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Contemporary Practical/Vocational Nursing. Corrine R. Kurzen. J. B.

Contemporary Practical/Vocational Nursing is an excellent introductory textbook for students who have selected a career in practical nursing. The content provides the neophyte practitioner with insight into the world of nursing. Chapters one and two suggest strategies for adjusting to student life, develop the basic concepts of communication and discuss the personal, physical, and psychological needs of the student nurse as a person. Chapters three through five present a historical overview of nursing, requirements for practical nursing program and licensure, and nursing theory and process. Chapters six through eight describe the present health care system; patient care team members; and religious, cultural and ethnic differences of patients. Chapters nine and ten discuss ethical issues and legal responsibilities of practice. Chapter 11 defines effective leadership qualities, management skills, group membership dynamics, and the political process. Chapters 12 and 13 explain career opportunities, current issues, and future concerns.

The behavioral objectives, discussion questions, and learning activities of each chapter motivate and challenge students. Dedicated faculty can use this resource with its accompanying instructor’s manual to guide and encourage the development of students as vitally important members of the health care team.
