

Midland College  
Course Syllabus  
VNSG 1304 Foundations of Nursing (2-3-0)

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## General Course Information

### Course Description

Introduction to the nursing profession including history, standards of practice, legal/ethical issues, and the role of the vocational nurse in the healthcare setting. Topics will include basic content on normal physiological functions as it relates to body systems, pharmacological principles, therapeutic communication, cultural and spiritual diversity, nursing process, and holistic awareness.

### WECM End of Course Outcomes

Demonstrate the ability to recognize the components of the nursing process, while providing nursing care according to the nursing process. Identify the role of the LVN as it relates to delegation, legal and ethical decisions, and therapeutic nurse-patient communication.

### Student Learning Outcomes

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. Function within the nurse's legal scope of practice and in accordance with the policy and procedures of the practice setting. (MOP) DEC #I A, B PO #1,2
2. Discuss the historical evolution and practice of vocational nursing, as well as the issues affecting the nurse role. (MOP) DEC #I A, B, C PO #1,2
3. Discuss the use of care planning using assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation. (PPCC) DEC #II A,C PO #3-7
4. Demonstrate clinical reasoning to provide safe care to ethnically, spiritually, and socially diverse patients. (PPCC) DEC #II A,D PO #3-7
5. Discuss the coping mechanisms for managing stress, and identifying resources for crisis management. (PPCC) DEC #II A,H PO #3-7
6. Discuss the role of the nurse in patient safety and organizational policies; obtaining instruction, training, or supervision when needed (PSA) DEC III A-F F PO #8-10
7. Discuss the dynamics of the nurse-patient relationship, including the role of the nurse as a patient safety advocate. (MHCT) DEC #IV A-E PO #11-14

8. Communicate, collaborate, and coordinate with the healthcare team to assist in the planning and delivery of patient-centered care in various medical surgical settings.  
(MHCT) DEC #III A-H PO # 11,12,13

### Course Outline/Schedule

Detailed course schedule will be provided to the students at the start of class.

### 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: 40%

Final Exam: 20%

Daily Grades: 20%

ATI Proctored Fundamentals: 10%

Care Plan: 10%

The following will stand as the ATI Proctored PN Fundamentals exam scoring:

Level 3: 90%

Level 2: 80%

Level 1: 75%

Below level 1: 65%

## Student Contributions and Class Policies

### Student Contributions

1. VNSG1304 meets for 5 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.
2. The student is responsible for bringing textbooks and required materials to class.

### Class Policies

1. In order to meet the goals of VNSG1304, the student must attend class, and participate in all learning activities. Reading unit materials prior to lecture will be of the most benefit.
2. The student is responsible for knowing and adhering to the Midland College Vocational Nursing Student Handbook. The student must contact the instructor prior to class to report an absence or tardy.
3. Unit exams that are missed due to an absence will be taken on the first day back to class, or at the discretion of the instructor. A makeup exam will be given. In the event the makeup exam is not taken in these timelines, the student will receive a zero (0).
4. 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.
5. The instructor will dismiss a student from class for disruptive and inappropriate conduct.
6. 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.
7. Recorders during lecture are permitted by instructor approval only.
8. 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.

### Students with Disabilities

Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. In order to receive accommodations, students must place documentation on file with the Counselor/Disability Services. Students with disabilities should notify Midland College prior to the beginning of each semester. Student Services will provide each student with a letter outlining acceptable accommodations. The student must present the letter to Director of VN at the beginning of semester to keep on file. Please contact Shep Grinnan, located in the Scharbauer Student Center.

## Title IX

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## Licensure Eligibility Notification

Completion of Midland College degrees and/or certificates does not guarantee eligibility to take a certification/registry/licensure examination. The eligibility of each person is determined on an individual basis by the regulatory body of the specific discipline. If you have a conviction of a crime other than a minor traffic violation, physical or mental disability/illness, hospitalization/treatment for chemical dependency within the past five years, current intemperate use of drugs or alcohol or a previous denial of a licensure or action by a licensing authority, you will need to contact the specific regulatory body for an individual ruling. Some programs require a criminal background check and urine and drug screen.

## Health Science Division Information

Students are encouraged to contact the instructor anytime. Making an appointment will guarantee availability at a specific time.

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