Description: This module further explores the concept of cognition with an emphasis on the cognitive disorders Schizophrenia, Alzheimer’s disease, Dementia and Delirium. The steps of the nursing process will be used to drive the discussion of these disease processes.

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

1. Identify etiologies and major symptoms of Schizophrenia, Alzheimer’s disease, Dementia, and Delirium.
2. Differentiate between Dementia and Delirium.
3. Describe pharmacological and psychosocial treatment modalities and implications for nursing practice.
4. Discuss the role the family or support system plays in the care of the patient with a cognitive disorder.
5. Utilize the nursing process in developing a plan of care for the client with Schizophrenia, Alzheimer’s disease, Dementia and Delirium.
6. Explore treatment considerations for the client in the home and community settings.

Learning Resources:

Text: NC ADN Textbook

Websites: National Institute of Mental Health: http://www.nimh.nih.gov/
National Alzheimer’s Association: http://www.alz.org/index.asp

Video: “Accepting the Challenge”

Learning Activities:
Faculty led discussion of clients experiencing Schizophrenia, Alzheimer’s disease, Dementia and Delirium
Formulation and presentation of “psych projects”.
Game: “What if, what else, what then” (see whatifgame@yahoo.com)
Submission and discussion of evidence based journal article.
Formulate a care map for a client experiencing a cognitive impairment.

Evaluation:
Unit Exams
Lab competencies
Clinical Performance Evaluation