

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: PNE142

Credits: 3

Course Title: Nursing Skills II

Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts): Studies principles and procedures essential to the basic nursing care of patients. Continues fundamental nursing knowledge and skills begun in PNE 141. Prerequisites: PNE 141 and 143. Corequisite: PNE 173. Lecture 1 hour. Laboratory 6 hours. Total 7 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: To provide the student with an opportunity to apply the basic nursing skills they learned in PNE 141 and PNE 143 to the care of the patient in an acute care setting with emphasis on the care of the adult surgical patient in an inpatient and/or outpatient setting. Introduces the student to ethical and legal issues in nursing and health care.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites Prerequisites: PNE 141 and 143; Corequisite: PNE 173

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Discuss basic factors affecting practical nursing within the context of ethical, legal, economic, social and political forces and practice standards
- b. Apply basic skills of therapeutic communication in the delivery of care noting and documenting the interactions via appropriate methods
- c. Apply basic values and principles from the natural and social sciences, humanities and nursing theory to facilitate the data collection of common human needs and the delivery of care to hospitalized adult patients requiring nursing interventions to promote, or maintain optimum health
- d. Demonstrate basic knowledge and skills in obtaining patient information, clinical decision-making and documentation in the hospital setting
- e. Provide safe, accurate care based on the recognition of the ethical, social, cultural, racial and spiritual influences on individuals and families in the hospital setting
- f. Demonstrate basic skills in promoting self-care activities by providing information and assessing comprehension and retention of the information provided in the clinical setting
- g. Establish, maintain and promote effective interpersonal relationships with members of the health care team, clients and their support persons in the clinical setting
- h. Demonstrate basic knowledge and skills using appropriate equipment efficiently and effectively to provide nursing care to clients in the clinical setting

Major Topics to be Included

- a. Comfort
 - Sleep/Rest
 - Pain
- b. Care of the Surgical Patient
 - Preoperative
 - Intraoperative
 - Post-operative
- c. Professionalism
 - Ethics Issues
 - Legal Issues

Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year): February 9, 2009