Essentials of Inpatient Obstetric Nursing Care

Course 2: Care of the Intrapartum Patient

Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the learner will be able to:

- Describe maternal and fetal physiologic changes that occur in the reproductive system in preparation for labor.
- Identify the four stages of labor.
- Discuss normal progress in labor and factors that influence its progress.
- List various methods of labor pain relief.
- Describe options available for cervical ripening and induction/augmentation of labor.
- List indications for labor induction.
- Discuss advantages and disadvantages of various methods of cervical ripening.
- Discuss indications for assisted vaginal delivery.
- List risk factors for shoulder dystocia.
- Discuss maneuvers used for delivery during a shoulder dystocia.
- Discuss indications for a cesarean section delivery.
- Describe the care of the preoperative and intraoperative patient for a cesarean delivery.
- Discuss risk factors for postpartum hemorrhage.
- Describe interventions for the patient experiencing a postpartum hemorrhage.
- Complete the post test with a score of 80% or better.
Time to Complete

Approximately fifteen hours.

Length of Course

Part 1
Sixty-two slides with nineteen review questions.

Part 2
Seventy-seven slides with thirteen review questions.

Part 3
Sixty-five slides with ten review questions.

Part 4
Fifty-three slides with nine review questions.

Part 5
Fifty-five slides with five review questions.

Length of Post-Test

Thirty-five post-test questions.