

GRADUATE COMPETENCIES

BASED ON THE 2012 STATEWIDE STANDARDIZED CURRICULUM

Upon completion of this program the graduate will be able to:

1. Explain the structure and function of each system and the relationship that exists between the systems.
2. Explain the role of the practical nurse and understand the Mississippi Board of Nursing's administrative code as it relates to the practical nurse.
3. Develop a safe and effective care environment for client care and health-care personnel.
4. Relate the impact of growth and development in the care of clients and families.
5. Promote and support the emotional, mental, and social well-being of clients.
6. Discuss basic nutritional requirements and relate them to health promotion and maintenance.
7. Perform nursing skills with the appropriate nursing considerations that promote the physical health and well-being of clients based on scientific principles and the required technical skills.
8. Recognize safe effective client care related to the administration of medications.
9. Explain diagnostic tests and procedures with the appropriate nursing considerations.
10. Discuss classifications of drugs with the expected outcomes, contraindications, drug interactions, and nursing interventions.
11. Summarize the major legal implications of medication administration and IV therapy.
12. Perform calculations needed for medication/IV administration.
13. Administer medications by various routes.
14. Discuss and demonstrate nursing responsibilities in preparation for and during venipuncture for blood collection and IV access to include identifying and locating peripheral veins.
15. Initiate, monitor, regulate, and maintain client IV sites and flow rates in the clinical/lab setting.
16. Promote the prevention and/or early detection of health problems.
17. Promote safe and effective care for the client experiencing acute, chronic, or life threatening physical health conditions.
18. Promote and support the emotional, mental, and social well-being of clients experiencing acute, chronic, or life-threatening physical health conditions.
19. Utilize the nursing process to provide safe and effective care for adult clients experiencing acute, chronic, or life-threatening physical health conditions.
20. Perform client care in the clinical setting.
21. Promote safe and effective care for clients and families during antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum periods.
22. Promote safe and effective care for clients and families from infancy through adolescence.
23. Promote the safety and well-being of a client and family with a mental health alteration.
24. Perform the nursing care and treatment modalities for various alterations in mental health.
25. Transition from student to the role of an entry-level Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).
26. Understand the ethical and legal aspects of nursing practice and licensure.
27. Prepare for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN®).
28. Demonstrate the role of an entry level LPN in a clinical setting.