# Catalog Course Description

This course provides an introduction to nursing and roles of the nurse as well as profession related and patient care concepts. Emphasis is placed on the knowledge and skills needed to provide safe, quality care. The theoretical foundation for basic assessment and nursing skills is presented. An introduction to the nursing process provides a decision-making framework to assist students in developing effective clinical judgment skills.

### Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives/Competencies of the Course

1. Discuss the role of the nurse, scope of practice and supporting guidelines including standards of practice, code of ethics, nurse practice acts, and professional registrations/certifications
2. Review the spectrum of health care settings across which patient care is provided.
3. Recognize the importance of selected professional related concepts as they pertain to providing and directing safe, quality, patient care.
4. Discuss the concepts integral to the provision of safe, quality patient-centered care; nursing process, clinical judgment, advocacy, cultural sensitivity, and communication.
5. Appreciate the nurse’s role in identifying and supporting selected physiologic needs of patients.
6. Describe selected concepts and discuss how they relate to providing patient care that is safe for nurses and patient: medication administration, documentation, body mechanics and ergonomics, and nursing process.
7. Apply knowledge from various disciplines and incorporate the nursing process to improve clinical decision-making.

### College-Wide Student Learning Outcomes

NURS 113 learning objectives align with the following NNMC College Wide Goal: Information Competence

**THE COURSE ASSESSMENT TOOL (ASSIGNMENT)** used to assess the College-Wide Student Learning Outcome is: Annotated Bibliography.