

COURSE OUTLINE

A. Course Title

Independent Study Refresher Course for Wisconsin Licensed Practical Nurses

B. Course Description

The purpose of this course is to provide an opportunity for exposure to current nursing theory and practice as it relates to the role of the Licensed Practical Nurse as a member of today's health care system. This course will also enhance preparation of the nurse for the orientation program of the institution.

safety, quality, and outcomes for patients.

9. Describe how patient education, referrals, and the use of community resources are

Students are required to submit proof of negative TB result (Mantoux) completed within 6 months of their clinical start date, or a negative chest x-ray taken within the last year, or a negative QuantiFERON Gold blood test completed no more than 6 months prior to the start of clinical. Some facilities require a 2-step Mantoux. If you have ever had a positive Mantoux or QuantiFERON Gold TB test, you will need to provide documentation that you have completed therapy and have a clear chest x-ray. Proof of immunity for COVID-19, varicella (chickenpox) and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap, and Flu vaccine may need to be submitted to the course coordinator. Additional immunization records and proof of current CPR may also be requested by the healthcare facility to be on file prior to attending clinical.

While in the clinical area, the refresher course student will be assigned to a licensed registered nurse on staff at the healthcare facility. This registered nurse will act as his/her preceptor and will supervise the clinical experience of the refresher course student. The preceptor must be approved by the clinical facility to act as a preceptor in a one-on-one nursing practice experience. The preceptor will have two years of current clinical practice experience. The registered nurse preceptor(s) may delegate portions of the learning experience as appropriate.

A minimum of 85 hours (WI) will be spent in the acute, long-term care/subacute or assisted living setting. Fifteen (15) hours of the 85 clinical hours must include a basic nursing skills review and equipment/technology update. The remaining 70 hours of supervised clinical should be allocated predominately to direct patient care. On-site pre- and post-clinical discussions of learning objectives, care evaluations, and preceptor meetings may be included in these clinical hours. Medical-surgical nursing will be the emphasis for the acute care clinical experience.

A student evaluation form will be completed by the registered nurse preceptor evaluating the care given by the refresher course student. This form will be reviewed and signed by the student. The preceptor or student will return the form to the course coordinator at Minnesota State Community and Technical College, along with verification the required hours of clinical were completed.

Nurse's liability insurance is included in the registration fee; however, if not acceptable by your chosen clinical site, you will need to purchase a separate policy prior to beginning your clinical experience. This insurance policy costs approximately \$108 for a year's coverage. Coverage must be for \$2,000,000 per occurrence/\$6,000,000 per aggregate.

Students completing clinical in a Wisconsin facility will need to obtain a limited license from the WI Board of Nursing prior to beginning clinical.

A clinical agreement between the college and clinical facility must be signed and fully executed prior to the start of the clinical experience.

H. Textbook

The main textbooks must be purchased for the course (found on Amazon and in other bookstores):

Required: