Module A-I: Psychosocial, Cultural, Statistical, Legal, and Ethical Issues of Contemporary Maternal-Newborn Care

1. Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this section of Module A-I is to relate psychological and social development throughout the lifespan in a manner that will assist the nurse to plan and implement appropriate care to individuals and families as they progress through the maternity cycle. The impact of culture as it relates to individual and family responses to the ante-intra- and postnatal period is presented for discussion.

2. Terminology

Review Key Terms at the beginning of each chapter and Key Points at end of each chapter in maternal – newborn textbook.

3. Classroom Objectives

< Identify current social, statistical, legal and ethical considerations which impact on the way individuals react to the role of childbearing in a variety of age groups
< Identify the nurse’s responsibilities in providing sensitive and competent care to individuals and families during the maternity cycle
< Discuss the impact of gender identity throughout the lifespan
< Relate normal growth and development activities to the way in which individuals respond to the maternity cycle
< Discuss a variety of cultural considerations which affect individuals and families during the maternity cycle.

3.2 Learning Activities

a. Know key terms and review learning objectives at beginning of chapters.
b. Complete reading assignment on class schedule.
c. Discuss in class:
   I) Contemporary Childbearing
      a) Nursing Roles/Professional Issues
      b) Ethical Issues
      c) Statistics
d. Discuss myths that surround the maternity cycle.
e. Complete the learning activities in the Workbook (optional).
f. View assigned videos and computer software.

3.3 References
   a. Required and recommended textbooks as listed.
   b. Handout(s)

4. Clinical Objectives
   a. Include psychosocial and cultural data in your assessment of each patient.
   b. Discuss cultural aspects of pregnancy with assigned patients to assess their impact on the ante, intra, and postnatal behavior of the mother; of the family.
   c. Design nursing interventions that reflect sensitivity to psychosocial and cultural uniqueness of each individual.

5. Skills Laboratory Requirements
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   b. Review stripping and monitoring I.V. rates per hour.
   c. Review discontinuation of peripheral I.V. fluids.
   d. Review and practice Surgical Asepsis.
      1) Surgical scrub
      2) Sterile gowning
      3) Closed gloving
      4) Cap/foot covers, masks
   e. Review administration of enemas and Harris Flush.
   f. Review urethral catheterization procedure.

5.2 References
   a. Assigned nursing skills textbook.