

**Course Title: N 415 Current Trends in Healthcare**

**Course Description:**

This course is designed to help students understand the current trends in nursing and health care. The course focuses on the history and evolution of nursing as a profession and discipline within the health care environment. The course will incorporate relevant national and federal patient safety standards and goals such as QSEN, and IOM that are guiding practice and nursing education today. The use of technology in healthcare will be a major aspect of this course. Theoretical models will be used to explain the praxis trend.

**Course Objectives:**

At the end of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Explain current and contemporary issues in nursing and health care from a global perspective.
2. Discuss the history and evolution of nursing from the era of Nightingale.
3. Integrate critical thinking skills and theoretical concepts from nursing and other disciplines in clinical or leadership decision making process.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of current regulatory and ethical issues impacting the advancement of nursing practice, education, and research globally.
5. Explore ways to implement change and to incorporate national standards in practice as the nurse transitions to an advanced practice role.
6. Demonstrate skills in using patient care technologies, information systems, and communication devices that support safe nursing practice.
7. Use telecommunication technologies to assist in effective communication in a variety of healthcare settings.
8. Apply safeguards and decision making support tools embedded in patient care technologies and information systems to support a safe practice environment for both patients and healthcare workers.
9. Uphold ethical standards related to data security, regulatory requirements, confidentiality, and clients' right to privacy.
10. Participate in evaluation of information systems in practice settings through policy and procedure development.