-245, NURS-270**Pre/Corequisites:** GEM 5 Course**NURS-294 Nursing Practice IV****8 Credits****Lecture:****Offering:** Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course focuses on providing nursing care at any of the six levels of health care: preventative, primary, secondary, tertiary, restorative, and continuing care. The course also focuses on providing nursing care for persons and families experiencing pregnancy and childbirth. The course emphasizes the development of critical thinking and the development of competencies required to provide care for individuals, families, and groups of patients in a variety of health care settings. Learning experiences take place in acute care and long term care facilities, and community health care settings. The hallmark of this course is the precepting experience which provides the student opportunities to develop competencies in providing care, clinical decision making, collaborating with other health care providers, and professional development.

**Prerequisites:** NURS-290**Corequisites:** ENGL-114A, NURS-294L