Midland College  
Syllabus  
Spring 2016  
VNSG 2431  
Advanced Nursing Skills (2-5-0)

Course Description
This course is a mastery of advanced level nursing skills and competencies in a variety of health care settings utilizing the nursing process as a problem-solving tool.

End-of-Course Outcomes
Demonstrate competency in advanced nursing skills; implement the steps in the nursing process and describe how each step relates to nursing care; and discuss the delivery of advanced nursing skills in a variety of health care settings.

Text, References and Supplies
- Nursing Drug Reference Book
- Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI)

Student Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:
1. Recall normal lab values.
2. Construct a focused examination using interviewing techniques.
3. Describe nursing care for the patient receiving assisted feeding.
4. Analyze the process of wound care and appropriate nursing interventions.
5. Identify nursing care priorities for the patient with respiratory distress.
6. Distinguish pharmacotherapeutic agents along with patients’ responses to medication administration.
7. Identify appropriate syringes, signs of anaphylactic shock, and list the six medication rights.
8. Use clinical reasoning to understand the process of intravenous medication administration.
9. Identify important considerations for the patient undergoing surgery.

Required Skills
- Administering Oral Medications
- Sterile Dressing Change
- Wound Irrigation

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Student Contributions, Responsibilities and Class Policies

1. Each student is expected to spend two hours preparing for each scheduled credit hour. VNSG 2431 will meet two hours a week for lecture. This equals to four hours preparation time, before class every week. This course also has five lab hours per week.

2. The student must have a means of transportation to be at the assigned site at the assigned time for the duration of the assignment.

3. The student is responsible for having a scantron and sharpened pencils for all major exams. Quizzes will not require a scantron only major exam. Computer testing will be introduced as soon as all logistics are worked out.

Class Policies

1. In order to meet the goals of VNSG 2431, the student must attend class, participate in all learning activities and the clinical component associated with this course.

2. The attendance policy in the Midland College Vocational Nursing Student Handbook will be enforced. The student must contact the instructor prior to class to report an absence or being late.

3. Two tardies are considered an absence. Time is determined by the instructor’s cell phone.

4. If it is necessary for the student to be absent or tardy, it is the student’s responsibility to notify the instructor prior to the start of class.

5. Major exams that are missed due to an excused absence will be taken on the first day back to school and/or at the discretion of the instructor. In the event the make-up test is not taken in these timelines, the student will receive a zero (0). When the reason for missing an exam is due to a physician’s appointment, a note from the doctor is required.

6. No assignment is optional and no major exams or quizzes will be re-taken. Late homework will result as a “0”.

7. In the event a student is absent or tardy for a quiz it will be reflected as a “0” in Canvas that counts as a homework grade.

8. The instructor will dismiss a student for disruptive and inappropriate conduct. All cell phones are to be turned off and put away. Any use of a cell phone in class is considered disruptive behavior and the student will be dismissed from the class.

9. Recorders in the classroom require approval of the instructor.

10. The student is required to refer to the 2015-2016 Midland College Vocational Handbook for other program policies.

Evaluation of Students

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Passing grade for this course is a 75%. There will be no rounding in grading.

The final grade will be derived as follows:
- Daily Grades (homework, projects, quizzes and journals) 10%
- Major Exams 40%
- Skills Check off 20%
- Final Exam 30%

The Following will stand as the ATI Proctored (PN Fundamental ) Examine Score:
- Level 3-90%
- Level 2-80%
- Level 1-75%
- Below Level 1- “F” your score will be the Adjusted Individual Total Score.

Course Schedule
A calendar will be distributed to the class by the instructor. The calendar is subject to change by the instructor. Students should refer to CANVAS for changes.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
Any student who, because of a disabbling condition, may require some special arrangements in order to meet course requirements should contact Shep Grinnan as soon as possible. Mr. Grinnan’s office is located in the Scharbauer Student Center Building. These conditions may include documented physical or educational disabilities. Please be aware that services or accommodations are not automatic. Each student must request them and secure the proper authorizations/documentation.

Instructor’s Information
- Name: Norma Luna, RN, BSN
- Office Location: WRTTC, Fort Stockton
- Office Telephone: 432-336-7882 ext.106
- E-mail Address: nluna@midland.edu
- Office Hours: Monday 12:00-1:00 pm
  Tuesday 2:30pm – 4:30 p.m.
  Wednesday 12:30pm –1:30 a.m.
  Thursday 2:30pm -4:30pm

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

Division Information

Division Dean: Carmen Edwards, DNP, MNS, RN, 210 Davidson Family Health Sciences Building (DFHS), (432) 686-4822
Program Chair: Lea Keesee, BSN, MSN, RN, 157 Technology Center Building (TC), (432) 685-5594
Division Secretary: Kay Floyd, CAP-OM, 206 Davidson Family Health Sciences Building (DFHS), (432) 685-4600