

Common Course Numbering System

Course:	HPR 156
Title:	Intro to Hospice Nursing
Long Title:	Introduction to Hospice Nursing
Course Description:	Provides an overview of hospice care with an emphasis on the role of the nurse while accompanying the patient on this most sacred of journeys.
Min Credit:	.5

STANDARD COMPETENCIES:

1. Explore the history of hospice.
2. Discuss the philosophy and goals of the care of the hospice patient.
3. Analyze the roles of the interdisciplinary team in hospice care.
4. Compare and contrast the stages of the dying process.
5. Discuss the nearing death phenomena.

TOPICAL OUTLINE:

- I. Theories of aging
- II. The aging process
- III. Assisting the older adult to cope with effects of aging
- IV. Living arrangements for the older adult
- V. Community resources in rural and urban settings
- VI. Legal aspects of caring for the older adult
- VII. Medicare and Medicaid benefits for the older adult
- VIII. Health care guidelines for the older adult to include immunizations and screenings
- IX. Memory impairments and dementia
- X. Nutrition needs and interventions of the older adult
- XI. Safety needs of the older adult in a variety of settings
- XII. Death and dying