

## 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
- Wound Assessment and Care

#### 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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