R.B. Turnbull, Jr. MD WOC Nursing Education Program

COURSE TITLE: Professional Practice Concepts in WOC Nursing

GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

This is a four-week, instructor-facilitated, online course focusing on professional practice concerns in establishing and maintaining a WOC specialty nurse practice in multiple care settings. The course is delivered through a learning management system. Content includes legal and ethical considerations, basic elements of business planning, the use of effective communication skills, and elements used to address an ever-changing regulatory environment affecting WOC nursing care. This course is part of a series for the role of the WOC specialty nurse and is a pre-requisite to the specialty didactic courses.

Course Outcome:

Design the elements of a successful specialty nurse practice through business planning, exploring legal and regulatory aspects of care, incorporating teamwork and effective communication skills, and continued professional development strategies.

Educational Objectives:

1. Develop presentations through the use of PowerPoint files and current literature.
2. Describe the relevant points of effective group dynamics and leadership styles.
3. Review the history of WOC Nursing and how the specialty has impacted current healthcare regulation.
4. Apply APA formatting criteria to academic writing.
5. Review focused assessment parameters in the management of a person with a BMI higher than the normal range.
6. Explain current regulatory issues and legal considerations that impact WOC Nursing practice.
7. Plan discharge needs for a smooth transition between levels of care.
8. Describe diagnostic and procedural codes applicable to WOC nursing care.
9. Apply current research to evidence-based WOC nursing care.
10. Differentiate between capital budget expenses & standard operating expenses that can affect a WOC nursing practice.
11. Critique current literature for application to WOC nursing practice.
12. Explain how the WOC nursing specialty role incorporates leadership strategies in policy development, product selection, and healthcare team interactions.
13. Demonstrate literacy in digital communications and use of resources.
14. Review the pathophysiology associated with diabetes and the implications for wound, ostomy and continence care.
15. Describe conflict of interest and how this applies to WOC nursing practice.
16. Define critical thinking as a professional nursing skill.
17. Describe the benefits of a WOC nurse to an organization.

Disclosures: Course faculty have no disclosures to report

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