

Gerontological Nursing Learning Activity Overview

Topic:	Functional Assessment of the Older Adults
Focus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify functional abilities and limitations of the older adults • Demonstrate competencies in functional assessment of the older adults
Benefit for students:	Students understand... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that assessment encompasses more than mere physical assessment • the relationship between illness and decline in functional ability
Brief Description:	Student... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contacts an older person greater than 65 years of age (who may be a family member, friend, or a patient in the clinical setting). • gathers demographic information • administers the Katz Basic Activities of Daily Living Scale and the Instrumental Activities of Daily Living Scale. • completes a one page discussion of the how the older person's functional status affects their ability for self-care in their present living situation.
Clinical Site:	Acute care, long-term care, or community setting.
Location in Curriculum/Type of Course:	Sophomore students in a Nursing Assessment course.
Documents Attached	Full description of Learning Activity Instructions for Student Assignment
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