

**Western Dakota Technical Institute
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Master Syllabus

Course Number: NRS 115
Course Name: Fundamental Nursing Practice III
Credits: 2
Contact Hours: 2 lecture

Course Description: This course presents basic concepts of mental health issues and care for individuals with mental health illnesses. Categories of mental health illness are discussed along with common therapies to treat them. The course addresses issues nurses will incorporate into their work environment to assist them in caring for individuals with special mental and emotional needs. The course will identify behavioral science concepts that relate to interpersonal relationships, communication, and cultural diversity.

Prerequisites: Current CNA certification or a C or better in HC 124 and HC 126 and completion of all general education courses.

Grade Requirement: A minimum grade of C must be earned in this course to be eligible to graduate from the Nursing program or progress into courses that require this course as a prerequisite.

Textbooks: <http://bookstore.wdt.edu>

Materials: Computer with printer and Internet access

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Describe signs, symptoms, and behaviors of various mental health issues and the nursing process related to these disorders
- Discuss the changes and advancements in the treatment of mental health clients to include multidisciplinary teams
- Identify legal, ethical, and safety concerns in mental health care
- Understand the characteristics of a therapeutic relationship and therapeutic communication

Assessment: The core abilities of technology skills, communication skills, teamwork techniques, social values, and employability will be assessed throughout this course.

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