

INFORMATION

SKILLS COMPETENCY FOR RETURNING AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENTS

POLICY:

Advanced placement or returning students must be competent in the critical skills that are expected of students at their placement level. If admitted, the student is expected to demonstrate competency of the all skills up to their placement level.

PROCEDURE:

The following are the critical skills required by the nursing program:

N211 – First Semester (Fall)

Sterile Dressing Change

Bladder Procedures: Insertion of Indwelling (Retention or Foley) Catheter

Administration of Non-Parenteral Medications: Oral Medications

Administration of Parenteral Medications: Sub-Q, IM, Intradermal

Ostomy Management: Fecal Pouch Change

N236 – Second or Third Semester (Fall or Spring)

Newborn Physical Assessment

Nonpharmacologic Pain Relief and Comfort Care During Labor

IV Push Meds (Saline Lock) and Medication by Volutrol (Buretrol)

Flushing a Central Venous Catheter (Fall)

IV Insertion: Over-the-Needle Catheter (Spring)

N256 – Second or Third Semester (Fall or Spring)

IV Skills: Regulating Intravenous Infusion Flow Rates

Maintenance of Intravenous Site

Administering Intravenous Medications

Converting a Primary Intravenous Access to a Saline Lock

Respiratory Skills: Assessing the Thorax and Lungs

Oxygen Administration

Airway Management: Non-invasive Interventions

Measuring Oxygen Saturation with Pulse Oximetry

Gastrointestinal Skills: Assessing the Abdomen

Inserting, Irrigating and Removing a Nasogastric Tube

Intubating the Client with a Small-Bore Nasogastric or
Nasointestinal Feeding Tube

Verifying Tube Placement

Administering Tube Feedings

Administering Medication Through a Feeding Tube

IV Insertion (Spring)

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