
COURSE OUTLINE:

CANADIAN FUNDAMENTALS OF MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This short course provides participants with the foundations for success in the Bridging Program and in Registered Psychiatric Nursing practice in Canada. It consists of six study sessions. The course outlines the values and principles which underlie (medical-surgical) nursing in Canada, drawing comparisons with the participant's home country. It also provides an overview of basic concepts from current nursing theory and practice as they apply to RPN practice. Concepts covered include, principles of health care, primary health, health promotion, disease prevention, nursing theory, psychiatric nursing, and social determinants of health.

Pre-requisites: Graduation from an entry-level psychiatric nursing program outside Canada.

Co-requisites: None.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Describe the fundamental concepts of medical-surgical nursing in Canada
- Compare and contrast the health care system in Canada with that of the participant's home country
- Describe the differences in approach and operationalization of key concepts in current nursing practice between Canada and the participant's home country.
- Apply the social determinants of health to the analysis of client health needs and required nursing care.
- Describe the four definitions of 'client' in Canadian nursing and provide examples of nursing care for each.
- Describe a conceptual basis for nursing practice in Canada.

Course Hours: 36

Modes of Instruction and Learning

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

Assessment and Evaluation

Participants are required to successfully complete all learning activities and assignments in order to achieve an overall **Mastery grade** for the course. The specific criteria for success will vary with the type of learning activity/assignment and are indicated in each individual description (online). Generally, participants will be able to resubmit an assignment twice when a learning activity is deemed by the Consultant as not meeting some or all of the expected outcomes. This course should be completed within the maximum time frame of 10 weeks.

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

Since the focus of the program is on achieving competencies, assignment marks become irrelevant. The grading system is a 'Mastery' one, based on competency criteria addressed in each assignment. This results in assignments being returned to the participant with, for example, a request to add a paragraph or refer to a resource for further learning. Assignments are also returned to participants with written feedback directly on the paper. Participants are expected to read these comments and pay attention to them. Evidence that you have done so will be demonstrated in later assignments and/or clinical practice.

Assignments will be graded within a maximum of 14 days. We ask module participants to contact the office and provide a reminder if they have not heard from us by 10 days after submission of an assignment. Exceptions to these timeframes apply under unusual circumstances, such as when a participant registers for a module and then delays starting or begins the module and is then absent for an extended period of time. Additionally, participants are expected to complete and submit assignments progressively over the course of the module; it is not acceptable for a participant to suddenly submit multiple assignments over the course of one or two days. In any of these situations, the normal maximum of 14 days for return of assignments will be extended at the discretion of, and according to the needs of, the consultant. Moreover, in the event that a participant needs to be reinstated in a module (see Attendance and Participation subsection below), return of assignments may be further delayed by any work-related travel the consultant originally had planned in the new period.

IMPORTANT: *When you are resubmitting assignments it is important to abide by the following guidelines:*

1. *Only resubmit the section of the assignment which the consultant has identified as needing to be resubmitted.*

AND

2. *Please use the "track-changes" function in Microsoft Word (or any other word processing program) to write your responses. This will save enormous amounts of time in turning assignments around and will make it easy for you and the consultant to see the difference between the original submission and the resubmission.*

Attendance and Participation

The deadline for completing this course is 10 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

Technical problems can arise from a number of sources in online learning programs. Participants experiencing technical difficulties should report them to JCC Inc. as soon as possible by e-mail, fax or phone. The news forum or e-mail will be used to notify participants of any known issues. Please read the news forum 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.

Learning Resources

No additional learning resources are required for this course. The following text is recommended reading.

Potter, P. A., & Perry, A. G. (2010). *Canadian Fundamentals of Nursing* (4th ed.). Ross-Kerr, J., and Wood, M. (Eds.) Toronto, ON: Elsevier Canada.

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 7 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 7 days and within 21 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 21 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 by 4:00 p.m. (PST) on or before the days stated above.