

Course Syllabus

COURSE: RNSG 1160 (1:0:4) Clinical Nursing Foundations
 SEMESTER: Fall 2022
 CLASS DAYS: See course calendar
 CLASS TIMES: See course calendar
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GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

*It is the responsibility of each student to be familiar with the content and requirements listed in the course syllabus. *

COVID

The following statement should be included in all course syllabi for face-to-face and hybrid instruction options: If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or test for COVID-19.

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at dedens@southplainscollege.edu or 806-716-2376. Proof of a positive test is required. A home test is sufficient but students must submit a photo of the positive result. The date of test must be written on the test result and an ID included in the photo. If tested elsewhere (clinic, pharmacy, etc.), please submit a copy of the doctor’s note or email notification. Results may be emailed to DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at dedens@southplainscollege.edu. A student is clear to return to class without further assessment from DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN if they have completed the 5-day isolation period, symptoms have improved, and they are without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Students must communicate with DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN prior to their return date if still symptomatic at the end of the 5-day isolation.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introductory clinical course designed to introduce the student to the fundamentals of clinical nursing skills. The course allows the student to apply fundamental concepts and evidence based clinical nursing skills to the clinical setting under the supervision of clinical faculty. Prerequisites: Psychology 2314, Biology 2401 & 2420, and English 1301. Concurrent enrollment is required for RNSG 1144, RNSG 1160, and RNSG 1413. If RNSG 1115 has been successfully completed the prerequisite is not required. Failure of RNSG 1413, 1160, 1144, 1105, and/or 1115 will require repeating all Level I Semester I courses as they must be completed together.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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| At the completion of the semester students will: |
| 1. Provide care based on current knowledge, theory, and research. |
| 2. Assume accountability and responsibility for practice. |
| 3. Collaborate with clinical faculty and health care professionals. |
| 4. Utilize principles of therapeutic communication with individuals. |
| 5. Utilize the nursing process within a structured setting with individual clients from diverse populations experiencing common, well defined, reoccurring alterations in health. |
| 6. Perform health assessments on individual clients. |
| 7. Utilize pharmacology and non-pharmacological therapies with individual clients. |
| 8. Perform basic nursing skills competently with individual clients in structured settings. |
| 9. Provide cost effective care in the clinical setting. |
| 10. Utilize information technologies to enhance knowledge base, retrieve information to support nursing practice and document nursing actions. |

COURSE OBJECTIVES - Upon satisfactory completion of RNSG 1160, the student will meet the following: SPC ADNP Graduate Outcomes: 1-5; DECs (Differentiated Essential Competencies) listed in the clinical evaluation tool and below.

1. **CLINICAL DECISION MAKING**- Provides competent nursing interventions based on application of the nursing process demonstrating critical thinking, independent judgement and self-direction while caring for patients and families. (ELA 2)
2. **COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**- Communicates effectively utilizing technology, written documentation, and verbal expression with members of the health care team, patients and their families. (ELA 2)
3. **LEADERSHIP**- Demonstrates knowledge of basic delegation, leadership management skills and coordinates resources to assure optimal levels of health care for patients and their families. (ELA 1)
4. **SAFETY**- Implements appropriate interventions to promote a quality and safe environment for patients and their families. (ELA 1)
5. **PROFESSIONALISM**- Demonstrates knowledge of professional development and incorporates evidence-based practice in the nursing profession. Incorporates concepts of caring, including moral, ethical, and legal standards while embracing the spiritual, cultural, and religious preferences on patients and their families. (ELA1)

The course is designed to provide the learner with the basic knowledge and skills necessary to function within the four roles of nursing in compliance with the January 2021 Texas BON Differentiated Essential Competencies (DEC) which include member of the profession, provider of patient centered care, patient safety advocate and member of the health care team. Refer to the student handbook for a complete list of the DECS.

EVALUATION METHODS

Teaching methods: Clinical math reviews, clinical supervision and facilitation, demonstrations, independent/group assignments, scenarios, case studies, discussions, debriefings, Nursing Learning Resource Laboratory, Center for Clinical Excellence, online didactic using blackboard collaborate, zoom and/or Microsoft teams, and online vSims.

This course will be **face-to-face instruction** with online instruction provided to supplement and enhance learning. This course may take on a different format such as:

l Lecture online with lab components face-to-face

Evaluation methods: Clinical math exam, clinical daily attendance and evaluations, clinical packets and nursing processes, satisfactory achievement on all clinical outcomes on the Clinical Evaluation Tool, demonstration, and skills review round-up.

Web based: online assignment submissions

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

Cheating - Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in the office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of coursework. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.

Plagiarism - Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.

Professional Standards

Students are expected to adhere to the professional standards set forth in the Associate Degree Nursing Program School of Nursing Student Handbook. It is the responsibility of the School of Nursing to teach and model professional behaviors, and it is the responsibility of the student to demonstrate professional, academic integrity, and HIPAA. The student is representing the School of Nursing and are expected to maintain the highest standards.

VERIFICATION OF WORKPLACE COMPETENCIES

External learning experiences, Simulation lab, and skills lab provides the setting in which the student applies workplace competencies. Successful completion of the designated Level I Semester I course outcomes will allow the student to continue to advance within the program. Successful completion of RNSG 1160 meets the requirements as stated in the Differentiated Essential Competencies of Graduates of Texas Nursing Program.

BLACKBOARD

Blackboard is an e-Education platform designed to enable educational innovations everywhere by connecting people and technology. This educational tool will be used in this course throughout the semester.

FACEBOOK

The nursing program has a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SPCNursing17/> In addition to the South Plains College website; this Facebook page will be used to keep students up-to-date on program

activities, weather delays, South Plains College announcements and will help with program recruitment. “Liking” the South Plains College Nursing Facebook page is not mandatory, nor are personal Facebook accounts, in order to access this page.

SCANS AND FOUNDATION SKILLS

Refer also to Course Objectives. Scans and Foundation Skills attached

SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS, E-LEARNING MATERIALS

Taylor, C., Lynn, P., & Bartlett, J. (current edition). Lippincott Course Point Plus. *Fundamentals of Nursing: The art and science of person-centered nursing care* (9th ed.). Wolters Kluwer.

Carpenito, L. (current edition). *Nursing diagnosis: Application to clinical practice*. (current edition). Wolters Kluwer.

Frandsen, G, & Pennington, S. (current edition). *Abrams’ Clinical Drug Therapy* (current edition). Wolters Kluwer.

Hinkle, J., & Cheever, K. (current edition). *Brunner & Suddarth’s textbook of medical-surgical nursing* (current edition). Wolters Kluwer Health: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

Kee, J. (current edition). *Laboratory and diagnostic testing with nursing implications* (current edition). Pearson. Any Nursing Drug Handbook (not Davis)

OPTIONAL

Taylor, C., Lillis, C., & Lynn, P. (current edition). *Fundamentals of Nursing: The art and science of person-centered nursing care* (current edition). Wolters Kluwer. (Hardback Copy)

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

Macklin, D., Chernecky, C., & Infortuna, H. (current edition). *Math for clinical practice*. (current edition). Mosby Elsevier.

ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM ITEMS

Students should come to class prepared with pens, pencils, and a spiral notebook for taking notes or completed quizzes or assignments in class. Students are responsible for purchasing a Blood Pressure Cuff, Stethoscope, Pen Light, Bandage Scissors, and Pulse Oximeter. Students should be prepared to take notes over lecture material if they choose. Students may be required to use laptop computer or similar technology for exams and quizzes in the classroom, also to take notes if desired. An iPad will be checked out to each student for school use.

ATTENDANCE POLICY (*READ CAREFULLY)

Clinical/Lab Attendance

Students are expected to attend all labs/clinical in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus.

When an unavoidable reason for class/clinical absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student’s responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the

instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first-class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have “Never Attended” by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of “X” or “F” as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student’s responsibility to be aware of that policy. It is the student’s responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

http://catalog.southplainscollege.edu/content.php?catoid=47&navoid=1229#Class_Attendance

The SPC ADNP policy must be followed. Refer to the SPC ADNP Nursing Student Handbook to review this policy. Punctual and regular clinical attendance, as stated in the SPC handbook, is required of all students attending South Plains College. According to SPC Student Handbook, there are no excused absences. The Instructor/course leader has the prerogative of dropping the student from the course for any absences. Students are expected to attend all scheduled clinical days. The student can miss no more **than four (4) clinical hours**. Do not be tardy, the tardiness is cumulative and will count towards the number of hours that can be missed. A student missing more than four (4) clinical hours will be dropped from RNSG 1160. The course leader will initiate the withdrawal of the student for any absences. Reinstatement is handled on an individual basis. The student may be allowed to make up a missed clinical day due to illness or an unavoidable reason as long as the student notifies the instructor as soon as possible and provides proof of the reason missed (MD note, etc).

If a student will be tardy to clinical the following deductions will be applied to the daily performance evaluation:

- Tardy with instructor notification and present before report (-10 points)
- Tardy after report begins with instructor notification (-25 points)
- Tardy before or after report without instructor notification, no later than 0800 (-40 points)
- Absence without proper instructor notification (-100 points) resulting in failure in RNSG 1160. (If student is unable to attend or give proper notification to the instructor due to illness (hospitalization) or accident and notifies the instructor as soon as possible, the instructor may give the student the opportunity to make up the clinical hours. The clinical hours to be made up may be either in the hospital clinical setting, the SIM lab at Reese, or be given 4 Course Point + VSIM assignments.
- Examples of unexcused absence or tardies: missing alarm, child care, car problems, etc. Make sure you have a backup plan

Cellular phones must be turned off while in the NLRL (nursing learning resource lab). Cell Phones are permissible, kept on silent mode, and should not be used in patient areas, hallways, or nurses' stations. Cell phones may be used on you lunch break. Failure to use responsibly will result in a 50% penalty for the clinical day. Exception is iPad checked out to students by SPC ADNP. Students assumes responsibility for loss or damage to their property. **It is the student’s responsibility to contact the instructor via email or phone call the main office number (806-716-2391) if they are late or absent**

Dropping a class will be instructor initiated.

If a student is not successful in one or more of the following courses: RNSG 1160 the instructor will meet with the student to discuss which class(es) will be dropped and which class(es) a grade will be assigned. (RNSG 1115, RNSG 1144, RNSG 1105, RNSG 1413)

Withdrawing from all classes

If a student wishes to withdraw from all courses, they should initiate that process with the Advising Office. They can schedule an appointment with an advisor by visiting <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/advising/spcadvisors.php> or by calling 806-716-2366.

Schedule Change (after late registration and before census date)

To make a schedule change after late registration (August 28) and before the census date (September 9), students should submit a [Schedule Change Form](#).

After late registration, adding a class requires instructor approval. If a student is requesting to be added to one of your courses and you approve, please email registrar@southplainscollege.edu with your approval. This can take the place of signature on the Schedule Change Form that we have required in the past.

For additional information regarding schedule changes, drops and withdrawals, [click here](#).

If the student fails one of the following courses: RNSG 1105, RNSG 1144, RNSG 1413, RNSG 1160, or RNSG 1513, the instructor will initiate the drop for the courses that have not been completed. The student will receive grades in the course failed and any other courses the student has completed.

ASSIGNMENT POLICY

All assignments must be completed by the assigned due date. **Failure to complete any assignment by due date will result in a 5 point deduction each day late up to 5 days, at which time the student will receive a zero.** Assignments, quizzes, exams, and skills missed due to an unexcused absence may not be made up. Assignments are due by the assigned dates and times in Central Standard Time (CST) on the class schedule. Students should contact faculty prior to the due date and time if they anticipate material will be late. Please allow enough time for preparation and submission of each assignment prior to the scheduled due date. Students must scan required documents before uploading into Blackboard, Scanners are available in the Allied Health Building. Students can also choose an app choice (I-scan, etc.). Assignments must be uploaded as a PDF, beginning with the grading criteria.

CLINICAL MATH COMPETENCY EXAM

Students must pass a clinical math competency exam by scheduled due date and prior to the student's first hospital clinical. Students are only allowed to miss 2 questions to receive a passing score of 90%. Students unsuccessful on the first and/or second math exam will be required to remediate with an instructor. Students will be given three attempts to receive a passing score. If a scheduled clinical math exam is missed it cannot be made up. The missed attempt will count as a failure. **Failure to successfully pass the math test on the third attempt will result in failure of the RNSG 1160 course.**

Review Clinical Math Competency Exam and additional instructions under Clinical Math Competency Exam learning module located under course content in Blackboard. See Calendar for dates.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SKILLS CHECK OFFS, RECORDING OF SKILLS, SIMULATION AND CLINICALSITES

Students must arrive in **full SPC uniform for skills check offs, recording of skills, Reese simulation and clinical sites.** Cell Phones are permissible, kept on silent mode, and should not be used in patient areas, hallways, or nurses' stations. Cell phones may be used on you lunch break. Failure to use responsibly will result

in a 50% penalty for the clinical day. Exception is iPad checked out to students by SPC ADNP. Students assumes responsibility for loss or damage to their property. Failure to comply with the SPC Uniform Policy may result in a deduction for any assignments due that day (clinical daily attendance and evaluations). The clinical instructor will remove the student from the clinical setting if the student demonstrates unsafe clinical performance. Unsafe clinical performance may result in clinical failure and/or dismissal from the ADNP. Examples of unsafe clinical performance include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Failure to complete assigned clinical paperwork
- b. Placing a patient in physical or emotional danger
- c. Assuming inappropriate independence
- d. Failure to accept moral and legal responsibility for his/her own actions
- e. Violation of professional integrity as expressed in the ANA Code of Ethics
- f. Performing invasive procedures or giving medications without an instructor.

All invasive procedures must be observed by the instructor. Students will comply with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) in and out of the clinical/simulation setting. HIPAA violations are subject to grade deductions and/or the student's removal from the SPC nursing program.

UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL (UAP) CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Students will complete UAP clinical as assigned in which they will complete elements such as: bed bath, linen change, vital signs, mobility, intake and output, documentation of care, collaboration with nursing aides, licensed personnel and staff. The student must have an average of 77% for all clinical rotations (UAP and Hospital Clinical) in order to pass RNSG 1160.

Review UAP Performance Evaluation and additional instructions under UAP learning module located under course content in Blackboard. See Calendar for dates.

VSIMS

Students will complete VSIM as assigned in which they will be evaluated on clinical decision making, communication with the client/family and other health care professionals, information management, leadership, safety, professionalism, and work ethic. Identifying the four roles of nursing; Member of The Profession, Provider of Patient-Center Care, Patient Safety Advocate, and Member of Health Care Team. The student will complete 2 VSIMs pretest, VSIM, and posttest. The student will have unlimited attempts to make the highest grade (minimal of 77%) on each section, which will reflect the daily clinical evaluation grade.

SAFETY SIMULATION

Students will complete a safety SIM in which they will be evaluated on clinical decision making, communication with the client/family and other health care professionals, information management, leadership, safety, professionalism, and work ethic. Identifying the four roles of nursing; Member Of The Profession, Provider Of Patient-Center Care, Patient Safety Advocate, and Member Of Health Care Team. Students will complete safety scenarios individually and in small groups to establish baseline competencies. All skills demonstrated and practiced to this point may be implemented in the scenario. After the scenario, students will debrief and discuss what occurred in the simulation, areas needing improvement, and what went well. The Student must pass the Safety Simulation Performance Evaluation with a minimum Meet Standards or above. If the student receives a Needs Improvement on the Safety Simulation Performance Evaluation or violates a critical criteria element(s), you will be required to complete a remediation assignment. Completion of the remediation assignment with all elements completely addressed by the assigned date, can change the Needs Improvement to Meet Standards, thus allowing the student to pass the Safety Simulation. Failure to complete the remediation assignment by the assigned date will result in a failure on the Safety Simulation Performance Evaluation.

Review Safety Simulation Performance Evaluation and additional instructions under Safety Simulation learning module located under course content in Blackboard. See Calendar for dates.

CLINICAL PAPERWORK

Instructions will be given on clinical paperwork that will be utilized during the hospital clinical setting. Students will be required to bring clinical paperwork, and all required clinical books (printed or computer access device) to complete the clinical paperwork expectations.

CLINICAL

Students will complete Clinical as assigned in which they will be evaluated on clinical decision making, communication with the client/family and other health care professionals, information management, leadership, safety, professionalism, and work ethic. Identifying the four roles of nursing; Member of The Profession, Provider Of Patient-Center Care, Patient Safety Advocate, and Member Of Health Care Team. Students will be assigned to licensed personnel (RN or LVN) and along with his/her nurse will assume care of one patient. The student will perform any and all skills that have been successfully passed (V/S, Mobility, Hygiene, Physical Assessment, Medication Administration, Urinary Catheters, etc) in addition to documenting all care on their patient. **Students must have an instructor present to perform any invasive procedure, such as, but not limited to medication administration, catheter insertion-discontinue, etc.** Students are encouraged to seek other learning opportunities with other patients as time and instructor permits. Student must demonstrate competency in performing a physical assessment prior to his/her first hospital clinical. Students will be observed and must show competency on a hospital patient physical assessment (review grading criteria). The student must have an average of 77% for all clinical rotations (UAP and Hospital Clinical) in order to pass RNSG 1160. Students must pass nursing processes with a minimum of a 77% based on the patients in the hospital setting for each rotation. Late submissions of any portion of the clinical paperwork will receive a deduction of -5 points per day late. The student will have only 1 opportunity to correct 1 hospital nursing process if a minimal grade of 77% is not obtained initially. The corrected nursing process must score a minimal of 77%, you will not receive points back for late submissions. A nursing diagnosis can only be used one (1) time on a nursing process during the semester. You cannot repeat a nursing diagnosis previously submitted for a nursing process in any clinical setting (including the SIMs clinical experience). A pathology can only be used one (1) time per clinical rotation during the semester. You cannot repeat a pathology previously submitted in any clinical setting (including the SIMs clinical experience). Repeating a nursing diagnosis in a nursing process or pathology may result in a "0" for the clinical rotation, thus resulting failure in RNSG 1160.

Review additional instructions under Hospital Clinical module located under course content in Blackboard. See Calendar for dates.

Clinical Make Up Work

Students are expected to attend clinical rotations. In the event of serious sickness or unexpected events approved by the instructor the student will be required to make up the absence in the hospital clinical setting, the SIM lab at Reese, or be given 4 Course Point + VSIM assignments.

VSIMS (Make up for illnesses or unavoidable reasons with proper instructor notification)

Students will complete VSIM as assigned in which they will be evaluated on clinical decision making, communication with the client/family and other health care professionals, information management, leadership, safety, professionalism, and work ethic. Identifying the four roles of nursing; Member of The Profession, Provider of Patient-Center Care, Patient Safety Advocate, and Member of Health Care Team. The student will be required to complete all aspects of the VSIM and documentation. To receive credit students must complete a prioritized nursing diagnosis (minimal of three) in full PES format. The student will have only 1 opportunity to correct VSIM nursing diagnosis if not meeting standards. You cannot repeat a nursing diagnosis previously submitted for a nursing process in any clinical setting (including the SIMs clinical experience). A pathology can only be used one (1) time per clinical rotation including the SIMs clinical

experience during the semester. Repeating a nursing diagnosis in a nursing process or pathology will result in a “0” for the clinical rotation, thus resulting failure in RNSG 1160. VSIM will have a pretest, VSIM, and posttest. The student will have unlimited attempts to make the highest grade (minimal of 77%), which will reflect the daily clinical evaluation grade.

SIMs CLINICAL (Subject to change based on clinical availability) (Make up for illnesses or unavoidable reasons with proper instructor notification)

Students will complete a SIMs Clinical day in which they will be evaluated on clinical decision making, communication with the client/family and other health care professionals, information management, leadership, safety, professionalism, and work ethic. Identifying the four roles of nursing; Member Of The Profession, Provider Of Patient-Center Care, Patient Safety Advocate, and Member Of Health Care Team. Student will be given a patient scenario in which they will complete the following: drug medication cards, discussion of medications to be given to the patient, safely administer medications, perform a head to toe assessment, laboratory and diagnostic studies, nursing process, pathology, and debriefing. The SIMs Clinical Performance Evaluation must be passed with 77% or better along with a 77% for the nursing process grading criteria. The student will have only 1 opportunity to correct the SIMs nursing process if a minimal grade of 77% is not obtained initially. The corrected nursing process must score a minimal of 77%.

Review additional instructions under SIMs Clinical learning module located under course content in Blackboard. See Calendar for dates.

STUDENT CLINICAL EVALUATION TOOL

Students will be evaluated on their clinical performance, clinical paperwork, hospital clinical nursing process grade sheet, and self-evaluated clinical performance criteria. Students must score **satisfactory** on each criterion on the final Student Clinical Evaluation tool to successfully pass the course. Students will submit the Student Clinical Evaluation tool with clinical paperwork after the first and second hospital rotations (SIMs rotation optional pending pandemic). The student may be given one opportunity to identify how they satisfactorily met each criterion not marked as satisfactory on the final Student Clinical Evaluation tool. Failure to score **satisfactory** on each criterion on the final Student Clinical Evaluation will result failure for RNSG 1160. Review evaluations and additional instructions under the Clinical Evaluation learning module located under course content in Blackboard.

LAB REMEDIATION

Student must continue to show competency on all skills successfully passed for RNSG 1105 and RNSG 1144. At any time, a faculty member can require a student to complete additional remediation in the Nursing Learning Resource Laboratory and/or the Center for Clinical Excellence to ensure student and patient safety in clinical. If a student does not complete the remediation by specified date and/or does not demonstrate competency based on grading criteria will be reflected on the Student Clinical Evaluation Tool.

COMPUTER USAGE

As computer technology in the field of health occupations continues to become more popular, computers (i-pads) will be used in this course for several assignments. All students have access to computers and printers on the South Plains College campus. Students will be expected to utilize computers to access assignments and classroom resources. All registered students are supplied with a working email account from South Plains College. In order to take exams, students must have their username and password. **ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW THEIR SPC STUDENT USERNAME, PASSWORD AND STUDENT ID.**

COMPUTER LAB USAGE

The computer lab(s) on any campus may be used by students during scheduled open hours or as assigned by an instructor. Printer paper will not be provided for students to print materials but students may seek assistance from faculty or staff to request lab paper from the college if needed. Lack of computer lab paper is not an excuse for not having homework assignments, skills lab sheets, or any other required documents. Students should come prepared for class.

GRADING POLICY

The grade for this course will be determined upon completion of the following components:

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| Clinical Math Competency Exam | 90% missing only two (2) answers |
| UAP | must have an average of 77% for all clinical rotations (UAP and Hospital Clinical) in order to pass RNSG 1160. |
| Safety Simulation | must pass the Safety Simulation Performance Evaluation with a minimum Meet Standards or above. |
| Pretest, VSIM, and Posttest | make the highest grade (minimal of 77%) on each section, which will reflect the daily clinical evaluation grade |
| Clinical | Must have an average of 77% for all clinical rotations (UAP and Hospital Clinical) in order to pass RNSG 1160. Must pass nursing processes with a minimum of a 77% based on the patients in the hospital setting for each rotation. |
| SIM rotation option | Pass nursing processes with a minimum of a 77% based on the patients in the hospital setting or in SIM rotation. |
| Student Clinical Evaluation Tool | Scoring satisfactory on each criterion on the final Student Clinical Evaluation tool |

Course grades are based on the following scale:

PASS = 77-100%

FAIL = 76% and below

The student must pass the clinical math competency exam with 90%, have a score of 77% on all required course work, 77% average for all required evaluations and scoring a satisfactory for each criterion on the student clinical evaluation tool, and must show continued competency for skills previously passed in RNSG 1115, RNSG 1105 and RNSG 1144.

RNSG 1160 is a Pass/Fail course

COURSE SCHEDULE

See course calendar for date, time and location. Students will be responsible for all assignments and dates listed in the course calendar.

COMMUNICATION POLICY

Electronic communication between instructor and students in this course will utilize the South Plains College “My SPC” and email systems. We will also utilize “Remind” App on your smartphone and you may communicate with faculty this way also. The instructor will not initiate communication using private email accounts. Students are encouraged to check SPC email on a regular basis each week of class. Students will also have access to assignments, web-links, handouts, and other vital material which will be delivered via the

classroom website. Any student having difficulty accessing the classroom website or their email should immediately contact their instructor for direction. The instructor will work with any student to ensure the student has access to a computer on campus and can obtain the needed class content that is located on the course website.

Concealed Carry of any handguns is strictly prohibited in any clinical facility.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Rules and regulations relating to the students at South Plains College are made with the view of protecting the best interests of the individual, the general welfare of the entire student body and the educational objectives of the college. As in any segment of society, a college community must be guided by standards that are stringent enough to prevent disorder, yet moderate enough to provide an atmosphere conducive to intellectual and personal development.

A high standard of conduct is expected of all students. When a student enrolls at South Plains College, it is assumed that the student accepts the obligations of performance and behavior imposed by the college relevant to its lawful missions, processes and functions. Obedience to the law, respect for properly constituted authority, personal honor, integrity and common sense guide the actions of each member of the college community both in and out of the classroom.

Students are subject to federal, state and local laws, as well as South Plains College rules and regulations. A student is not entitled to greater immunities or privileges before the law than those enjoyed by other citizens. Students are subject to such reasonable disciplinary action as the administration of the college may consider appropriate, including suspension and expulsion in appropriate cases for breach of federal, state or local laws, or college rules and regulations. This principle extends to conduct off-campus which is likely to have adverse effects on the college or on the educational process which identifies the offender as an unfit associate for fellow students. Any student who fails to perform according to expected standards may be asked to withdraw. Rules and regulations regarding student conduct appear in the current Student Guide.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (*Read Carefully)

- **Cell Phones** – Cell phones are to be turned OFF or silenced during scheduled class periods. **Text messaging is not allowed during scheduled class/lab times.** Cell phones are to be used outside the classroom or lab only on designated breaks. Students are not allowed to have cell phones or smart watches on their person during exams or clinical.

COURSE DISCLAIMER

Working within the healthcare field can be stressful and requires a mentally tough individual to provide medical care in the hospital environment. In order to better prepare students for a career in the healthcare profession, there will be times during this course where students will be exposed to training scenarios and situations that will be unpleasant to the average college student. If the student does not feel they can tolerate this type of learning environment, they should discuss this with me immediately before continuing the course. Additionally, enrollment in this course does not guarantee a passing grade, successful completion of the nursing curriculum, or NCLEX- RN examination.

GRIEVANCE POLICY

The student is responsible for scheduling an appointment with the instructor/course leader to discuss the final grade or discipline action. If the student is not satisfied, he/she should schedule an appointment with the Level I Semester I Course Leader. The next chain of command is to make an appointment with the Director of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, following that would be the Health Occupations Dean. The procedure will follow the same as found in the student handbook.

ACCOMMODATIONS

4.1.1.1. Diversity Statement

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group difference and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

4.1.1.2. Disabilities 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 Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Lubbock Centers (located at the Lubbock Downtown Center) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

4.1.1.3 Non-Discrimination Statement

South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

4.1.1.4 Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To [activate](#) accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Health and Wellness Center. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Health and Wellness Center at 806-716-2529 or [email dburleson@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dburleson@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

4.1.1.5 OPTIONAL STATEMENT - Campus [Concealed Carry](#) Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise

authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

EMERGENCY MESSAGES

The student should notify his/her family that in case of an emergency during normal class schedule, they should call the Nursing Office at (806)716-2391 or (806)716-2193. Class will not be interrupted unless it is an emergency, so they must identify themselves and say it is an emergency to get immediate action.

The student should notify his/her family that in the case of an emergency during clinical rotations, they should call and leave a message or text (who they are and who they need to get in touch with for an emergency) to the number or numbers provided to them in the clinical course syllabus and/or on the clinical course schedule.

FOUNDATION SKILLS

BASIC SKILLS—Reads, Writes, Performs Arithmetic and Mathematical Operations, Listens and Speaks

F-1 Reading—locates, understands, and interprets written information in prose and in documents such as manuals, graphs, and schedules.

F-2 Writing—communicates thoughts, ideas, information and messages in writing and creates documents such as letters, directions, manuals, reports, graphs, and flow charts.

F-3 Arithmetic—performs basic computations; uses basic numerical concepts such as whole numbers, etc.

F-4 Mathematics—approaches practical problems by choosing appropriately from a variety of mathematical techniques.

F-5 Listening—receives, attends to, interprets, and responds to verbal messages and other cues.

F-6 Speaking—organizes ideas and communicates orally.

THINKING SKILLS—Thinks Creatively, Makes Decisions, Solves Problems, Visualizes and Knows How to Learn and Reason

F-7 Creative Thinking—generates new ideas.

F-8 Decision-Making—specifies goals and constraints, generates alternatives, considers risks, evaluates and chooses best alternative.

F-9 Problem Solving—recognizes problems, devises and implements plan of action.

F-10 Seeing Things in the Mind’s Eye—organizes and processes symbols, pictures, graphs, objects, and other information.

F-11 Knowing How to Learn—uses efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills.

F-12 Reasoning—discovers a rule or principle underlying the relationship between two or more objects and applies it when solving a problem.

PERSONAL QUALITIES—Displays Responsibility, Self-Esteem, Sociability, Self-Management, Integrity and Honesty

F-13 Responsibility—exerts a high level of effort and perseveres towards goal attainment.

F-14 Self-Esteem—believes in own self-worth and maintains a positive view of self.

F-15 Sociability—demonstrates understanding, friendliness, adaptability, empathy and politeness in group settings.

F-16 Self-Management—assesses self accurately, sets personal goals, monitors progress and exhibits self-control.

F-17 Integrity/Honesty—chooses ethical courses of action.

SCANS COMPETENCIES

C-1 **TIME** - Selects goal - relevant activities, ranks them, allocates time, prepares and follows schedules.

C-2 **MONEY** - Uses or prepares budgets, makes forecasts, keeps records and makes adjustments to meet objectives.

C-3 **MATERIALS AND FACILITIES** - Acquires, stores, allocates, and uses materials or space efficiently.

C-4 **HUMAN RESOURCES** - Assesses skills and distributes work accordingly, evaluates performances and provides feedback.

INFORMATION - Acquires and Uses Information

C-5 Acquires and evaluates information.

C-6 Organizes and maintains information.

C-7 Interprets and communicates information.

C-8 Uses computers to process information.

INTERPERSONAL—Works with Others

C-9 Participates as a member of a team and contributes to group effort.

C-10 Teaches others new skills.

C-11 Serves Clients/Customers—works to satisfy customer’s expectations.

C-12 Exercises Leadership—communicates ideas to justify position, persuades and convinces others, responsibly challenges existing procedures and policies.

C-13 Negotiates—works toward agreements involving exchanges of resources; resolves divergent interests.

C-14 Works with Diversity—works well with men and women from diverse backgrounds.

SYSTEMS—Understands Complex Interrelationships

C-15 Understands Systems—knows how social, organizational, and technological systems work and operates effectively with them.

C-16 Monitors and Corrects Performance—distinguishes trends, predicts impacts on system operations, diagnoses systems performance and corrects malfunctions.

C-17 Improves or Designs Systems—suggests modifications to existing systems and develops new or alternative systems to improve performance.

TECHNOLOGY—Works with a Variety of Technologies

C-18 Selects Technology—chooses procedures, tools, or equipment, including computers and related technologies.

C-19 Applies Technology to Task—understands overall intent and proper procedures for setup and operation of equipment.

C-20 Maintains and Troubleshoots Equipment—prevents, identifies, or solves problems with equipment, including computers and other technologies.

**South Plains College - Associate Degree Nursing Program
Student Clinical Evaluation Tool
Semester _____**

Student Name:

Clinical practice standards for student performance are based on the SPC Graduate Outcomes (NLN Educational Competencies for Graduates of Associate Degree Nursing Programs, 2002). For each graduate outcome, a level of achievement is indicated in the table below. Students are expected to complete the semester at the level indicated, showing progress and increasing competency throughout the semester. Student performance standards/levels are defined as follows (adapted from Krichbaum et al., 1994):

1. Provisional: performs safely under supervision; requires continuous supportive and directive cues; performance often uncoordinated and slow; focus is entirely on task or own behavior; beginning to identify principles but application of principles are sometimes lacking.
2. Assisted: performs safely and accurately each time observed but requires frequent supportive and occasional directive cues; time management skills still developing; skill accuracy still developing; focus is primarily on task or own behavior with more attention to client; identifies principles but still may need direction in application of principles.
3. Supervised: performs safely and accurately each time behavior is observed; requires occasional supportive and directive cues; spends reasonable time on task and appears generally relaxed and confident; applies theoretical knowledge accurately with occasional cues; focuses on clients initially but as complexity increases, may still focus more

on task.

4. Independent: performs safely and accurately each time behavior is observed and without need of supportive cues demonstrates dexterity in skills; spends minimum time on task; applies theoretical knowledge accurately; focuses on client while giving care.

| GRADUATE OUTCOMES | 1 st semester | 2 nd semester | 3 rd semester | 4 th semester |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Clinical Decision Making | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Communication & Information Mgt | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Leadership | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Safety | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Professionalism | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

The student will be evaluated throughout the semester at the level indicated as well as on Work Ethics.

All Clinical Objectives in the Clinical Evaluation Tool must score satisfactory on the final hospital clinical rotation to pass RNSG 1160. Upon satisfactory completion of the course, the student will be progressing toward meeting the SPC Graduate Outcomes and the Texas BON “Differentiated Essential Competencies” (DECS). The DECS are listed by letters and numbers in the numbered role columns on the clinical evaluation tool (1=Member of the Profession; 2=Provider of Patient-Centered Care; 3=Patient Safety Advocate; and 4=Member of the Health Care Team)

Krichbaum, K., Rowan, M., Duckett, L., Ryden, M., & Savik, K. (1994). The Clinical Evaluation Tool: A measure of the quality of clinical performance of baccalaureate nursing students. *Journal of Nursing Education*, 33 (9), 395-404.

SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM
CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR'S EVALUATION OF STUDENT

Date: _____ Agency _____

Student's Printed Name: _____

NCP Grade _____

Clinical Performance Evaluation Grade _____

Clinical Evaluation Tool (nine-page evaluation) _____

Nursing Diagnosis _____

Pathophysiology _____

Comments

Signature of Faculty: _____

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

