



D17 Nursing for a New Millennium — Forensic Nursing Course (NU 447): A Senior Nursing Baccalaureate Elective

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After attending this presentation, attendees will be briefed on the tools necessary to develop an undergraduate forensic nursing course based on (2) credit hours of theory and (2) credit hours of comprehensive clinical activities.

This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity by providing nurse and forensic science educators with a detailed curriculum format to develop an undergraduate Forensic Nursing Course with a full compliment of clinical experiences to correlate with nursing and forensic class theory and principles. The undergraduate forensic nursing course will provide the basic theory and principles of the forensic science process to that of the nursing process and allow for additional advanced forensic nursing training in forensic nursing graduate programs. This will provide the investigative team and the community with an additional knowledgeable and experienced member.

This course, the first complete (4) hour credit Forensic Nursing Course to be offered as a senior elective in a baccalaureate nursing program in the U.S., was developed as a result of increased awareness in the fields of forensic nursing and forensic science. This introductory course will concentrate on the application of forensic science theory to the nursing process with direct application to the provision of nursing care for the victim, family, society, and perpetrators of violent death and/or injury.

The course is based on forensic nursing as a subspecialty of nursing that includes the identification and treatment of victim injuries resulting from violence and trauma. It focuses on the role and responsibility of the forensic nurse with theory and concepts related to the:

1. Identification of injuries of abuse
2. Collection and preservation of medicolegal evidence
3. Initial treatment of injuries related to violence, abuse, and trauma
4. Death scene processing

Course examines the direct services provided by the forensic nurse to:

1. Individual clients
2. Consultation services to nursing, medical, law enforcement agencies
3. Court testimony in areas dealing with questioned death or violent trauma
4. Delivery of services and diagnoses of conditions as they relate to nursing

The presentation identifies the:

- Course Objectives
- Course Placement
- Prerequisite Courses
- Credit Hours
- Course Content
- Teaching Strategies
- Clinical Component
- Professional Standards

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