

DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL NURSE & HEALTH CARE AIDE

COURSE OUTLINE – Spring 2025

NP 1410 (3): Practical Nursing Theory II – 3 (3-0-0) 45 Hours in 15 Weeks

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We acknowledge the history of this land, and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

Exploration of evidence-informed practice, scope of practice for practical nurses, and critical thinking. Focus is on incorporating the nursing process and nursing values into care of an individual with chronic illness.

Note: Only Available to practical nursing students.

PREREQUISITE(S): NP1205, NP1250, NP1280, NP1500

COREQUISITE(S): NP1400, NP1450, NP1480, NP1600, NP1700

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Ackley, B.J., Ladwig, G. B., Makic, B. B. F., Martinez-Kratz, M., & Zanotti, M. (2022) Nursing Diagnosis Handbook – An Evidence Based Guide to Planning Care. (13th ed.). Elsevier.

Potter, P., Perry, A. G., Hall, A., Astle, B., & Duggleby, W. D. (2024). Canadian fundamentals of nursing (7th ed.). Elsevier.

American Psychological Association. (2020). Publication manual of the American Psychological Association: The official guide to APA style (7th ed.).

Tyerman, J., Cobbett, S., Harding, M. M., Kwong, J., Roberts, D., Hagler, D., & Reinisch, C. (2022). Lewis's medical-surgical nursing in Canada (5th ed.). Elsevier.

Canadian Council for Practical Nurse Regulators. (2023). *Code of ethics for licensed practical nurses*. [CCPNR Code of Ethics LPNs-ID-104895.pdf](#)

Canadian Council for Practical Nurse Regulators. (2023). *Entry-level competencies for licensed practical nurses*. [CCPNR Entry-Level Competencies LPNs-ID-104799.pdf](#)

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta. (2023). *LPN practice guideline: Evidence-informed practice*. [LPN-Practice-Guideline-Evidence-Informed-Practice-ID-921.pdf](#)

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta. (2023). *Standards of practice for LPNs in Canada*. [StandardsofPracticeEnglishFinal\[95\].pdf](#)

DELIVERY MODE(S): In Person Lecture

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion NP 1410 learners will be able to:

1. Identify the Entry-Level Competencies for Licensed Practical Nurses (2019).
2. Identify the Standards of Practice for Licensed Practical Nurses in Canada (2013).
3. Discuss eHealth resources and technological tools used in Canadian healthcare.
4. Apply concepts of pathophysiology and pharmacology to individuals with chronic illness.
5. Discuss caring in a nurse-client relationship.
6. Plan nursing care for clients with various chronic illnesses.
7. Demonstrate critical thinking in application of the nursing process to individuals with chronic illness.
8. Explore principles of evidence-informed practice.

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferalberta.alberta.ca>.

** A grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions.

Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.

EVALUATIONS:

Assignment	Weight	Date	Related Course Learning Outcomes
Nursing Care Plan	20%	June 10, 2025	3, 4, 5, 6, 8
Midterm Exam	25%	June 17, 2025	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8
Clinical Judgement Exam	20%	July 22, 2025	4, 6, 7, 8
Final Exam	35%	In Exam Week	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

* All evaluation components must be completed to be successful in the course

1. Nursing Care Plan

The purpose of this assignment is to plan nursing care for an individual client with a chronic illness. Students will be given patient scenario with a chronic illness and formulate a plan of care to optimize wellness based on the nursing process. Rubric will be posted on D2L.

2. Midterm Exam

The midterm exam includes all content covered up to and including Week 6. Question format includes a variety of styles including, but not limited to, multiple choice, short answer, long answer, matching, and select all that apply.

3. Clinical Judgement Exam

The purpose of this assignment is for students to demonstrate critical thinking through the application of the nursing process. This exam is an in-class, open-book exam. Students will receive a case study about a client living with a chronic illness. The students will have to assess, diagnose, plan, implement, and evaluate their care plan. Rubric will be posted on D2L.

4. Final Exam

The final exam is a cumulative exam and includes all content covered. Question format includes a variety of styles including, but not limited to, multiple choice, short answer, long answer, matching, true and false, and select all that apply. Scheduling of the final exam is set by the Registrar's Office.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that most institutions will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100	C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-94	C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84	C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79	D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76	D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72	F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Week	Topic	Text Resource
Week 1	Entry-level competencies and standards of practice	<i>Entry-level competencies for licensed practical nurses</i> <i>Standards of practice for LPNs in Canada</i>
Week 2	Evidence-Informed Practice	Chapter 8 – Potter and Perry <i>LPN practice guide: Evidence-informed practice</i>
Week 3	Critical Thinking in Nursing	Chapter 7 – Potter and Perry
Week 4	The Nursing Process	Chapter 14 – Potter and Perry
Week 5	The Nursing Process	Chapter 15 – Potter and Perry
Week 6	*In Class Care Plan Assignment*	
Week 7	Midterm	
Week 8	Chronic Illness	Chapter 5 & 18 – Lewis et al.
Week 9	Spring Break	
Week 10	Chronic Illness	Chapter 31 and 52 Lewis et al.
Week 11	Chronic Illness	Chapter 35, 36, 37 Lewis et al.
Week 12	Clinical Judgement Exam	
Week 13	eHealth resources and Canadian Nursing Practice	Chapter 16& 17 – Potter and Perry
Week 14	eHealth resources and Canadian Nursing Practice	OER (open educational resources) posted on Myclass
Week 15	Review week for final exam	
Week 16	Final Exam, Specific date, location, and time TBD	

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

As a student at NWP, you have rights and responsibilities. It is your responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in this Course Outline and the PN student handbook and to clarify any areas of concern with the instructor. It is also your responsibility to be familiar with NWP Policies. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the policies that might impact you while you are here:

- NWP Department of Nursing Education & Health Studies Handbook [Practical Nurse Handbook](#)
- NWP Policies: [NWP Policies | Northwestern Polytechnic](#)



STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance for lectures is expected, and absences will jeopardize overall performance and success in the course.

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY:

To obtain credit in the course ALL assignments, examinations, and quizzes must be completed. Students are expected to make every effort to complete assignments on time. Assignment submissions are expected on the date determined by faculty. If extensions are necessary, they may be requested up to 48 hours prior to the assignment due date and should be submitted in writing to the faculty member involved. Not all extensions will be granted. In exceptional situations, extension requests within the 48-hour period may be considered. Late assignments will have 5% of total marks (or one letter grade) for the assignment deducted for each day/partial day (including weekend days) beyond the due time. For example, a paper marked at B+ would receive an adjusted grade of B if handed in one day late. After 5 days, a grade of 0 will be awarded to the assignment. If the late penalty places the grade below the necessary pass grade, students will be unsuccessful in the course. When submitting assignments electronically, it is the student's responsibility to ensure the assignment has been received. Papers/assignments may not be rewritten for a higher grade. Concerns regarding grading are to be discussed with the faculty member involved.

TURNITIN:

As part of NWP's commitment to academic integrity, all written assignments submitted by students will be reviewed using Turnitin software, an online plagiarism detection tool, to verify originality and ensure academic integrity. Turnitin compares student work to a vast database of academic sources, publications, and previously submitted assignments to identify potential instances of plagiarism or improper citation(s). By enrolling in this course, students acknowledge and consent to the use of Turnitin for assignment submissions.