COURSE SYLLABUS
Southeast Missouri State University

Department of Nursing __________________________ Course No. NS 182

Title of Course: Professional Practice: Rural Nursing Revision: ___________

New: _____X____

I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours of Course:

Historical, traditional, and stereotypical characteristics of individuals in rural settings; related delivery of health care to healthy, vulnerable, and medically underserved populations. (1)

II. Prerequisite(s):

Satisfactory completion of first semester of BSN program.

III. Objectives of the Course:

A. Define nursing as it applies to rural families.
B. Identify major rural health problems.
C. Recognize the importance of nurse-client confidentiality.
D. Complete a rural family assessment.
E. Identify health care services available in rural communities.
F. Use nursing journal articles to support class discussion
G. Recognize the association between nursing theory and practice.

IV. Expectations of Students:

A. Regular class attendance and punctuality.
B. Active and informed class participation.
C. Satisfactory completion of all course assignments.
D. Retrieval and discussion of appropriate nursing journal articles.
E. Fulfillment of requirements identified in BSN Student Handbook

V. Course Content or Outline:

A. History of rural family lifestyles. (2 hours)
B. History of rural family nursing. (2 hours)
C. The rural family of today. (2 hours)
D. Rural community health problems (2 hours)
E. Health care services in rural communities. (3 hours)
F. The nurse-rural family relationship. (2 hours)
G. Rural family assessment. (2 hours)
H. Theoretical foundations for rural nursing practice (1 hour)

VI. Textbooks and Other Required Material:

A. Professional nursing journal articles (located in Kent Library and on the Internet).
B. Additional readings as assigned.

VII. Basis for Student Evaluation:
A. Class Participation 10%
B. Journal Articles 30
C. Community Agency Presentation 15
D. Rural Family Assessment 20
E. Reaction Paper 25

TOTAL 100%