

Professional Nursing: Concepts & Challenges, 10th Edition Test Bank

Chapter 1. Nursing in Today's Evolving Health Care Environment

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Which of the following could eventually change the historical status of nursing as a female-dominated profession?
- More men graduating from baccalaureate and higher degree programs
 - The proportion of men in nursing beginning to increase
 - More male graduates of basic nursing programs entering the workplace
 - Salary compensation increasing to attract more men

ANS: C

Feedback

- A** More men graduating from baccalaureate and higher degree programs is not the best answer because associate degree programs produce the most new graduates.
- B** The percentage of men in nursing has increased 50% since 2000.
- C** The more men who enter the workplace as nurses, the less nursing will be seen as a female-dominated profession.
- D** Salary rates do not appear to relate to the recruitment of men into nursing.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension REF: MCS: 2

2. The racial and ethnic composition of the nursing profession will change to more accurately reflect the population as a whole when
- The increased numbers of racial and ethnic minorities enrolled in educational programs graduate and begin to practice.
 - The number of Asians or Native Hawaiian-Pacific Islanders begins to increase.
 - The percentage of African-American and Hispanic nurses decreases more than the percentage of white nurses.

- d. The nonwhite portion of the general population decreases.

ANS: A

Feedback

- A** A larger percentage of minorities are enrolled in nursing educational programs than previously.
- B** Asians and Native Hawaiian-Pacific Islanders are over represented in nursing compared to their percentage of the general population.
- C** Not only would the percentage of African-American and Hispanic nurses need to increase, the percentage of white nurses would have to decrease in order to more accurately reflect the population as a whole.
- D** The nonwhite portion of the general population is not likely to decrease.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension REF: MCS: 3

3. Which of the following is a correct statement about the registered nurse (RN) population?

- a. The racial/ethnic composition of RNs closely resembles that of the general population.
- b. The number of men entering nursing has decreased steadily over the last decade.
- c. The rate of aging of RNs has slowed for the first time in the past 30 years.
- d. The majority of employed RNs working full time must work a second position.

ANS: C

Feedback

- A** The racial/ethnic composition of RNs is increasing, but does not approximate their percentage of the overall population.
- B** The number of men entering nursing is increasing.
- C** The average age of RNs in both 2004 and 2008 was 46. This is a result of the numbers of RNs under 30 in the workforce.
- D** According to 2008 data, only 12% of nurses working full time hold second positions.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Knowledge REF: MCS: 3

4. Which of the following best describes trends in nursing education?

- a. Numbers of RNs with bachelors and higher degrees are increasing.
- b. Numbers of RNs with associate degrees are decreasing.

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- c. Foreign-born nurses practicing in the United States are seen as less knowledgeable because of their lesser educational preparation.
- d. Numbers of RNs with diploma educations are increasing.

ANS: A

Feedback

- A** Slightly over 50% of RNs eventually obtain their bachelors of science in nursing (BSN) or a higher nursing degree.
- B** The majority of nurses in this country get their initial nursing education in associate degree in nursing (ADN) programs.
- C** Foreign-born nurses practicing in the United States may be viewed as less knowledgeable by their peers because of language and cultural differences.
- D** The numbers of diploma-educated nurses are declining.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Knowledge REF: MCS: 4

5. Despite the variety of work settings available to the RN, data from 2008 indicate that the primary work site for RNs is
- a. ambulatory care settings.
 - b. community health settings.
 - c. long-term care facilities.
 - d. acute care hospitals.

ANS: D

Feedback

- A** Ambulatory care settings account for about 10.5% of RNs places of employment.
- B** Public health and community health settings account for 7.8% of employed RNs.
- C** Long-term care facilities account for 5.3% of RNs places of employment.
- D** Statistics show that 62.2% of RNs work in acute care hospitals.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Knowledge REF: MCS: 5

6. One important advantage of clinical ladder programs for hospital-based RNs is that they

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- a. Allow career advancement for nurses who choose to remain at the bedside.
- b. Encourage nurses to move into management positions in which they can influence patient care on a broader scale.
- c. Encourage RNs to become politically active and guide the profession of nursing.
- d. Provide training to staff nurses so they can move seamlessly across departments.

ANS: A

Feedback

- A** Clinical ladder programs allow nurses to advance professionally while remaining at the bedside.
- B** Clinical ladder programs are designed to keep proficient nurses at the bedside.
- C** Encouraging RNs to become politically active and guide the profession of nursing is not the goal of clinical ladder programs.
- D** Clinical ladder programs are not designed to facilitate transfer between departments.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension REF: MCS: 7

7. Which of the following statements is correct about community health nursing (CHN)?

- a. Prevention and community education are the cornerstones of CHN.
- b. Nursing care is rapidly moving from the home setting to the institutional setting.
- c. High-tech care such as ventilators and total parenteral nutrition cannot be handled in the home.
- d. Assessment skills are less important in CHN because patients are not acutely ill.

ANS: A

Feedback

- A** The community health nurse provides educational programs in health maintenance, disease prevention, nutrition, and child care.
- B** Care is moving into the home setting.
- C** Home care is increasing in complexity.
- D** Community health nurses must have excellent assessment skills as they do not have the immediate backup that an acute care facility offers.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension REF: MCS: 9

8. Which of the following is most essential for the nurse entrepreneur to be successful?

- a. Ability to take direction well

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- b. Excellent time-management skills
- c. Avoidance of risks
- d. A college degree in business

ANS: B

Feedback

- A** Nurse entrepreneurs must function autonomously.
- B** Nurse entrepreneurs must be well organized and efficient.
- C** Starting a business involves risk.
- D** A degree in business is not required to be a nurse entrepreneur.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Analysis REF: MCS: 10

9. The major benefit of serving as a military nurse is

- a. Broader responsibilities and scope of practice than civilian nurses.
- b. Working with entirely baccalaureate-prepared peers on active duty.
- c. Serving as an officer on active duty or in the reserves.
- d. The financial support to seek advanced degrees

ANS: D

Feedback

- A** Although military nurses do have broader responsibilities and scopes of practice than civilian nurses do, this is not the major benefit.
- B** Although military nurses do work with entirely baccalaureate-prepared peers on active duty, this is not the major benefit.
- C** Although military nurses serve as officers on active duty or in the reserves, this is not the major benefit.
- D** Advanced education is supported by the military financially and also allows for promotion in rank at an accelerated pace.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension REF: MCS: 13

10. Which of the following statements explains why the school nurse of today is truly a community health nurse?

- a. The school nurse may be called on to care for a student's family members in underserved areas.

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- b. The school nurse's primary responsibility is centered on the well child.
- c. The school nurse's primary responsibility is to maintain immunization records.
- d. The school nurse must be certified in CHN.

ANS: A

Feedback

- A** In medically underserved areas a school nurse may be called on to care for members of a child's immediate family.
- B** Chronically ill, disabled, and physically challenged students are in regular classrooms.
- C** School nurses detect developmental problems; counsel and educate children, parents, and teachers; and maintain immunization records.
- D** Although school nurses are considered community health nurses, certification in community health is not required.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension REF: MCS: 13

11. What has been found about the outcomes of patients cared for in hospitals with a higher percentage of BSN-prepared nurses as compared to patients in hospitals with a lower percentage of BSN-prepared nurses?

- a. Patient outcomes are more dependent on nurse-patient ratios.
- b. Outcomes were better in hospitals with more BSN-prepared nurses.
- c. Outcomes were similar in both types of hospitals.
- d. Medical patients had better outcomes, but surgical patients fared the same.

ANS: B

Feedback

- A** Nurse-patient ratio is an important determinant of patient care outcomes but has not been shown to be more or less important than the percentage of BSN-prepared nurses providing direct patient care.
- B** Research by Aiken, et al, (2003) showed that patient outcomes were better in hospitals where higher percentages of BSN-prepared nurses were employed.
- C** Research by Aiken, et al, (2003) showed that patient outcomes were better in hospitals where higher percentages of BSN-prepared nurses were employed.
- D** Aiken, et al (2003) studied orthopedic, general surgical, and vascular surgery patients and found the outcomes were improved for these patients in hospitals with a higher percentage of BSN-prepared nurses.

12. Faith community nursing (FCN) was founded on which of the following premises?

- a. Nurses faith beliefs do not play a part in healing.
- b. The spiritual aspect takes precedence over the physical body in healing.
- c. Spiritual health is central to a person's well-being.
- d. Faith community nurses must receive formal training as a minister or clergy.

ANS: C

Feedback

- A** The nurse's spiritual journey is believed to be an essential aspect of this nursing role.
- B** Patients are treated holistically under FCN.
- C** FCN is based on the belief that spiritual health is central to well-being.
- D** Faith community nurses do not need to have formal training as a ministers.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension REF: MCS: 16

13. One important advantage of the evolution of nursing informatics is that

- a. It allows any RN to become a certified informatics nurse.
- b. Informatics nurses are best able to design systems with the needs and skills of nurses who use them.
- c. Informatics nurses will reduce the need for direct caregivers to document care.
- d. Benefits of informatics advancements include improved patient safety and increased variability of care.

ANS: B

Feedback

- A** Although all nurses may use informatics, a nurse specializing in informatics should have a BSN and additional knowledge and experience in the field of informatics.
- B** Informatics nurses understand how the information needs to be used and how to make the systems work for the nurses.
- C** Direct caregivers will still need to document the care provided.
- D** Benefits do include improved patient safety, but decreased variability of care is expected with informatics systems.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension REF: MCS: 17

14. Which of the following nursing roles is not considered an advanced practice role?

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- a. Certified nurse-midwife (CNM)
- b. Community health nurse
- c. Certified nurse practitioner (CNP)
- d. Clinical nurse specialist (CNS)

ANS: B

Feedback

- A** A CNM is an advanced practice role.
- B** The community health nurse is not an advanced practice role.
- C** CNP is an advanced practice role.
- D** CNS is an advanced practice role.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension REF: MCS: 17

15. NPs are advanced practice nurses who

- a. are required to have physician collaboration or supervision.
- b. function under a set of universal advanced practitioner laws.
- c. cannot receive direct reimbursement for their services.
- d. can diagnose and treat common and chronic conditions.

ANS: D

Feedback

- A** The laws governing the practice of NPs vary from state to state, including the degree of supervision required and how they may be reimbursed for their services.
- B** The laws governing the practice of NPs vary from state to state, including the degree of supervision required and how they may be reimbursed for their services.
- C** The laws governing the practice of NPs vary from state to state, including the degree of supervision required and how they may be reimbursed for their services.
- D** NPs are prepared to handle a wide range of basic health problems.

DIF: Cognitive Level: Comprehension REF: MCS: 18

16. The clinical nurse leader (CNL) is a recently proposed role. The responsibilities of the person in this role include which of the following?

- a. Oversee and manage care delivery in specific settings.