

COURSE TITLE: VNSG 1409 Nursing in Health and Illness II (Level II Medical Surgical Nursing)

PRE-REQUISITES: VNSG 1400

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I. GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION (WECM): Continued study in the principles of growth and development, primary health care needs of the patient across the life span, disease processes and therapeutic nursing interventions.

B. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME (DECS):

1. Compare and contrast normal body functions with that of pathological variations.
2. Identify disease process by definition, assessment and diagnostics.
3. Assist in formulation of a plan of care utilizing the nursing process for medical-surgical conditions.
4. Provide patient/family education.
5. Demonstrate use of nursing process in regard to drug therapy.
6. Discuss normal aging, system changes, common disease processes, lifestyle changes, common issues and needs during the aging process.
7. Discuss the principles of nutrition, the digestive process, food nutrients, diet therapy and diet modifications.
8. See textbook specific objectives for each chapter.

C. COURSE COMPETENCIES:

Grading scale:

A-----90-100

B-----80-89.9

C-----75-79.9

D-----70-74.9

F----- 69.9 and below

D. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Please refer to SPC Catalog and Vocational Nursing Student Handbook

- E. SCANS (Secretaries Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills) and FOUNDATION SKILLS:
 C-1,C-2,C-3,C-4,C-5,C-6,C-7,C-9,C-10,C-11,C-12,C-13,C-14,C-15,C-16,C-17,C-18,C-19
 F-1,F-2,F-3,F-4,F-5,F-6,F-7,F-8,F-9,F-10,F-11,F-12,F-13,F-14,F-15,F-16,F-17
- F. VERIFICATION OF WORKPLACE COMPETENCIES:
 No external learning experiences provided. Successful completion of the DECS competency statements at the level specified by the course (Level Objectives) will allow the student to continue to advance within the program. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be eligible to take the State Board Exam (NCLEX) for Vocational Nurse licensure.

II. SPECIFIC COURSE/INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

A. MANDATORY TEXTBOOKS:

1. Williams, L, Hopper, P, Understanding Medical Surgical Nursing, 5th Ed., Davis, ISBN #978-0-8036-4068-9
2. Watkins, C, Pharmacology Clear & Simple, 2nd Ed., Davis, ISBN #978-0-8036-2588-4.
3. Williams, L, Hopper, P, Student Workbook for Understanding Medical Surgical Nursing, 5th Ed., Davis, ISBN # 978-0-8036-4069-6
4. Leeuwen A, Davis’s Comprehensive Handbook of Laboratory Diagnostic Tests with Nursing Implications, 6th Ed., Davis, ISBN # 978-0-8036-4405-2
5. Vallerand A, Davis’s Drug Guide for Nurses, 14th Ed., Davis, ISBN # 978-0-8036-3976-8

B. ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Attendance is counted as a test grade. Students will start off at a 100 and 15 points will be deducted for the first 5 absences and the 6th absence is a 25 point deduction (leaving the student with a grade of “0”). There are no excused absences in the Vocational Nursing Program. Roll is taken for each class. A student who is not present when roll is checked is “absent.” A student must sign in for each class; if a student fails to sign in, the student is marked “absent.” Students are not allowed to disrupt the class for tardiness. A tardy student may come into the classroom following a break. The student must sign in, but the student will still be counted absent. A student who leaves before the end of class is counted absent.

C. GRADING POLICY /METHODS OF EVALUATION: VNSG 1400

UNIT EXAMS-----	60%
FINAL EXAM-----	30%
QUIZ/PARTICIPATION/ PRESENTATIONS-----	10%

1. In the interest of consistency, all grades will be calculated as outlined in the student handbook (no rounding of grades)
2. Exam grades will be posted numerically on Blackboard.
3. Quiz grades and the group presentations will be posted on Blackboard. Missed quizzes will result in a grade of “0.”
4. The FINAL EXAM grade will NOT be posted on Blackboard
5. The Numeric Final Course grade will NOT be posted on Blackboard
6. The Final course grade is posted to CampusConnect as a letter grade and is the “official” grade of the course; this is the grade transcribed.
7. Please refer to your SVN handbook for additional comments about grades.
8. Each student is responsible for knowing their current average for all classes.
9. Students must earn a “C” or better in this class for progression.

10. Students have the opportunity to review all grades as they are recorded. Should the student have any questions about a specific grade or specific test question, the student must discuss this with the instructor within 48 hours of notification of grade assignment. Once the 48 hours have passed without the student questioning the grade or question, the assigned grade is final and may not be challenged at the end of the course. The Final Exam may not be reviewed.

D. EXAMINATION POLICY:

1. See Lecture/Exam Schedule.
2. Presentation of material includes class lectures, discussion, and handouts.
3. All exams are comprehensive in nature—this means that material previously covered in the course may appear on any exam since the student is expected to retain information and not “dump” information.
4. Course grade will be determined by unit exams, quizzes, homework, group project and the comprehensive final.
5. No hats, caps, blankets, jackets, long sleeve shirts, backpacks, books, food, water, cell phones, or pagers are allowed in the classroom during exams.
6. All cell phones and pagers should be in your locker or vehicle during classes.
7. Students are responsible for turning in 12 of the 50 scantron and 1 of the 100 scantron to instructor. All scantrons need to be turned in before first test. If not the student will not be able to take test and test grade will result in a “0”.
8. Adult Health Nursing Examination Cover Sheet Instructions is as follows:
 1. **PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME AND COVER SHEET NUMBER ON ALL ANSWER SHEETS (SCANTRON AND PAPERS PROVIDED).**
 2. **DO NOT WRITE ON THIS COVER SHEET OR THE TEST!!!!**
 3. **NO** questions can be answered during the test about any test question. If there is a technical problem with your test, that issue can be addressed, but do not ask what a word or question means. Do not get up to ask a question during the exam. You must raise your hand.
 4. Please place this cover sheet over your scantron at all times during the test.
 5. For answers that **REQUIRE WRITING (Select all that apply, short answer, case study type questions, and fill in the blank)**, please place these answers on the back of the scantron or blank sheet of paper provided.
 6. True/False questions must be bubbled in on the scantron.
 7. Darken each circle adequately with a #2 pencil (no ink). If you change an answer, please erase thoroughly or if you darken more than one answer.
 8. When you have completed your test, paperclip the cover sheet to the test. **DO NOT** paperclip the scantron to the test.
 9. Place the scantron and any answer sheets provided in alphabetical order in the blue book.
 10. Place the test and cover sheet together in numerical order.
 11. You may quietly leave the room. **Do Not** enter again until all testers have completed testing.
 12. **All written and verbal instructions prior to an exam must be followed.**
 13. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE WILL RESULT IN A 5 POINT DEDUCTION ON THE CURRENT EXAM. The deduction will increase by 5 points for each act of noncompliance as the semester goes on.**
For example – 1st offense is *5 point* deduction, 2nd offense is *10 point* deduction, 3rd offense is *15 point* deduction, and so on.

E. MISSED EXAM/MAKEUP WORK:

Students are expected to take all examinations for each nursing course. There are **NO MAKE UP EXAMS** for this course. Since the Final exam is comprehensive (meaning that it covers the entire course), the Final Exam will be the missed exam **FOR THE FIRST MISSED EXAM ONLY.** Should any additional exam be missed, a grade of “0” will be recorded.

NO exams will be given prior to the originally scheduled exam. Please do not ask. For Test Security, no hats, caps, backpacks, purses, blankets or jackets may be worn during testing. **ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS SHOULD BE IN YOUR LOCKER OR VEHICLE DURING CLASS.**

- F. ASSIGNMENT POLICY: Students are responsible for reviewing and printing the CLASS SCHEDULE from Blackboard.
- G. CLASSROOM RULES:
 - a. **ALL CELL PHONES, LAPTOPS, RECORDING DEVICES, AND PAGERS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM AND SHOULD BE IN YOUR LOCKER OR VEHICLE DURING CLASS.** Penalties will apply to the student who chooses to SNEAK in their phone to class.
 - b. Only bottled water with screw top is allowed in the classroom. Snacks, food, and other beverages are to be left in the student's locker or consumed in the designated eating area of the building.
 - c. The classroom is a learning environment and is set for the student to learn and ask questions. If any student becomes disruptive or disrespectful in class, being towards another student or the instructor, they will be asked to leave and take an absence for the day.

III. COURSE OUTLINE

- A. REQUIRED READINGS: The student is responsible for understanding and completing the Learning Objectives and the Key Terms at the beginning of each chapter before class.
- B. LECTURE: It is the student's responsibility to be present during lecture, take notes, and print out the power point presentation and worksheets needed for lecture before class starts. The worksheets provided on Blackboard should be utilize during lecture and to help the student study.
- A. QUIZZES: Quiz grades will be based off of the assignments assigned utilizing F.A. Davis and ATI. Pop quizzes will be given throughout the semester without being announced ahead of time and it is the student's responsibility to always be prepared. If the student is not in class during a Pop quiz the grade will result in a '0' and there will not be a make quiz.
- B. Homework: All weekly homework assignments will need to be completed and turned in before the test of that particular subject. If homework is not complete and the proper documentation is not turned in before testing out of that subject will result in a grade of " 0 ". All homework will be counted as a quiz grade and averaged into the final semester average.
 - a. F.A.DAVIS: This website is used to increase student knowledge and to prepare students for the NCLEX. Students will need their access code number from their book to receive access to take the quiz.
 - b. ATI: A code will be provided for student to complete their ATI quizzes. Student will need to print and turn in their final grade from ATI quiz before taking their test to get full credit of quiz grade.
- C. GROUP PRESENTATION: The student is responsible for participating in a group presentation and collaborating with other students in group to complete the presentation. The student must utilize the "Group Presentation" rubric to help complete the presentation and the rubric will be utilized to give final grade of presentation. At the end of presentation every student will participate in an evaluation of their group members. The group member evaluation will be incorporated in the final "Group Presentation" grade. If there is a member of a group not able to participate OR WHO HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE PROGRAM, the group members that remain will need to complete the work necessary for the presentation.
- D. ATI Exit Exam: All students are required to take and PASS an ATI Exam after the final to proceed to the next semester. If any test that is less than a 75% will have to complete remediation ATI Students will be given codes to complete the assignments available for extra practice.

IV. COURSE CONTENT: This intermediate course covers disease processes, nursing care, and medication in specific body systems. Content includes:

1. Fluid and Electrolytes
2. Immune System
3. Cardiovascular
4. Hematologic Disorders

5. Respiratory Disorders
6. Gastrointestinal Disorders
7. Renal Disorders
8. Endocrine Disorders
9. Genitourinary Disorders
10. Musculoskeletal Disorders
11. Sensory Disorders
12. Integumentary Disorders

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT STATEMENT

“Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Special Service Office early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements may be made.” In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Coordinator of Special Services. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland Student Health & Wellness Center 806-716-2577, Reese Center (also covers ATC) Building 8: 806-716-4675, Plainview Center Main Office: 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611, or the Health and Wellness main number at 806-716-2529.

1409 SYLLABUS CONTRACT

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the syllabus for VNSG 1409. I also acknowledge that I have been given an opportunity to ask questions.

Signature _____

Date _____