

Midland College
Syllabus
VNSG 1323 Basic Nursing Skills (1-7-0)

General Course Information

Course Description

Mastery of basic nursing skills and competencies for a variety of health care settings using the nursing process as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

WECM End of Course Outcomes

Demonstrate safe and competent basic nursing skills; describe how each step of the nursing process relates to nursing care; and discuss the implementation of basic nursing skills in a variety of health care settings.

Student Learning Outcomes and Core Competencies

The following course student learning outcomes (SLO's) are based on the Differentiated Essential Competencies (DECs) identified by the Texas Board of Nursing for the nursing roles of Member of the Profession (MOP), Provider of Patient-Centered Care (PPCC), Patient Safety Advocate (PSA), and Member of the Health Care Team (MHCT). Upon successful completion of the course, the student will:

1. Demonstrate safe and competent basic nursing skills. (PPCC-E)
2. Discuss the implementation of basic nursing skills in a variety of health care settings. (MHCT-C)
3. Identify how each step of the nursing process relates to performance of basic nursing skills. (PPCC-A)
4. Demonstrate understanding of infection control and prevention in a variety of health care settings. (PSA-C)
5. Incorporate safety aspects into basic nursing skills and care. (PSA-B)

Course Outline/Schedule

Detailed course outline/schedule provided to the students at the start of class.

Chapter 16: Infection Prevention and Control: Protective Mechanisms and Asepsis
Chapter 17: Infections Prevention and Control in the Hospital and Home
Chapter 18: Safely Lifting, Moving, and Positioning Patients
Chapter 19: Assisting with Hygiene, Personal Care, Skin Care, and the Prevention of Pressure Ulcers
Chapter 20: Patient Environment and Safety
Chapter 21: Measuring Vital Signs
Chapter 22: Assessing Health Status
Chapter 24: Diagnostic Tests and Specimen Collection
Chapter 28: Assisting with Respiration and Oxygen Delivery
Chapter 29: Promoting Urinary Elimination
Chapter 30: Promoting Bowel Elimination
Chapter 33: Pharmacology and Preparation for Drug Administration
Chapter 34: Administering Oral, Topical, and Inhalant Medications
Chapter 35: Administering Intradermal, Subcutaneous, and Intramuscular Injections
Chapter 36: Administering Intravenous Solutions and Medications
Chapter 38: Providing Wound Care and Treating Pressure Injuries

Text, References, and Supplies

- DeWit, Susan. (2022) *Fundamental Concepts and Skills for Nursing*. 6th Edition, Elsevier. St. Louis, Missouri
- DeWit, Susan. (2022) *Study Guide Fundamental Concepts and Skills for Nursing*. 6th Edition, Elsevier. St. Louis, Missouri (Optional for this course)
- Mosby's Nursing Drug Book
- ATI Fundamentals 10.0
- Student Skills Kit
- Stethoscope, scissors, penlight

Course Competencies

A = (100-90)

B = (89.9-80)

C = (79.9-75)

D = (74.9-60)

F = (59.9 or below)

- Passing grade for this course is 75%. There are no rounding of grades. Students who fail this course may not progress in the VN program.

Unit Exams: 55%

Final Exam: 20%

Daily Grades: 25% (Engage Modules, ATI assignments, Skill Check-offs)

Student Contributions and Class Policies

Student Contributions

1. VNSG 1323 meets for 8 lecture/lab hours per week. For every week, it is the responsibility of the student to be prepared before coming to class by reading the assigned chapters in the textbook and completing required weekly assignments. Refer to course calendar for course content and weekly assignments/due dates.
2. The student is responsible for bringing textbooks and required materials to class.
3. Student is expected to comply with the policies outlines in the Midland College Student Handbook, and the Vocational Nursing Student Handbook.

Class Policies

1. In order to meet the goals of VNSG 1323, the student must attend class, and participate in all learning activities. If a tardy/absence is unavoidable, student must contact instructor to let them know. Please refer to Vocational Nursing Student Handbook – Didactic Attendance.
2. Unit exams that are missed due to an absence will result in a make-up exam that will be scheduled at discretion of the instructor. In the event the makeup exam is not taken in these timelines, the student will receive a zero (0). Please refer to Vocational Nursing Student Handbook – Exams & Standardized Tests
3. No assignment is optional. No late work will be accepted. The grade will be recorded as a zero (0). All work must be original. Please refer to the Student Handbook on policies regarding Cheating/Plagiarism. Please refer to Vocational Nursing Student Handbook – Assignments & Grading
4. The instructor will dismiss a student from class for disruptive and inappropriate conduct. Please see Vocational Nursing Student Handbook – Student Conduct.
5. All cell phones are to be turned off during class. Any use of cell phones during class is considered disruptive behavior, and student will be dismissed from class. Watches with internet access are not permitted during exams, quizzes, or review. Recorders during lecture are permitted by instructor approval only. Please see Vocational Nursing Student Handbook – Personal Electronic Communication Equipment/College Computers.
6. There is a zero tolerance for academic dishonesty. Penalty for academic dishonesty is an automatic failing grade of “F” in the course and dismissal from the program.
7. Unit exams cover a random sample of the materials studied in each unit of study. Test questions will be presented as multiple choice and alternative formats, similar to questions from the NCLEX exam. Students may receive a broad/general review prior to the exam. Material presented by any variety of teaching method (audio-visual media,

class presentation, independent study, required readings, and computer lab assignments) may be included in exams. Exams are typically taken on Canvas/ATI. Please see Vocational Nursing Student Handbook – Exams & Standardized Tests.

8. Student has 3 attempts to successfully pass the required in lab skill check off. Remediation is required after each unsuccessful attempt, up until the 3rd attempt. If student is unable to pass the check off within 3 attempts, student will be dismissed from the VN program. Please see Vocational Nursing Student Handbook – Nursing Skills Competency and Grading.

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