

## **DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY IN NURSING**

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

NR 220 Directed Independent Study in Nursing. 3 hours credit. Prerequisite: NR 202. This course is an extension of the nursing curriculum. It provides a structured learning experience to broaden the student's comprehension of principles and competencies associated with the first level of the nursing program. Topics of specific interest to the student, augmenting the nursing curriculum are developed with objectives based on individual student needs and/or requirements to apply learned skills to out-of-class activities or a work-related environment.

### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK**

Texts, reference material and supplemental material are determined by the instructor and established competencies. These textbooks and/or reference materials are equivalent to those used in other nursing courses at the college.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

At the successful completion of this course, the student should be able to apply specific skills learned to:

1. Demonstrate the timely, concise, and accurate completion of progressive competencies as set forth and defined in the directed independent study contract
2. Outline the experiences and objectives achieved
3. Identify key concepts from assignments, projects, and / or research
4. Compare the value of the experiential component to traditional assignments.

### **TOPICAL OUTLINE OF UNITS**

The directed independent study syllabus with specific outline of units is mutually developed by the instructor and student and will be on file in the registrar's office.

## **METHOD OF INSTRUCTION**

Following a personal student/instructor conference, a bona fide contract will be developed. The contract will clearly specify:

1. The content and objectives of the course
2. Applicable vocational competencies
3. Procedures for completing the course
4. The amount of time necessary to complete the course
5. The course text and any reference and supplemental materials associated with the course
6. The method of student evaluation to be used.

Such contract must indicate the exact beginning and ending dates of the course, and must be signed by the student, instructor, and the instructor's immediate supervisor prior to the beginning of the course.

## **METHOD OF EVALUATION**

The method of evaluation will be developed after the topic or topics are established. The grading system will conform to the policy and procedures on grading and testing as outlined by the department and will be in writing in the course syllabus. Any final products of the course such as papers, projects, and reports will be maintained with the directed independent study contract and the instructor's log as the permanent file for the course.