

COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO NURSING DEPARTMENT STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Professional Knowledge and Skill

Students can demonstrate a sound knowledge of nursing methods, skills and healthcare management.

Students should be able to:

1. Apply nursing methods, protocols and procedures to appropriate care situations.
2. Use the nursing process, which emphasizes critical thinking, independent judgment and continual evaluation as a means to determine nursing activities.
3. Utilize theory and knowledge from nursing, the physical/behavioral sciences and the humanities in providing nursing care.

Using the nursing process students engage in an ongoing evaluation of all care delivered and change the plan of care as appropriate.

Students should be able to:

4. Identify and assess the healthcare needs of patients/clients using the tools/framework appropriate to the clinical setting.
5. Document and evaluate the outcome of nursing and other interventions and communicate to team members.
6. Prioritize care-delivery on an ongoing basis.

Students can demonstrate effective skills in communicating information, advice and professional opinion to colleagues, patients, clients and their families.

Students should be able to:

7. Work in partnership with patients, clients and caregivers.
8. Engage in and disengage from therapeutic relationships through the use of effective interpersonal and counseling skills.
9. Provide compassionate, culturally sensitive care to clients in a variety of settings.

Professional Value and Accountability

Students follow professional ethical standards when they provide nursing care to patients.

Students should be able to:

10. Adhere to the ANA Code of Ethics for nurses, treating patients as unique whole individuals with specific needs, desires and abilities.
11. Perform current legal and professional standards for nurses in relation to common clinical problems.
12. Practice in a manner that respects patient confidentiality and adheres to HIPAA.

Students value themselves as growing professionals by demonstrating accountability for own learning and practice that serves as the basis for continual development as a professional nurse.

13. Appraise own professional performance accurately.
14. Evaluate professional learning needs and take steps to meet them.