

NURS 7041 - Adult Gerontology Acute Care 3

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Credit hours: 3

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DNP, Nursing, Case Western University. 2016

Post master's Certificate, Acute Care NP, Kent State University. 2012

Masters, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Idaho State University. 1993

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Course Description

7041. Adult Gerontology Acute Care 3. Focus on the integration of the role components delivered by the adult-gerontology nurse practitioner. Clinical manifestations of and patient response to particular patient care problems (i.e., endocrine, gastrointestinal, multisystem, trauma) with emphasis on physical assessment findings for determining a differential diagnosis and panning of patient care needs, health promotion and health maintenance. Emphasis on utilizing diagnostic reasoning, therapeutic interventions, pharmacological therapeutics, interdisciplinary treatment plans, consultation, referral, transitional care and research findings in the management and evaluation of culturally diverse acutely ill adult-gerontology patients. Prereq.: NURS 6904 with a grade of B or better and NURS 6917 with a grade of B or better and NURS 6918 with grade of B or better. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Practice Considerations for Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse	Barkley, T.W.,	
Required	CURRENT Medical diagnosis and Treatment	Papadakis, M.A., McPhee, S.J	12662135545

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
8/24	Gastrointestinal (peptic ulcer disease, Hepatitis, cholecystitis, pancreatitis, Diverticulitis, appendicitis, IBD, Peritonitis, IBS, Bowel Obstruction, Mesenteric Ischemia, Abdominal X Ray)	Case study on discussion board: Acute abdominal pain. Quiz 1	Discussion due: Wed. 8/26 Quiz due: Sun. 8/30
8/31	Genitourinary (AKI, CKD, UTI, BPH, Testicular Torsion, Kidney Stone, Rhabdomyolysis) Fluid/Electrolytes, Acid/Base	Case study on discussion board: Severe flank pain and hematuria. Quiz 2	Case study due 9/2. Quiz due 9/6



9/7	Integumentary (Keratosis, Skin CA, Herpes Zoster, Soft Tissue Infections, Pressure Ulcers, Burns)	Case study on discussion board: Painful, red, swollen area on left lower leg. Quiz 3	Discussion due Wed. 9/9 Quiz due Sun. 9/13
9/14	Trauma, primary survey, Pain, anxiety, agitation, delirium & Fever	Case Study on Discussion board: Fall. Quiz 4	Discussion due Wed. 9/16 Quiz due Sun. 9/20
9/21	Musculoskeletal (Arthritis, Gout, Bone Fractures, Compartment Syndrome) Sepsis & Shock types	Case study on discussion board: Sudden-onset severe pain and swelling in his right big toe. Quiz 5	Discussion due Wed 9/23 Quiz due Sun. 9/27
9/28	Issues in Aging, Considerations in elderly, Palliative care, EOL, Leading cause of death, immunization guidelines, Herbal agents, Culture	Quiz 6	Quiz 6 due 10/4
10/5	Approach to the poison patient Poisoning/ Drug Toxicities.	Quiz 7	Quiz 7 due 10/11

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