University of Thi-Qar
College of Nursing
Undergraduate Program
Health Care Issues, Policy and Economics

1. Course title: **Professional Perspectives and Issues**
2. Course Number: (408)
3. Credit Hours: Total (2) hrs.
Theory (2) hrs.
Lab. (-) hrs.
Clinical (-) hrs.
4. Course Calendar: Total (2) hours weekly of (15) weeks:
Theory (2) hrs.
Lab. (-) hrs.
Clinical (-) hrs.
5. Placement: Fourth Year/ First Semester
6. Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1- To provide the students with the main concepts of professional and A health Care issues.
2- To make the students knowledgeable about health care and policy in the health care institution.
3- To orient the student toward the impact of economic on the health care.
4- To discuss the leadership and manager roles; quality management in the health care institutions.

1. Course description:

This course addresses topics pertinent to the professional nurse entering practice. These topics include but not limited to: historical perspectives; financial and economic issues in health care; nursing influences on the health care system and health policies; legal, ethical, and bioethical issues; leadership and manager roles; quality management; nursing informatics and best practices using nursing research. Transitioning from novice to expert, as well as looking at other career and educational opportunities will also be discussed.

2. Course Outline:

Part I: Health Care Issues, Policy and Economics:

1.1. Definitions: Politics, Policy, Economics.
1.2. Policy and Health
1.3. Specific Goals of Health Policy
1.4. Specific roles of Community Health Nurse in policy development
1.5. Community Health Nursing Roles in Policy Development.
1.6. Types of Policies

Part II: Economics of the Health Care Delivery System:

2.1. Trends Affecting the Rising Costs of Health Care
2.1.1 Intrinsic Factors
2.1. 2 Extrinsic Factors

Part III: Politics in the Workplace:

3.1. Importance of political climate
3.2. The Organizational Structure
3.3 Key Aspects of Analyzing the Formal Structure of the Workplace

Part IV: The Health Care Delivery System Reform:

4.1. Components of the Health Care Delivery System
4.2. Determinants of Health
4.3. Goals for health system reform
4.4. Different areas of focus in the health care system reform
4.4.1 Infrastructure
4.4.2 Workforce
4.4.3 Information
4.4.4 Organization of Health Care Delivery
4.4.5 Quality of Care
4.4.6 Population Health
4.4.7 Patient Activation

Part V: Midterm Exam

Part VI: Patient's Dissatisfaction:

6.1. Definitions of Patient's Dissatisfaction
6.2. Factors that cause Patient's Dissatisfaction
6.3. Classification of Nutrients

Part VII: Nursing Informatics:

7.1. Definitions: Medical informatics, Health informatics
7.2. Data, Information, and Knowledge
7.3. Areas of Focus in Informatics
7.4. Nursing Informatics

7.5. The purpose of nursing informatics
7.6 Importance of Nursing Informatics
7.7. Human Factors that Affect Informatics
7.8 Electronic Health Record (HER)
7.9. Purposes of Health Records
7.10. Advantages of electronic health records
7.11. Disadvantages of electronic health records
7.12. Telehealth
7.13. Advantages of Telehealth

Part VIII: Midterm Examination

Part IX: : Malpractice:

9.1. Definition of Malpractice
9.2. legal elements of Malpractice
9.3. Factors that contribute to Malpractice
9.4. Claims involved allegations related to malpractice

Part X: Infection Control:

10.1. Definition of Infection Control, Infection
10.2. Infection Characteristics
10.3. Types of Surveillance