

Course Objectives

MedBridge

Introduction to Pediatric Home Care: Children and Adolescents

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Course Description:

This course provides students with an overview of nursing care in the home of children and adolescents with complex health care needs. The three most common diagnoses of children and adolescents who receive home care nursing are identified. Normal growth and development patterns are described so that the home care nurse may detect pathologic deviations. General physical assessment home care guidelines for children and adolescents are outlined. Required skill preparation for the pediatric home care nurse to autonomously provide proficient, safe care to a child or adolescent with complex medical needs is presented. The role of the home care nurse in fostering independence and self-care in the child or adolescent with special health care needs is described.

Course Objectives:

- Identify the three (3) most common diagnoses of children and adolescents who receive home care nursing
- List the six (6) elements of developmental assessment of children and adolescents
- Understand basic physical assessment home care guidelines for children and adolescents
- Recognize the nursing skills and competencies required for home care of children and adolescents and their families
- Define the role of the pediatric home care nurse in fostering optimal independence and self-care in the child and adolescent