NURS 6902 - Advanced Pathophysiology

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Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

6902. Advanced Pathophysiology. Normal physiologic functions and pathologic mechanisms are examined to prepare nurses for advanced practice roles. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	• Sentinel U		

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
10/19	Overview of Cell Structure. Cell Division & The Cell Cycle videos. Cell Alterations PP Fluid, Sodium, Potassium, Calcium, Mag & Phos; Acid/Base (1-2) PP Genetics Video Autosomal Recessive /Dominance	Introduction to PAthophysiology	Quiz 1
10/26	Innate/Immunity/Inflammation Adaptive Immunity PP Alterations in Immunity & Inflammation PP (1-2) Infection PP Stress and Disease Cancer in Children/Adolescents Cancer PP	Innate/Immunity/Inflammation	Quiz 2 Readiness Essentials Advanced: Pathophysiology Integument: Emma Jones. CC: Melanoma Follow -up

11/2	Alterations to Cardiovascular System Diseases of the arteries Coronary Artery Disease Disorders of Heart Wall Aging of the CV System Alterations of CV Function in Children Sentinel U, Readiness Essentials: Structure & Function, CV Conditions, CV Alterations, Cardiac Rhythm Disorders, Endocarditis, Pericarditis. Alt of CV PP (Part 1-2-3-4) Alterations of Cardiovascular Function in Children	Cardiac	Quiz 3 Readiness Essentials Advanced: Pathophysiology Cardiovascular: Joseph Carter – Swollen Ankles
11/9	Alteration of Pulmonary PP (1-6) Sentinel U, Readiness Essentials: Structure & Function, Asthma patho, COPD, Common Infectious Resp Diseases, Lung CA Renal/ Urology Alterations of Renal PP Sentinel U, Readiness Essentials: Structure & Function, urinary disorders, Incontinence, Pediatric Urinary concerns, Renal Failure	Pulmonary	Quiz 4 Readiness Essentials Advanced: Pathophysiology Pulmonary: Howard Grant - Coughing Readiness Essentials Advanced: Pathophysiology Genitourinary: Sung Lee-Confusion
11/16	Gastrointestinal/Digestive Alterations of Digestive PP (Part 1-5) Sentinel U: Review Structure & Function, Biliary and Pancreatic Disorders, Liver Disorders, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Disorders of GI Flow. Neurological: Alterations of Nervous Syst- (Part 1-2-3) Parkinsons Disease Head aches Neuromuscular Diseases Disorders of the Nervous System (Part 1-2) Sentinel U: Review Structure and Function, Vascular Flow (TIA vs Stroke), Neurogenerative Disorders, Infectious conditions, HA Disorders.	GI & Neurological	Quiz 5 Readiness Essentials Advanced: Pathophysiology Gastrointestinal: Angel Villanueva – Abdominal Pain Readiness Essentials Advanced: Pathophysiology Neurologic: Robert Mason – Recent Fall
11/23	Endocrine Alteration of Endocrine System/ Pancreas SIADH and DI Cushing's & Addisons Disease Sentinel U: Structure & Function, Thyroid Disorders, Insulin Regulating Disorders, Hormonal Disorders, Reproductive Disorders. Musculoskeletal Alterations in Muscular System (Part 1-2-3) Alterations of Musculoskeletal Function in Children Sentinel U: Structure & Function, Degenerative Conditions, Joint & Soft Tissue Injuries, Bone & Cartilaginous Cancers, Inflammatory Joint Disorders.	Endocrine & Musculoskelatal	Quiz 6 Readiness Essentials Advanced: Pathophysiology Endocrine: Isla James – Thyroid Follow up Readiness Essentials Advanced: Pathophysiology Musculoskeletal: Mareane Harris – Left Ankle Pain
11/30	Hematology Clotting Cascade Video Blood Components Alterations of Blood (Part 1-2-3-4-5-6) Skin Alterations in Integumentary (Part 1-2-3) Sentinel U: Structure & Function, Inflammatory Skin Conditions, Fungal Infections, Viral Infections, Skin Cancer	Hematology & Skin	Quiz 7

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