

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Clinical Decision Making in Nursing: Traps and Pitfalls

2021-3-I0101D125

Aims

The students will be able to recognize:

the cognitive, social and emotional issues in the decision making process in lack of time and uncertainty conditions;

the theoretical frameworks that examine behaviors involved in clinical practice decision making;

the measures to prevent error.

Contents

Clinical decision making is an integral part of health care today. The current health care environment of increased patient acuity and complexity, greater workloads, changes in delivery of nursing care, and diminishing resources constitutes an increased challenge for decision-making by all nurses. Psychologists have studied the process of decision making and have identified a number of theoretical frameworks that examine the behaviors involved in the decision making process and a number of traps into which nurses may fall when making decisions.

Detailed program

Theory of judgement and decision making; heuristic in clinical decision making;

Decision making in clinical practice;
Errors and bias in decision making;
The importance of teamwork in nursing decision making
Prerequisites
3 rd year
Teaching form
Lectures, discussion, role – playing
Textbook and teaching resource Pravettoni G., Vago G. Medical Decision Making. Decidere in ambito sanitario. McGraw – Hill, Milano, 2011
Semester
Second semester
Assessment method
Office hours