

DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL NURSE & HEALTH CARE AIDE

COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2025

NP2110 (VA2/VS1): PRACTICAL NURSING THEORY III – 3(3-1-0) 60 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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OFFICE HOURS:	By Appointment		

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.

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

1. Identify and explain legal requirements for consent, confidentiality, documentation and other legal implications in nursing.
2. Apply the Code of Ethics for Licensed Practical Nurses in Canada (2013) to ethical dilemmas encountered in simulated acute illness care settings.
3. Discuss professional and ethical responsibility for practical nurses.
4. Integrate pathophysiology and pharmacology knowledge in care for clients with acute illness or injury.
5. Create detailed, individualized care plans that address the unique needs of clients with acute conditions.
6. Critically reflect on and apply the nursing process to care for clients with chronic conditions.
7. Implement Standards of Practice for Licensed Practical Nurses to ensure safe, competent care in nursing.
8. Evaluate and discuss the role of eHealth resources in supporting care for acutely-ill 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>.

**** 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	Due Date & Time	Related Learning Outcome
Knowledge Checks (8)	15% (2% each)	All out of class exams are due at 2300- Sept 20, Oct 4, 11, 14(Midterm Review), Nov 1, 22, Dec 6 & 13, 2025 (Final Review)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Ethical Case Study	20%	Sept 21, 2025 @ 1800	1, 2, 3, 5, 6

Midterm	20%	October 15, 2025 @ 1400	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8
Nursing Clinical Judgement Assignment	20%	November 5, 2025 - in class	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Final Exam	25%	Week 15 – To be announced	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 to support your learning and reinforce key concepts. These short reviews will cover a variety of topics and may include question formats such as multiple-choice, matching, true/false, and select-all-that-apply.

Knowledge checks may be assigned either during class time or outside of class, at the discretion of the instructor, and may be given on short notice. To ensure fairness and encourage independent learning, knowledge checks will be delivered in the *Quizzes* section of the course platform with a set time limit

2. Ethical Case Study

This assignment will explore the legal and ethical responsibilities of an LPN in dealing with acute and/or chronic conditions. You will analyze case studies, apply the Code of Ethics for LPNs in Canada (2013), and reflect on your professional responsibilities. This is a 2-4 page APA paper. Rubric to be posted on D2L.

3. 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, true and false, and select all that apply.

4. Nursing Clinical Judgement Assignment

Students will complete a written care plan based on a case study of an acute illness during class time (1.5 hours). Prior to class, students will research three to five (depending on class size) assigned acute illnesses; one will be selected for the case study. The assignment is open book, does not require APA formatting, and must be submitted before leaving class. The care plan will assess critical thinking, application of the nursing process, integration of pathophysiology and pharmacology, and adherence to professional, ethical, and legal responsibilities. A detailed rubric will be available on D2L.

5. Final Exam

The final exam is a cumulative exam and includes all content covered but heavier focus on week 7-14. 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

* Grades for this course will be assigned as a percentage. The minimum passing grade is 60%.

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Week	Topic	Readings
1	Course Overview and Start on Ethics	D2L/myClass, Chapters 9 & 10 – Potter & Perry
2	Legal and ethical implications in Nursing Professional and Ethical Responsibility in Nursing	Chapters 9 & 10 – Potter & Perry
3	Acute Illness and Injury – problems of ventilation	Chapters 29, 30, 70 – Lewis et al
4	Acute Illness and Injury – problems of ventilation and perfusion	Chapters 31, 33, 35 – Lewis et al
5	Acute Illness and Injury – problems of perfusion	Chapters 36, 37, 38 – Lewis et al
6	Acute Illness and Injury - Stroke	Chapters 59, 60 – Lewis et al
7	Acute Illness and Injury – Diabetes Mellitus & Midterm Review	Chapter 52 – Lewis et al

8	Acute Illness and Injury – problems of the GI system	Chapters 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 – Lewis et al
9	Acute Illness and Injury – Problems of urinary and endocrine systems	Chapters 48, 49, 51 – Lewis et al
10	Clinical Judgement Assignment & Review	
11	Fall Break	No Classes
12	Acute Illness and Injury – Musculo-Skeletal	Chapters 64, 66, 67 – Lewis et al
13	Acute Illness and Injury – Musculo-Skeletal & Emergency care	Chapters 65, 68, 69 – Lewis et al
14	Emergency care & Finals Review	Chapters 71 & 72 – Lewis et al
15	Review and Final Exams	All Course Content

***Subject to change, please refer to D2L**

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: [Practical Nurse Handbook](#)

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:

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY:

To obtain credit in the course ALL assignments and examinations 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.