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4. Utilize information management systems to deliver, evaluate, and improve the safety and effectiveness of patient care.
5. Demonstrate effective communication, collaboration, and care coordination as a member of the inter-professional health care team to improve health outcomes.
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7. Synthesize leadership and management strategies in the delivery of health promotion and disease prevention at the individual and population level.
8. Demonstrate understanding of healthcare policy, finance, and regulatory standards on quality outcomes and nursing practice.