Midland College
Syllabus
Level 1
Vnsg 1423
Basic Nursing Skills
(2-6-0)

Course Description:
The mastery of entry level nursing skills and competencies for a variety of health settings. The nursing process will be utilized as the foundation of all nursing interventions.

Text, References, and Supplies:


Student Medical Pack and Learning Packet.

Course Goals and Objectives

Students will:

1. Demonstrate competency in theory of basic nursing skills
2. Demonstrate competency of 100% in listed basic nursing skills with ADA considerations.
3. Discuss the delivery of basic nursing skills in a variety of health care settings.
4. Begin to use the problem solving approach as a basis for decision making in practice situations.
5. Discuss dynamics of the individual nurse/client relationship.
6. Demonstrate understanding of nutritional needs of the patient.
7. Discuss the methods of preventing illness through utilization of standard precautions and isolation techniques identifying characteristics of common micro-organisms.
8. Differentiate between infections and communicable diseases.
9. Discuss nursing process as it applies in clinical setting.
10. Demonstrate beginning charting.
11. Demonstrate health assessment, head to toe assessment.
Student Contributions and Class Policies:

Each student is expected to spend 2 hours preparing for each class hour. Attendance is critical in this class. No assignment is optional and the student is expected to participate in discussions and class activities.

Students must pass this course with at least a “C” and must receive a grade of pass in 100% of nursing skills. This course must be completed satisfactorily for the student to continue in the Vocational Nursing Program.

All major tests require a scantron. Any major test that is missed will be made up the first day of the student’s return unless prior arrangements are made between the student and the instructor. The responsibility of all make-up work lies with the student. In the event make-up work is not accomplished within the week of the student’s return, the student will receive a zero (0) for that work. All work turned in late, up to 24 hours will automatically lose fifteen (15%), if over 24 hours late then will receive a zero.

Evaluation of Students:

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Passing grade for this course is a 75%. The final grade will be derived as follows:

- All daily grades averaged equally for 10%.
- All exams and projects averaged equally for 80%.
- Final exam is counted as 10%.

Course Schedule: Will be provided as separate handout

SCANS Information

The following SCAN skills will be taught and/or reinforced in this course:

Foundation

**Thinking Skills**
Creative thinking; decision making; seeing things in the mind’s eye; knowing how to learn; reasoning; and problem solving - recognizes problems and devises and implements plan of action.

**Personal Qualities**
Self-esteem; sociability; self-management; integrity/honesty; and responsibility - exerts a high level of effort and perseveres toward goal attainment.

Workplace Competencies

**Technology**
Selects technology; maintains and troubleshoots equipment; and applies technologies to task - understands overall intent and proper procedures for set up and operation of equipment.
**Safety Training:**

Students receive annual training in the following: blood and air borne pathogens, electrical safety, back safety, hazardous chemicals, latex allergies, fire and disaster procedures, security and personal safety procedures and safety requirements of clinical facilities. Students must maintain current CPR, immunizations and health insurance during all clinical courses.

**Instructor Information:**

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Students are encouraged to contact the instructor at any time; however, making an appointment will guarantee the instructor’s availability at a specific time.