

Online Course

Course Syllabus Intro to Nursing

COURSE: RNSG 1209 (2:2:0) Introduction to Nursing
SEMESTER: Spring 2021
CLASS DAYS: All online - See course calendar
CLASS TIMES: All online – 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.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an overview of nursing and the role of the professional nurse as a provider of patient centered care, member of the health care team, patient safety advocate, coordinator of care, and member of a profession. Topics include: nursing history, knowledge, judgment, theory, research, inter-professional roles, skills, and professional values with a legal/ethical framework. The course provides an introduction to professional writing utilizing American Psychological Association (APA) format.

This course is an online course meaning Blackboard will be utilized predominantly for content and communication. The student is expected to check the Blackboard course frequently to check for new messages, access content, get assignment postings, take exams, and view changes to the calendar, schedule or content should this become necessary.

If you are having difficulty accessing or using any components of Blackboard please use the following contact information. If you need Instructional Technology support please make sure you contact the South Plains College Help Desk. For an email address that reaches everyone in the Instructional Technology department, please use blackboard@southplainscollege.edu.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the completion of the semester students will:
1. Analyze the relationship between historical and contemporary events and the development of nursing.
2. Describe ethical and legal concepts relevant to the practice of professional nursing.
3. Evaluate the role of the nurse as a member of the interdisciplinary team.
4. Discuss the importance of key concepts in nursing including: philosophy in nursing education, research, and practice nursing theory, caring, and holism.
5. Identify the importance of professional writing, scholarship, and membership to professional nursing associations.
6. Discuss the nursing role as a patient advocate.

EVALUATION METHODS

Teaching methods: module instruction, power point presentations, discussion board forums

Evaluation methods: individual assignments, exams

Web based: exams, and 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.

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.

SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION

TEXT AND MATERIALS

Black, B. P. (2017). *Professional nursing: Concepts & challenges* (8th ed.). Maryland Heights, MO: Saunders Elsevier.

ATTENDANCE POLICY (*READ CAREFULLY)

Course Attendance

Students who enroll in a course but have “Never Attended” by the official census date, as reported by the logging into Blackboard, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who never attends 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. 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)

ASSIGNMENT POLICY

All assignments must be completed by the assigned due date. Your final project can have one late day for the project and one late day for the discussion that is tied to the final project. However, the final project must be submitted to the discussion board and to the project assignment tab and you must respond to peers about their topic as well, if submitted late it will be a 10% deduction and if more than 24 hours late it will not be accepted and a grade of zero will be recorded. Discussions and exams, 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 note contacting faculty will not guarantee the receipt of an extension for the assignment. Please allow enough time for preparation and submission of each assignment prior to the scheduled due date. Due to the time constraints within this course, there are no allowances for extra credit assignments or resubmissions of an assignment. Please allow enough time for preparation and submission of each assignment prior to the scheduled due date.

EXAMS:

Student will be required to complete four exams listed on the class schedule, each worth 50 points for a total of 200 points of the final course grade. These are not long exams and may be as short as 25 questions or may be up to 50 questions. You select the time on the scheduled day but it must be completed between 0800 and 1600 on the day it is assigned. The student will receive 1 minute per question to complete the exam. Exams are located under the Exam tab in Blackboard. Examinations will be open-book and taken from the student’s home or preferred location and are due to be completed by the dates listed on the class schedule. These exams are not to be done in groups, but individually. Once entered the student must finish the exam in one setting; if a student exits the exam it will automatically submit. It is the student’s responsibility to notify the facilitator if technical difficulty occurs during the examination immediately through SPC email or via text messaging. **Without proper notification within 24 hours of exam completion, access will not be granted and possible questions missed will not be reviewed.** Any exam not completed during the assigned time frame will receive a zero. During the exam NEVER click the Back, Forward, or the Refresh buttons. Let the screen resolve when saving an answer before clicking next. Exam reviews are not permitted. There are no “dropped” grades or extra credit assignments in this course.

Policy on Exam Administration:

Exams will be administered according to the schedule set by the course facilitator documented in the course syllabus. Any changes to the exam schedule will be at the discretion of the course facilitator.

To better prepare the student for the licensure exam testing format, unit, and comprehensive exams will be administered as follows:

- Questions will be given to the student one at a time.
- The student must answer and save the answer before going to the next question.
- The student will not be allowed to return to previous questions.
- Any question not saved by the student will be marked wrong.

DISCUSSION BOARD FORUMS:

Students will be required to complete four discussion board forums plus the discussion board tied to the final project all accounting for of the final course grade. The forums have a due date for your initial response and the responses to your peers and are due by the dates listed on the class schedule in the syllabus. Failure to complete the discussion board by the due dates will result in a zero. There are no makeups or extensions for discussion boards as this is an interactive assignment with peers and must be completed during the assigned time frame. It is the student's responsibility to locate the discussion forum in blackboard; if a student is unable to view the forum the student should notify the course facilitator on the first day of the forum and notify information technology.

FINAL PROJECT PRESENTATION:

Each student will complete a final project with an assigned topic accounting for **400 POINTS** of the final course grade. This is an individual project and each student will be assigned a presentation project. Students will be assigned the topic in a few weeks after the course starts. The presentation and peer responses are due by the dates listed on the class schedule.

Failure to upload the final project to both the discussion board and to the assignment link will result in a 10-point deduction each day late up to 3 days. After three days, the student will receive a zero for the assignment.

GRADING POLICY

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

Exams (4) each worth 50 points	200 points
Discussion Board Forums 4 Discussion Boards each worth 100 points	400 points
Final Project with Discussion Board #5	400 points
Course Total	1000 points

Course grades are based on the following scale and there is no rounding of grades:

A= 90-100%	=	900 -1000 points
B= 80-89.99%	=	800 - 899 points
C= 70-79.99%	=	700 –799 points
D= 60-69.99%	=	600 –699 points
F= below 60%	=	0 – 599 points

CIVILITY

While there are no classroom meetings for this course, students are expected to demonstrate respect and civility towards faculty and other students in an online environment. Students are expected to assist in maintaining a virtual classroom environment that is conducive to learning. In order to assure all students have the opportunity to gain information from the learning environment; students are prohibited from engaging in any form of distraction, disrespect, inappropriate language or behavior in online interactions. Inappropriate behavior in the virtual classroom will be dealt with by the course faculty on an individual basis. **Please use the faculty email as the primary source of communication.** There are no office hours for this course.

CAMPUS CARRY

Campus Concealed Carry - 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, please refer to the SPC policy at:

(http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human_resources/policy_procedure/hhc.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.

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.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS PLAN

The Return to Campus Plan is a living document that is subject to change. Revisions to a specific section will be noted in the title of the section and updated in the Table of Contents, on the cover page and with notations at the end of the document. The most recent version will be posted on the SPC COVID-19 Resource page (<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/emergency/covid19-faq.php>). Historical copies of the plan are available from the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

ACCOMMODATIONS

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences 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.

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 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.

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 Director of Health and Wellness. 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 Crystal Gilster, Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email cgilster@southplainscollege.edu for assistance.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Required Readings, DB, Exams
Week 1 January 19 th , 2021	Nursing in Today's Evolving Health Care Environment Health Care in the United States	Black: Chapters 1, 14 Review syllabus Student Introduction
Week 2 January 25 th , 2021	The History and Social Context of Nursing Nursing's Pathway to Professionalism	Black: Chapter 2 & 3 DB Forum 1 opens up 1/31/21
Week 3 February 1 st , 2021	DB Forum 1 Initial Post Due 2/1/21 @ 2359 and student peer responses due 2/5/21 @ 2359	Exam 1 Opens on 2/5/21 at 0800 and Due 2/5/21 by 1600 (4pm) (Covers Chapters 1, 2, 3, & 14)
Week 4 February 8 th , 2021	Nursing Education in an Evolving Health Care Environment Communication and Collaboration in Professional Nursing	Black: Chapters 4, 12

Week 5 February 15 th , 2021	Becoming a Professional Nurse: Defining Nursing and Socialization into Practice Nurses, Patients, and Families: Caring at the Intersection of Health, Illness, and Culture	Black: Chapter 5 & 13 DB Forum 2 opens up 2/18/21
Week 6 February 22, 2021	DB Forum 2 Initial Post Due 2/22/21 @ 2359 and Student Peer Responses Due 2/26/21 @ 2359	Exam 2 Opens on 2/26/21 @ 0800 and Due 2/26/21 by 1600 (4 pm) (Covers Chapters 4, 5, 12, & 13)
Week 7 March 1st, 2021	Nursing as a Regulated Practice: Legal Issues	Black: Chapter 6
Week 8 March 8 th , 2021	Ethics: Basic Concepts for Professional Nursing Practice	Black: Chapter 7
Week 9 March 15th, 2021	Spring Break	
Week 10 March 22 nd , 2021	Conceptual and Philosophical Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice Nursing's Challenge: To Continue to Evolve	Black: Chapter 8 & 16 Final Project topic assigned 3/25/21 DB Forum 3 opens up 3/25/21
Week 11 March 29 th , 2021	DB Forum 3 Initial Post Due 3/29/21 @ 2359 and Student Peer Responses due 4/2/21 @ 2359	Exam 3 Opens @ 0800 on 4/2/21 and Due 4/2/21 by 1600 (4 pm) (Covers Chapters 6, 7, 8, & 16)
Week 12 April 5 th , 2021	Nursing Theory: The Basis for Professional Nursing The Science of Nursing and Evidence-Based Practice	Black: Chapter 9 & 10
Week 13 April 12 th , 2021	Political Activism in Nursing: Communities, Organizations, and Government Developing Nursing Judgment through Critical Thinking	Black: Chapter 15 & 11 DB Forum 4 opens up 4/15/21
Week 14 April 19 th , 2021	DB Forum 4 Initial Post Due 4/19/21 @ 2359 and Student Peer Responses due 4/23/21 @ 2359	
Week 15 April 26 th , 2021	Use this week to complete your Final Project – Pay attention to the due dates as they differ from previous weeks. Project gets posted to DB as well as project assignment no later than 4/30/21 @ 2359	

Week 16 May 3 rd , 2021	Project Student Peer Responses to project are due 5/5/21 @ 2359	Final Project Completed by 4/30/21 @ 2359 responses by 5/5/21 @ 2359
Week 17 May 7 th – 10 th , 2021	Last Week - Final Your final exam is not comprehensive	Exam 4 Opens @ 0800 5/7/21 and due by 1600 (4 pm) (Covers Chapters 9, 10, 11, & 15)