Course Syllabus

Mental Health and Mental Illness
VNSG 1201

Course Description: Personality development, human needs, common mental mechanisms, and factors influencing mental health and mental illness. Includes common mental disorders and related therapy.

End-Of-Course Outcomes: Identify the characteristics of mental health; identify common mental illness and maladaptive behaviors; describe trends in psychotherapeutic treatment; discuss the application of therapeutic communication skills; and assist in the formulation of a plan of care for the individual with mental illness or maladaptive behavior.

Semester Hours Credit: 2

Lecture/Lab Hours: Lecture 2/Lab 0

Prerequisite: Admission into Vocational Nursing Program after successful completion of all first and second semester courses with a Grade of C or better.


Teaching Methods: Lecture Lab assignments/Discussion Multi-media presentations Group discussions Tutorial assistance Online support

Evaluation Methods: Chapter exams 60% of overall grade Class participation 15% of overall grade Final exam 25% of overall grade

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course the student will utilize teamwork to assist in the formulation of a plan of care for the individual with mental illness or maladaptive behavior.

Criteria for success: Final Examination for this course

Target: 90% of students will show mastery with a score of 75% or greater on course Final Exam.
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