

ESSENTIAL SKILLS - CRITICAL CRITERIA
NURSING 205- TRANSITIONS TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

In addition to the critical criteria identified for each skill, the following will be used in the evaluation of the student's performance:

*Denotes individual faculty check-off.

General Principles

1. Standard precautions must be utilized and appropriate asepsis must be maintained.
2. Correct supplies/equipment must be assembled and organized.
3. The nursing process must be used.
4. Client instruction must be provided.
5. The client must not be placed in physical jeopardy.
6. The client must not be placed in emotional jeopardy.
7. Pertinent information must be reported and/or documented.

*Safety Practices

1. Verifies care/order for client.
2. Washes hands before and after performing any client care or gathering supplies.
3. Assembles appropriate equipment or supplies.
4. Identifies client and assesses overall condition.
5. Explains procedure to client.
6. Elevates bed to appropriate working level.
7. Practices standard precautions.
8. Places call system within reach, lowers bed and raises side rails as appropriate.
9. Reassesses any abnormal reading and if still abnormal, reports and records immediately.

*Management of Care for a Group of Clients

1. Applies the nursing process to clinical decision-making and the management of care for a group of clients.
2. Documents assessment of individual needs and establishes nursing care priorities based on the individual needs of individuals within a group.
3. Constructs a plan and implements nursing care to meet individual needs of the assigned clients.
4. Communicates appropriately with team members in the clinical setting.
5. Delegates appropriately.
6. Evaluates quality and effectiveness of nursing care of assigned clients.