NUR 112
Grief and Loss

Description: This module is on the concept of grief and loss and will focus on anticipatory grieving.

Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this module, the student will be able to:
1. Differentiate between anticipatory grieving and emergent grieving.
2. Describe conditions under which anticipatory grieving occur.
3. Explain patient rights in determining quality of life.
4. Demonstrate the nurse’s role in advance directives, Do Not Resuscitate orders, and Durable Health Care Power of Attorney.
5. Apply the nursing process in providing culturally-competent, caring interventions across the lifespan for clients and families with anticipatory grieving.
6. Examine options for patients and families experiencing anticipatory grieving inclusive of Palliative Care and Hospice services.

Learning Resources:
Lemone and Burke. Medical-Surgical Nursing (4th ed.), Chapters 1 & 5
Black & Hank. Medical-Surgical Nursing (7th ed.), Chapter 23
Pillitteri. Maternal & Child Health Nursing (5th ed.), Chapter 56

Websites: Hospice and Palliative Nurses’ Association www.hpna.org

Video: “Wit” (http://www.hbo.com/films/wit/)
(Playscript: ISBN #0-571-19877-S)

Guest Speaker: Oncology Nurse, Palliative Care Nurse, or Hospice Nurse (or family member who has been through the experience)

Learning Activities:
Complete ELNEC “Loss Exercise” and ELNEC “Room, Hat, and Panic Button Exercise”
Lab: Practice explaining options to client and family, using appropriate communication skills learned in first semester.
Case Study or Playscript following “Wit”
Apply the nursing process to provide appropriate nursing interventions for patient and family. Evaluate effectiveness.

Evaluation:
Content will tested on unit exam.
Clinical performance will be evaluated on Course Clinical Evaluation Tool.