

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

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## 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 the ability to perform basic nursing skills, correlated with the nursing process and in a variety of health care settings

### 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. Assume responsibility and accountability within the nurse's legal scope of practice in accordance with the policies and procedures of the practice setting, Texas Board of Nursing, Texas Nursing Practice Act. (MOP) DEC #I A PO #1,2
2. Assume responsibility by providing competency in nursing practice through continuing education and principles of quality improvement. (MOP) DEC #I B,D PO #1,2
3. Discuss the nursing process and how it relates to nursing care. (MOP) DEC #I D PO #2
4. Plan nursing care using, nursing process, clinical reasoning and evidence based policies to provide safe care to patients with predictable health care needs. (PPCC) DEC #II A,D PO #3,4
5. Accept and make assignments that promote quality and a safe environment for patients, self and others within regulatory parameters, including policies regarding patient confidentiality. (PSA) DEC #III A,B,E,F PO #8,9
6. Communicate and collaborate with patients, their families, and the interdisciplinary health care team to assist in the planning, delivery, and coordination of patient-centered care to assigned patients. (MHCT) DEC #IV A,B,C,D PO #11,13

### Course Outline/Schedule

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

### REQUIRED SKILLS:

Hand hygiene/alcohol gel

Personal protective equipment (PPE)

Positioning the patient

Moving the patient up in bed

Passive range of motion

Transferring patient to wheelchair

Ambulating the patient/breaking a fall

Administering a bed bath/peri care

Oral care to unconscious patient

Denture Care

Making an occupied bed

Applying protective device (restraint)

Measuring temperature

Measuring radial pulse

Measuring apical pulse

Measuring respirations

Measuring blood pressure

Using pulse oximeter

Perform Head to Toe assessment

Perform Neurological assessment

Inserting nasogastric tube

Assist with feeding

Administering nasogastric feeding

Using a feeding pump

Administering enema

Placing and removing bedpan

Changing Ostomy

Sterile gloving/preparing sterile field

Foley Catheterization male/female

Providing trach care

Providing trach suction

Administering oxygen

Nasopharyngeal suction

Wet-dry sterile wound dressing change with wound irrigation

Wound Culture

Measuring Input & Output

Capillary blood glucose check

Apply antiembolism stockings

Performing urine dipstick test

Obtaining stool for occult blood

### 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: 30%

Final Exam: 25%

Daily Grades: 15%

Lab Skills/Check offs: 30%

## 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.
2. The student is responsible for bringing textbooks and required materials to class.

### Class Policies

1. In order to meet the goals of VNSG 1323, 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.
9. Student has 3 attempts to successfully pass the required check off. Remediation is required after each unsuccessful attempt, up until the 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt. If student is unable to pass the check off within 3 attempts, student will be dismissed from the VN program.  
(See Vocational Nursing Student Handbook)

## 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.

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## Licensure Eligibility Notification

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## Health Science Division Information

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