Description: This module focuses on the concept of accountability. This module will be at the level NUR 111 and will focus on competence.

Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this module the student will be able to:

1. Define professional competence.
2. Locate and verbalize understanding of the North Carolina Board of Nursing competency standards for licensed nurses.
3. Describe how to demonstrate professional behavior in the clinical setting.
4. Identify measures that promote safe nursing care.
5. Apply the nursing process through assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating therapeutic and caring interventions.

Learning Resources:

1. www.ncsbon.org
2. www.nursingworld.org
4. Nursing Fundamentals textbook chapters on factors affecting client safety, legal implications and medication administration.

Learning Activities:

1. Student will locate and read the Nurse Practice Act on the North Carolina Board of Nursing website.
2. Read the following case study and answer the questions.
   You are working a 12-hour shift on a medical unit at a local hospital. You are assigned to care for four adult patients. Make a list of the theoretical and practical knowledge that you need to know about the patients in order to organize your work for the shift. You will be sharing a nursing assistant with another nurse on the unit. You may not have enough experience to make a complete list but speculate about the kinds of information that you think you might need. Consider safety and legal implications.
3. Read the following case study and answer the questions.
   You are working the night shift, while you are making your 4 AM rounds you observe the mother of your 19-year-old Hispanic patient crying at his bedside. You understood from the day nurse that the family was told that their son will not live much longer. Explain how you can demonstrate caring to this mother who will soon lose her beloved son. How can you form a helping and trusting relationship? What behaviors would demonstrate cultural sensitivity to this family? What kind of communication techniques could you utilize to convey the acceptance and expression of positive and negative feelings? How would you provide for supportive, protective, and corrective mental, physical, sociocultural and spiritual environment?

4. Read chapters in Nursing Fundamentals text on legal implications of nursing practice, patient safety and medication administration.

**Evaluation:**

1. Classroom discussion of case studies.

2. Unit exams.

3. Post conference discussion of student activities related to the legal implications of nursing practice, patient safety and medication administration.