**NUNP 402:** Common and Acute Health Problems of Children

**Course Description**:

This course introduces the common and acute health problems occurring in infancy through adolescence using a bio/psycho/social/cultural approach. Pathophysiology, assessment and diagnostic strategies specific to acute and common problems in children will be emphasized. Nursing strategies used to enhance, maintain and restore health will be discussed.

**Course Objectives**:

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

1. Integrate knowledge of the pathophysiology of common and acute problems in childhood.
2. Describe the diagnostic strategies required to provide the necessary intervention for management of identified problems.
3. Analyze selected theories related to the nursing management appropriate to the needs of the child and family.
4. Evaluate the pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic strategies for the enhancement, maintenance or restoration of health of the child and family, for specific acute and common health problems.
5. Evaluate health-seeking behaviors that are pertinent to the primary care children with acute health problems.
6. Integrate normal and abnormal anatomy and pathophysiological concepts and develop a plan to enhance, maintain and restore health.
7. Evaluate health-seeking behaviors of clients based on biological, psychological, social and cultural parameters.
8. Synthesize nursing theories and research from behavioral and biological sources to work with clients in establishing short and long term goals.



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