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## ***COURSE OUTLINE – TRENDS, ISSUES, AND REPORTS (RPN016)***

### ***COURSE DESCRIPTION***

This course considers current trends and issues in the practice of registered psychiatric nursing. It also updates Federal and Provincial legislation and government or stakeholder organization reports that impact psychiatric services and registered psychiatric nursing. The course considers the impact of each of these areas on psychiatric nursing practice generally as well as how they affect specific areas of practice.

**Pre-requisites:** Graduation from an entry-level nursing program.

**Co-requisites:** None.

### ***LEARNING OUTCOMES***

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- identify the most recent trends, issues and reports affecting psychiatric services and psychiatric nursing generally
- relate the significance of recent trends, issues and reports for their specific area of psychiatric nursing practice
- state how they will adapt their practice to address these trends, issues and reports

### **Course Hours:**

3 contact hours per week, for 4 weeks.

### **Modes of Instruction and Learning**

This course is delivered through online modes of teaching and learning. This includes reading and literature search, short assignments, critiquing journal articles and providing responses to various scenarios. The education process also includes time spent working with the consultant to process the readings, the ideas contained there and their applications to specific nursing contexts.

### **Required Textbooks**

None

### **Assessment and Evaluation**

Participants are required to successfully complete all learning activities in order to achieve an overall **Mastery grade** for the course. The specific criteria for success will vary with the type of learning activity and are indicated in each individual activity description (online). Generally, participants will be able to resubmit once when a learning activity is deemed by the Consultant as not meeting some or all of the competencies. This course should be completed within the maximum time frame of 6 weeks.

Participants are required to achieve a '**Mastery**' grade in all assessable components of the course in order to receive the certificate of completion.

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### **Attendance and Participation**

The deadline for completing this course is 6 weeks from the date you first log onto the course-specific site. You are expected to be working on the course and assignments on a regular basis and to indicate to the Consultant how you are progressing or if you need assistance to progress. Failure to complete this course within the deadline or to maintain regular communication for a prolonged period (one month) could result in your being withdrawn from the online learning centre. A reinstatement fee of \$100.00 may be payable should you wish to continue with the course after this time. If you repeat the same failure to maintain communication for a **second time**, you will be required to pay another reinstatement fee of \$100.00. If you repeat the same failure to maintain communication for a **third time**, or if you are absent for a period of six months without communication (even if this is your first time failing to communicate regularly), you will have to pay the entire course and administration fees over again. Decisions in this regard are at the sole discretion of JCC Inc.

### **Technical Issues (Reminder)**

Technical problems can arise from a number of sources in online learning programs. Participants having technical difficulties should report them to JCC Inc. as soon as possible by e-mail, fax or phone. The site announcements or e-mail will be used to notify participants of any known issues. Please read the site announcements and check your e-mail frequently to keep aware of current conditions and issues. Participants will not be penalized for technical problems which arise from our LMS or the Server. Requests for assistance will be given priority responses.

### **Withdrawal & Refund Policy**

In order to withdraw from continuing education at JCC Inc., all participants must provide written notice. The date upon which this written notice is received will be used to determine the amount of any potential refund based upon the following policy:

- (a) If written notice of withdrawal is received by JCC Inc. or a participant is dismissed within 2 days since the participant first logged on to the Online Learning Centre, then JCC Inc. may retain 30% of the tuition.
- (b) If written notice of withdrawal is received by JCC Inc. or a participant is dismissed after 3 days and within 5 days since the participant first logged on to the Online Learning Centre, then JCC Inc. may retain 50% of the tuition.
- (c) If written notice of withdrawal is received by JCC Inc. or a participant is dismissed at any point after 5 days since the participant first logged on to the Online Learning Centre, then JCC Inc. may retain 100% of the tuition.

**\*N.B.:** Notice must be received by e-mail to [info@jcollinsconsulting.com](mailto:info@jcollinsconsulting.com) by 4:00 p.m. (PST) on or before the days stated above.