

## DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL NURSE & HEALTH CARE AIDE

### COURSE OUTLINE – Winter 2025

#### NP 2110 (3): Practical Nursing Theory III – 3 (3-1-0) 60 Hours in 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:

Exploration of legal and ethical implications in practical nursing. Focus is on incorporating nursing values and ethics, the nursing process, and the scope of practice into care of an individual with acute illness.

**Note:** Only Available to practical nursing students.

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

**COREQUISITE(S):** NP2100, NP2130, NP2150

#### 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.

**DELIVERY MODE(S):** In Person Lecture & Seminar

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon successful completion NP2110 learners will be able to:

1. Identify and discuss legal implications in practical nursing.
2. Identify the Code of Ethics for Licensed Practical Nurses in Canada (2013)
3. Discuss professional and ethical responsibility for practical nurses.
4. Apply concepts of pathophysiology and pharmacology to individuals with an acute injury or illness.
5. Plan nursing care for clients experiencing various acute injuries or illnesses.
6. Demonstrate critical thinking in application of the nursing process to individuals with chronic illness.
7. Apply Standards of Practice for Licensed Practical Nurses to various acute care contexts.
8. Discuss implications of eHealth resources for care of acutely ill or injured clients.

**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
Knowledge Checks	20%	Throughout Course - Weekly	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8
Midterm	25%	Week 8	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8
Nursing Clinical Judgement Assignment	25%	Week 11	4, 5, 6, 8
Final Exam	30%	In Exam Week	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8

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

**1. Knowledge Checks**

Knowledge checks will be completed throughout the course. These will be review questions on different topics completed during the course. Question format includes but not limited to multiple-choice, matching, true and false, and select all that apply.

## 2. Midterm Exam

The midterm exam includes all content covered up to and including Week 8.

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.

## 3. Nursing Clinical Judgement Assignment

The purpose of the assignment is to assess students understanding of an acute illness and demonstrate critical thinking through a written care plan.

Students will be given three acute illnesses to research prior to class. Students will be given one of the three acute illnesses presented in a case study and will complete a written care plan within 2.5hr of class time. The care plan will need to be submitted to the instructor before leaving class.

Assignment will be open book. APA format is not required for this assignment. A 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	Knowledge Check	Text Resource
Week 1	Legal and ethical implications in Nursing Professional and Ethical Responsibility in Nursing		Chapters 9 & 10 - Potter and Perry
Week 2	Acute Illness and Injury – problems of ventilation		Chapters 29, 30 & 70 – Lewis et al.
Week 3	Acute Illness and Injury – problems of ventilation and perfusion	Legal and Ethical Quiz	Chapter 31, 33, & 35 – Lewis et al.
Week 4	Acute Illness and Injury – problems of perfusion		Chapters 36-38 – Lewis et al
Week 5	Acute Illness and Injury - Stroke	Ventilation Quiz	Chapters 59 & 60 – Lewis et al.
Week 6	Acute Illness and Injury – Diabetes Mellitus & Midterm Review	Perfusion Quiz	Chapter 52 – Lewis et al.
Week 7	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break
Week 8	Midterm	Midterm	Midterm
Week 9	Acute Illness and Injury – problems of the GI system	Stroke and Diabetes Quiz	Chapters 42-46 – Lewis et al.
Week 10	Acute Illness and Injury – Problems of urinary and endocrine systems		Chapters 48, 49, & 51 – Lewis et al.
Week 11	Nursing Clinical Judgement Assignment	Assignment	
Week 12	Acute Illness and Injury – Musculo-Skeletal	GI, urinary, and endocrine Quiz	Chapters 64, 66, & 67 – Lewis et al.
Week 13	Acute Illness and Injury – Musculo-Skeletal & Emergency care		Chapters 65, 68, 69,71 – Lewis et al.

Week 14	Emergency care & Finals Review	Musculo-Skeletal Quiz	Chapter 72 – Lewis et al.
Week 15	Finals Week	Finals Week	Finals Week

## 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 [PN Handbook](#)
- NWP Policies: [NWP Policies | Northwestern Polytechnic](#)
- NWP Students Rights & Responsibilities Policy: [Student Rights & Responsibilities Policy](#)

## 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 all lectures and seminars is expected. Absences will jeopardize overall clinical performance and success in the course and may result in a Failure.

## 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.