

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

Henrico County-St. Mary's Hospital School of Practical Nursing

2017-2018

Course Title	Clock Hours	Theory Hours	Clinical Hours	Simulation Hours	Skills Lab Hours
Anatomy & Physiology	96	96	0	0	0
Nursing Fundamentals	219	146	0	1	72
Nutrition	33	33	0	0	0
Geriatrics	75	33	42	0	0
Introduction to Medical – Surgical Nursing	80	80	0	0	0
Pharmacology	30	23	0	1	6
Medical-Surgical Nursing I	269	111	136	2	20
Medical-Surgical Nursing II	282	138	126	2	16
Maternal Newborn Nursing	132	76	48	0	8
Pediatric Nursing	132	80	48	0	4
Mental Health Nursing	132	60	72	0	0
Leadership & Management	132	40	88	2	2
Total	1612	916	560	8	128

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Anatomy & Physiology (96 hours) Describes the healthy person as a physical being. The sequence of the course begins with cells and proceeds to tissues, organs, and systems.

Nursing Fundamentals (219 hours) Provides knowledge of the principles as well as the performance of the procedures that are essential to the basic nursing care of patients. Learning experiences are provided by classroom instruction and laboratory practice. Introduces the beginning student to the practical nursing program and to nursing as a career. Information is provided on the expectations and relationships encountered in nursing practice including legal and ethical aspects, licensure, employment, and current trends in health care.

Nutrition (33 hours) Emphasizes basic nutritional requirements to maintain wellness in various developmental stages. A study of the nutrients, their sources and functions, basic requirements, and an introduction to diet therapy are included.

Geriatrics (75 hours) Teaches the normal process of aging and helps the student to develop a positive attitude toward the aging individual in society.

Pharmacology (30 hours) Provides basic information to prepare and administer medications and observe for therapeutic and/or side effects.

Introduction to Medical-Surgical Nursing (80 hours) Provides the knowledge and understanding of selected disease conditions and their causes, treatments and nursing care. The course supplies the student with the background for recognition of the major classifications of illness and the major health problems of the community.

Medical-Surgical Nursing I (269 hours) & Medical-Surgical Nursing II (282 hours) Medical-Surgical Nursing I and II introduce the student to the major medical and surgical conditions of the adult patient. Theory and clinical experiences are correlated. Emphasis is placed on the development of nursing skills and competencies in the medical-surgical setting to meet the individual's nursing care needs.

Maternal Newborn (132 hours) Provides the student with knowledge, understanding, and nursing skills related to the needs of women during all phases of childbearing, including the welfare and care of the newborn.

Pediatrics (132 hours) Basic needs of children at various stages of development and the nursing care of sick children are taught. Emphasis is placed on prevention of illness and maintenance of wellness.

Mental Health (132 hours) Provides the student with skills which will aid in recognizing the emotional needs of patients.

Leadership and Management (132 hours) Provides the student the opportunity to provide comprehensive nursing care in long term care and community settings. Emphasis placed on the development of knowledge needed to successfully make the transition from student to practical nurse.

NOTE: All of the above courses listed must be successfully completed in order to progress through the program.

All of the above courses listed must be successfully completed prior to graduation.

Practical Nursing I is 36 weeks.

Practical Nursing II is 34 weeks.