

**Millersville University  
Department of Nursing  
BSN**

**BSN COURSE REQUIREMENTS NURSING MAJOR (B.S.N.): 120 S.H.- NURS 320, 322, 340, 360,421, 428, 438; 470,478**

Course Descriptions:

**NURS 320: 3 s.h.**

**Conceptual Basis of Professional Nursing Practice**

Systems, change and nursing theories with application to health care delivery are discussed. Emphasis on decision-making and the nurse as change agent. 3 hours lecture per week.

**NURS 322: 4 s.h.**

**Nursing Assessment of the Adult**

The assessment process of the holistic adult client utilizing physical assessment skills such as the techniques of inspection, palpation, percussion, and auscultation are presented and practiced. Appropriate screening tests will be presented. 3 hours lecture, 2 hours lab per week.

**NURS 340: 3 s.h. – 100% Online**

**Environmental Factors Affecting Health Status**

A discussion of environmental factors that influence the holistic person's health. Emphasis on health effects of air, water, and soil pollution; environmental safety hazards and nursing responsibilities for intervention in a personal, community, and political realm. The effects of pollution and safety hazards will be addressed from a nursing perspective.

**NURS 360: 3 s.h**

**Transcultural Nursing Care (D)**

Cultural beliefs of individuals are increasingly recognized in nursing care as a major component in adaptation to health and illness. This course will provide an opportunity for examination of the major concepts related to transcultural nursing and allow learners to critically analyze current therapeutic nursing interventions as well as their communications with clients belonging to various ethnic groups in nursing practice situations.

**NURS 421: 4 s.h**

**Adaptation to Chronic Health Issues in the Community**

The nurse's role in promoting healthy adaptation of individuals and families across the life span in the community is explored, with an emphasis on those with chronic illnesses. Community health concepts, using a population-based focus are directed toward health promotion and levels of prevention using evidence-based care. Incorporating the family and community along this continuum of care, the course uses an organizational structure that parallels the trajectory of chronic illness. **Prereq**—NURS 320. 3hrs lecture and 2 hrs clinical.

**NURS 428: 3 s.h. (W)**

**Nursing Research**

Emphasis on critique and utilization of nursing research. The fundamentals of scientific nursing research and inquiry are explored, including the identification of the major elements of a research proposal. Students will identify researchable nursing problems within an area of professional practice.

**NURS 438: 3 s.h**

**Health policy and Nursing Issues**

A discussion of the political, economic, legal, ethical, and related societal issues which influence nursing practice and education is a focus of the course. Professional nursing roles and responsibilities are emphasized. 3 hours lecture per week. Prereq: Senior level.

**NURS 470: 3 s.h. Informatics & Technology in Nursing Practice (ONLINE)**

Discussion of the ways in which information and technology influence practice and decision-making in various aspects of nursing practice, these include: practice, education, leadership and research as the major foci of the course. Advances in technology that support and enhance the delivery of care and interdisciplinary communication are addressed. The legal, ethical, cultural, economic and social factors affecting health care information technology are also explored.

**NURS 478: 5 s.h. (W)**

**Transforming Health Care through Leadership in Nursing**

This senior level capstone course builds and expands upon work completed to date in the BSN program and is designed to prepare students for leadership roles. Concepts of leadership and management will be describe and ultimately applied to seminar topics and clinical experiences. Emphasis is also placed on the interdependence between the nursing profession and various levels of issues as they pertain to real life world events. Seminar topics include fiscal management, case management, public policy issues, among other. Clinical experience will allow the student to practice with a nurse leader in the community. 3 hours lecture, 4 hours clinical/week. Prereq or Coreq: NURS 320, 428, ENGL 110 Prereq: Senior level.

**Course Offering Schedule**

SUMMER 2011	FALL 2011	SPRING 2012
NURS 322 (4) 4:30-8:30 PM (Summer 2)	NURS 320 (3) 1:30-4:30 PM NURS 322 (4) 9-1 PM NURS 360 (3) CDC-5-8PM NURS 428 (3) W- 5-8 PM	NURS 320 (3)- 5-8 PM NURS 340 (3) – ONLINE NURS 421 (4) -9-2 PM NURS 438 (3)-5-8PM
<b>Summer 2012</b>		
NURS 470 (3)ONLINE NURS 478 (5) noon-4		