



CONTRACT TRAINING @ VIU

LPN & RN Upgrading

Any of our courses can be delivered on-site or customized to suit your organization. For a complete course listing, consult our most recent calendar

Activity Programming For Dementia

Do you need a boost in designing meaningful and effective programming for residents with complex care needs and challenging behaviours? This fun-filled, practical session will help you maximize your strengths, use resources more creatively, expand your program repertoire, and rejuvenate you while focusing on the challenges and realities of working with dementia patients. Supplies required.

Basics of Ostomy Care

RNs, LPNs and RCAs providing quality care in a variety of settings will gain competency and knowledge for managing the needs of clients with ostomies. Topics include anatomy, physiology and surgical interventions with three types of ostomies; interventions for common stoma and peristomal complications; ostomy pouching products, diet and nutrition; and support resources for clients and care providers.

Basics Of Wheelchair Maintenance

Ideal for rehabilitation staff and anyone working with clients using wheelchairs, this course gives hands-on practice to help keep wheelchairs moving properly and safely. Topics include: mobility and maintenance of wheels, tires, brakes, foot, head and leg rests, backs and proper lubrication. Majority of course will focus on manual wheelchairs.

Drugs And Nutritional Supplements: Understanding Interactions

Many Canadians are self-medicating, using nutritional supplements based on various sources of advice, often mixing with prescribed medications. Adverse reactions can occur. This course is vital for health practitioners seeking to increase their knowledge around what and why certain supplements are used. An overview will be provided of the most popular vitamins, minerals and herbs. Their indications, side-effects and drug-supplement interactions will be covered.

Foot Care Basics

Designed for health care practitioners responsible for foot care in facility and community settings. Theoretical and practical instruction provided in non-invasive foot care, emphasizing the healthy foot. Students will practice on each other - please don't cut your toenails! Fee includes manual. Prerequisite: Open only to Resident Care Attendants accompanied by their RN supervisor or those holding current RN registration or LPN license. Bring a copy of certification to class.

Foot Care – Advanced

This course will provide you with opportunities to learn about specific client conditions and related foot care needs. Provides a holistic approach to foot care and an overview of foot care within the scope of nursing practice. Practical and written exams will be completed in class. Students will practice on each other - please don't cut your toenails! Statement of Course Completion awarded on successful completion of Foot Care Basics and Foot Care - Advanced. Prerequisite: Open only to those holding current RN registration or LPN license, and completion of Foot Care Basics, or permission of instructor. Background in anatomy and physiology required.

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Heightened Expectations For Today's Nurse

Identify priorities of nursing care using comprehensive assessment tools and develop critical thinking skills and leadership in managing increasingly complex patient profiles. A review of anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology of the five body systems will be highlighted. This interactive, practical and stimulating course uses a skills-based approach in meeting collective heightened expectations.

Hospice Palliative Care Principles And Practices

Designed for community and residential health care workers including RNs, LPNs and RCAs. Includes: introduction to hospice palliative care; Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA) process of providing care; pain management; psychosocial perspectives; death as a series of losses; facilitation of appropriate death; psychosocial implications of physical changes in last day and hours. An ideal lead-in to the Life and Death Matters workshop "Practical Strategies for Nurses Caring For Dying Patients In Acute And Residential Care Settings". Material fee covers cost of manual.

Infection Control For Health Care Providers

Designed for currently employed health care providers in various settings and presented by an infection control nurse practitioner for the Central Vancouver Island region. Includes: overview of the immune system and its response to infection; disease transmission; routine practices and additional precautions to stop the spread of disease; products for hand-washing, cleaning and disinfecting specific to certain diseases; biofilm as it enables bacterial survival and disease spread; and the lab microbiology report. Provides information about specific infections including bloodborne viruses, Influenza, Norovirus, Clostridium difficile, Tuberculosis, Prion Diseases, Necrotizing fasciitis, Cryptococcus and multiple drug-resistant organisms like MRSA and VRE.

Interpersonal Skills For Health Care Workers

Your success in a high volume, challenging workplace depends on your ability to effectively communicate. Gain a better understanding of your personal style and your impact on others. Discover how to minimize conflict and foster teamwork through clear communication and appreciation for other styles. Through small group discussions, paired activities and reflection, you will identify ways to improve your interpersonal communication skills that are so critical for a demanding workplace. Note: This course is a prerequisite for the Sterile Supply Technician Certificate Program.

Intramuscular Medication Administration

Gain the knowledge and skills required to administer medications through intramuscular injection. Lab fee non-refundable; covers cost of print materials. Additional text required (approximately \$75.00) - see supply list. Home study required: MINIMUM of 15 HOURS. Prerequisite: LPN or letter from the College of Licensed Practical Nurses stating that the course is required for licensing.

Intravenous Therapy

An exploration of the knowledge and skills required to competently administer medication intravenously, in compliance with the scope and standards of practice of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of British Columbia. Prerequisite: Current licensure as a practical nurse, or letter from College of Licensed Practical Nurses of British Columbia.

The Brain And Dementia

Designed for all levels of health care providers caring for people with dementia. Divided into three topics, the course explores: The Brain and Dementia; Interventions; and Challenging Behaviours. For additional information, see www.dementiacare.ca

Transcription Of Physicians' Orders

An exploration of the knowledge and skills required to competently transcribe physicians' orders in compliance with the scope and standards of practice of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of British Columbia, while following facility policy and procedure. Prerequisite: Current licensure as a practical nurse, or letter from College of Licensed Practical Nurses of British Columbia. Students should be familiar with principles of record-keeping and charting to be successful in this course.

Wound Care For Nurses

Open to LPNs and RNs, this course introduces concepts central to maintaining skin integrity and promoting wound healing, provides hands-on practice with wound products from VIHA inventory; and integrates knowledge with practice through case studies. The day starts with the question everyone has, "What product do I use?" and ends with participants having an evidence-based framework with which to make informed decisions on product selection.

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