

## **Course Description**

### **NSG0080 | Nursing Transitions | 3.7 credits**

This course focuses on preparing students for the transition from Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to a Registered Nurse (RN). Students will adapt concepts of anatomy and physiology as the foundation of the professional nurse, demonstrate holistic assessment skills, and integrate technology to provide and document care that focuses on the professional behavior of the nursing student. Students will integrate concepts of professional, legal, and ethical responsibilities of the RN, as well as effective communication, critical thinking, and decision-making skills.

### **Course Competencies:**

**Competency 1:** The student will learn about the dynamic process of transitioning from a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to a Registered Nurse (RN) through comprehensive coursework and hands-on experiences by:

1. Comparing and contrasting the complexities of transitioning from an LPN to an RN by exploring the differences in scope of practice, responsibilities, and professional expectations through case studies and real-world scenarios
2. Gaining practical insights into the transition process by shadowing, observing, and assisting registered nurses in diverse healthcare settings to acquire firsthand knowledge and experiences relevant to the role of an RN
3. Developing a comprehensive understanding of the academic and clinical requirements for transitioning to an RN by researching, evaluating, and planning a personalized pathway to achieve the necessary qualifications and competencies

**Competency 2:** The student will explore the theoretical and practical aspects of nursing practice, focusing on the essential skills and knowledge required for a successful transition in the nursing profession by:

1. Acquiring foundational theoretical knowledge and practical skills essential for the transition to an RN by participating in interactive lectures, workshops, and simulations emphasizing the core competencies and best practices in nursing
2. Enhancing clinical proficiency and critical thinking through hands-on patient care experiences, clinical simulations, and role-playing scenarios that mirror real-world nursing challenges and situation
3. Developing a deeper understanding of the ethical and cultural considerations in nursing practice by analyzing, reflecting, and discussing case studies and ethical dilemmas relevant to the nursing profession

**Competency 3:** The student will develop critical thinking and decision-making abilities necessary to adapt to the changing demands of the healthcare industry by:

1. Strengthening critical thinking skills by analyzing, evaluating, and solving complex patient care scenarios and healthcare challenges using evidence-based practices and clinical reasoning
2. Enhancing adaptability and decision-making abilities by participating in interdisciplinary team-based simulations and exercises that require quick and effective problem-solving in dynamic healthcare environments
3. Embracing lifelong learning and professional development by engaging in ongoing self-assessment, reflective practice, and continuous education to stay abreast of emerging trends and advancements in healthcare

**Competency 4:** The student will develop a comprehensive understanding of the legal and ethical responsibilities of a registered nurse and their role in patient care by:

1. Demonstrating an understanding of legal and ethical principles in nursing practice by analyzing, interpreting, and applying relevant laws, regulations, and ethical guidelines to case studies and simulated patient care scenarios

2. Cultivating a strong sense of professional ethics and responsibility by participating in discussions, debates, and ethical decision-making exercises that address moral and ethical dilemmas commonly encountered in nursing practice
3. Developing effective communication and collaboration skills to advocate, educate, and empower patients, families, and interdisciplinary healthcare teams in upholding ethical standards and patient rights

**Competency 5:** The student will enhance their communication and leadership skills to effectively collaborate with healthcare teams and provide quality nursing care by:

1. Improving communication skills through participating in communication workshops, role-playing exercises, and interpersonal skills development activities focused on effective patient communication and interdisciplinary collaboration
2. Cultivating leadership qualities by engaging in team-based projects, mentorship opportunities, and leadership development activities that promote effective teamwork, conflict resolution, and decision-making in healthcare settings
3. Fostering a patient-centered approach to care by demonstrating empathy, active listening, and cultural competence in interactions with patients, families, and healthcare colleagues

**Learning Outcomes:**

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures including global and historical perspectives
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society