**20:48:07:30.  Registered nurse education curriculum.** The curriculum for programs preparing for registered nurse licensure and granting an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree shall include:

(1)  Concepts in biological and physical sciences:

(a)  Anatomy;

(b)  Physiology;

(c)  Pathophysiology;

(d)  Chemistry;

(e)  Microbiology;

(f)  Mathematics;

(g)  Nutrition; and

(h)  Pharmacology;

(2)  Concepts in behavioral science, arts, and humanities:

(a)  Sociology;

(b)  Psychology;

(c)  Interprofessional communication and collaboration;

(d)  Interpersonal relations;

(e)  Communications;

(f)  Patient-centered, culturally competent care; and

(g)  Human growth and development;

(3)  Didactic content and supervised clinical experience in the prevention of illness and the promotion, restoration, and maintenance of health in patients across the lifespan and from diverse cultural, ethnic, social, and economic backgrounds, with integration of patient safety principles and evidence-based practice, including:

(a)  Adult health nursing;

(b)  Maternal child health nursing;

(c)  Geriatric nursing;

(d)  Mental health nursing;

(e)  Clinical judgment (nursing process);

(f)  Legal and ethical basis of nursing practice;

(g)  Nursing history;

(h)  Trends in nursing and the delivery of healthcare;

(i)  Management and care of groups of clients;

(j)  Delegation and supervision of other health care professionals;

(k)  Introduction to the application of research findings to nursing practice;

(l)  Client education; and

(m)  For baccalaureate degree programs only:

(i) Introduction to the research process and evidenced-based practice;

(ii) Leadership and management;

(iii) Teaching and learning theory;

(iv) Community, systems, public health theory and clinical experience; and

(v) Coordinating and managing patient care across settings; and

(4)  Knowledge of technology used in nursing practice.

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