

Department of Practical Nurse & Health Care Aide

COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2025

NP2100 (4): Practical Nursing Practice I – 4 (0-2-0) 210 Hours for 15 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

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: Introduction to practical nursing practice. Focus is on nursing care of adult clients and their families in a continuing care facility.

Note: Available only to Practical Nursing Students.

PREREQUISITE(S): NP1400, NP1410, NP1600, NP1700, NP1450, NP1480

COREQUISITE(S): NP2110, NP2130, NP2150

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Jarvis, C., Browne, A., McDonald-Jenkins, J., & Luctar-Flude, M. (2023). *Physical examination and health assessment* (4th ed.). Elsevier.

Perry, A., G., Potter, P., A., Ostendorf, W. & Cobbett, S. (2023). *Canadian clinical skills and techniques*. (2nd ed.). Elsevier

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

ONLINE REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Canadian Council for Practical Nurse Regulators [CCPNR} (2013). Code of ethics for

Licensed Practical Nurses in Canada. Retrieved from

<https://www.clpna.com/lpn-knowledge-hub/code-of-ethics-for-licensed-practical-nurses/>

DELIVERY MODE(S): In person clinical and seminar

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of NP2100, learners will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a caring and compassionate approach when providing basic nursing care to clients in a continuing care setting.
2. Utilize fundamental eHealth resources to support client care and document nursing interventions.
3. Apply foundational critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and clinical judgment to straightforward client care scenarios in a continuing care setting.
4. Ensure both personal and client safety during routine nursing interventions, adhering to infection control and safety protocols.
5. Implement the nursing process (assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation) to provide care to clients in a continuing care setting.
6. Perform basic clinical nursing skills following proper procedures and protocols.
7. Engage in self-reflection to evaluate their learning experiences and identify areas for improvement in their beginning nursing 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>.

**** For courses with alpha (letter) grading, 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 Outcome
Comprehensive Review Written Exam	Pass/Fail (60% or greater to pass)	Week 1	1, 3, 4, 5, 6
Comprehensive Review Skills Assessment	Pass/Fail	Week 1	1, 3, 4, 5, 6
Journal Reflections	Pass/Fail	Week 3 (Sept 20 th at 1159PM) Week 6 (Oct 11 th at 1159PM) Week 9 (Nov 1 st at 1159PM) Week 12 (Nov 22 nd at 1159PM)	7
Clinical Research	Pass/Fail	Weekly (Mondays at 1159PM)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Practicum Evaluation Tool (PET) - Midterm	---	Start of week 7 (Oct 13 th at 1159PM)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Practicum Evaluation Tool (PET) - Final	Pass/ Fail	Start of week 14 (Dec 1 st at 1159PM)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

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

EVALUATION DESCRIPTIONS:

1. Comprehensive Review Written Exam

This exam will be a pass/fail exam based on the knowledge you obtained during the first year of your program. To be successful and permitted to continue in NP2100, students must receive a 60% pass on the comprehensive exam and a 'pass' on all skill assessments.

If a student is not successful on the comprehensive exam, you will have 1 exam re-write opportunity.



2. Comprehensive Review Skills Assessment

You will be required to demonstrate competency on the following skills:

- i. Head to Toe Assessment
- ii. Medication Administration
- iii. Sit/Stand and Hoyer lifts

If a student is not successful on the skills assessments, you will have 2 additional chances to receive a 'pass'. If a student does not pass the comprehensive exam and the skills assessment, they will not be permitted to continue in NP2100 and will be unsuccessful in the course.

3. Journal Reflections

In this journal reflection assignment, nursing students are expected to engage in an exploration of their clinical experiences based on provided prompts. This reflective practice aims to enhance self-awareness, critical thinking, and the integration of theoretical knowledge into practical situations. Late submissions will not be accepted and will receive a failing grade. *A failure on two or more journal reflections will result in being unsuccessful in the course.* Rubric is available on D2L.

4. Clinical Research

Students will be expected to complete thorough patient research during their clinical shifts. Research will be submitted on **Mondays at 1159PM** to their instructor for review and evaluation. Late submissions will not be accepted and will receive a failing grade. *A fail on two or more clinical research assignments will result in being unsuccessful in the course.* Rubric is available on D2L.

5. Practicum Evaluation Tool (Pass/Fail)

A formative assessment of nursing practice will be completed by the student and instructor midway and at the end of the course. This will be accomplished through observation, assessment, and evaluation of the student in various activities in the clinical setting. Feedback may be supplemented with input from peers, faculty and staff at the clinical site, and the clients/families. The instructor will provide the students with a summative written final evaluation at the end of the course.

At midterm students who are at risk for failing or receive an Unsatisfactory (U) rating on any section of the PET will develop a success plan in collaboration with the clinical instructor.

Students must successfully meet the requirements of the success plan by the agreed upon date. The clinical instructor determines if the student has met the appropriate level of achievement with consideration given to the Levels of Independence applicable to the course. Consistent Growth throughout the term is expected in each of the five competencies.

Note: To successfully complete NP2100 and receive credit, learners must achieve a Pass on the final Practicum Evaluation. A copy of the PET is available on the D2L page.

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 Equivalence	Percentage Conversion (unless otherwise specified in the Course Outline)	Descriptor
P	N/A	60-100	Pass
F	N/A	0-59	Fail

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COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE: Each week contains one (1) 12-hour clinical day and (1) 110-minute seminar.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

As a student at NWP, you have rights and responsibilities. It is your responsibility to be familiar with the information 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:

- Department of Practical Nurse & Health Care Aide Handbook [PN Student Handbook](#)
- NWP Student Rights & Responsibilities [Students Rights & Responsibilities Policy](#)

Refer to NWP Academic Policies

<https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/>

Clinical Practice Preparation

Professional responsibility for nursing students includes clinical practice preparation related to evidence-informed practice and patient safety. Preparation includes appropriate

understanding, synthesis, an integration of relevant knowledge. The clinical instructor, in conjunction with the clinical site, will identify appropriate time frames for students to assess patient records.

To be adequately prepared for clinical experiences, students will participate in activities outside of their scheduled clinical course hours. Activities can include the following: specific clinical patient preparation, clinical site orientation, medication systems orientation, patient health record review and review of textbook and relevant evidence-informed articles.

clinical practice preparation is required in addition to direct course hours. Students who are not adequately prepared to provide safe and competent patient care will not participate in clinical activities.

All students and instructors have obligations under the [Alberta Health Information Act \(2020\)](#) and [Alberta Electronic Health Record Regulation \(2018\)](#) related to the safeguarding of a client's personal health information [CLPNA Privacy Document](#).

Students are accountable for ensuring that they follow all relevant privacy legislation and policies and understand the privacy requirements that apply to their nursing practice. Secure access and handling of health information, along with mandatory reporting of potential or actual breaches are required of students and faculty.

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory for clinical and seminar. Absences will jeopardize overall clinical performance and success in the course and may result in a Failure. Absences from clinical may result in the instructor being unable to effectively evaluate the student's clinical performance resulting in a Fail.

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 <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/polytechnic-leadership/policies-directory>.

****Note:** all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

Additional Information: 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.