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Foundations of Nursing – Nursing 101
Unit I Vocabulary Words

Accreditation – recognizes that institutions or programs meet national standards

Accountability – responsible for own actions and to accept the consequences of one's behavior.

Advocacy – to protect patient rights when the patient is unable to do so themselves

Articulation – formalized arrangement between educational institutions to promote educational mobility.

Autonomy – state of being independent and self-directed, to make one's own decisions

Certification – recognition of meeting standards of competency in specialty area.

CEU – continuing educational unit. Necessary to maintain credentialing for RNs in most states.

Credentialing – determining and maintaining standards of practice to promote quality.

Confidentiality – protecting one's privacy. No information will be made public without consent of person.

Ethics – branch of philosophy that deals with standards of conduct and moral judgment

Evidence Based Practice – best practice standards based on scientific research and body of knowledge

Holistic – caring for the whole person mind, body, and spirit.

Integrity – following the code of ethics. "doing the right thing".

Joint Commission – organization that accredits healthcare facilities to promote quality.

Malpractice – negligent acts by persons with specialized education.

NCLEX – National Council Licensure Exam. Exam taken to obtain RN license. "Boards"

Negligence – failure to behave in a reasonable and prudent manner. Unintentional tort.

Patient Bill of Rights – set of 7 rights and one responsibility to strengthen consumer confidence in a fair and responsive healthcare system.

Profession – occupation that requires special knowledge, skill and preparation.