

Department of Practical Nurse and Health Care Aide

COURSE OUTLINE – Spring 2025

NP2250: (3): Community Nursing Theory – 3 (6-2-0) 60 Hours in 7 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 concepts, theories, and practices of community health nursing. Focus is on health promotion strategies for communities as clients. Note: Available only to Practical Nursing Students

PREREQUISITE(S): NP2100, NP2110, NP2130, NP2150

COREQUISITE(S): NP2230, NS2220

REQUIRED MATERIALS: MacDonald, S. A., & Jakubec, S. L. (2021). Stanhope and Lancaster's community health nursing in Canada (4th ed.). Elsevier.

DELIVERY MODE(S): Lecture and seminar

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of NP2250, learners will be able to:

1. Describe a caring nursing practice to a community as a client.
2. Identify cultural considerations for their nursing practice.
3. Describe concepts, theories, and practices of community health nursing.
4. Discuss health promotion strategies.

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 |
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| Ticket to class | 30% (2.5% per ticket) | Each lecture, weeks 1-6 | 1,2,3,4,5 |
| Assignment: Evaluation of Community Health Program (Paper) | 30% | June 6/2025, at 1159PM | 1,3,4 |
| Final exam | 40% | June 19, 2025 during class time | 1,2,3,4 |

Tickets to Class (30% total grade weight, 2.5% per ticket)

Each lecture (weeks 1–6) will include a Ticket to Class at the start of each class to assess the required pre-reading knowledge. This exercise is designed to encourage students to keep up with class readings, refresh their memory of the subject matter, and prepare them to engage in class discussions, which are essential to the course. Tickets to Class will be available weekly on D2L and at the beginning of each class, with a 10-minute time limit for completion. Students who are late to class will not be permitted to complete the Ticket to Class.

Community Health Program Evaluation (30% total grade weight)

Students will evaluate an existing community health initiative, such as a vaccination campaign,

wellness checkup service, or mental health support program. The assignment involves assessing the program’s effectiveness by examining its outcomes, identifying strengths and weaknesses, and providing evidence-based recommendations for improvement. Additionally, students will explore the role of community nurses in the continuous evaluation and enhancement of such programs. Rubric available on D2L.

Final Exam

The final exam includes all content covered throughout the course. Question format includes a variety of styles including, but not limited to, multiple choice, short answer, long answer, matching, and select all that apply.

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 |
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| 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 |
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| Week 1 | Ch. 1 Community Health Nursing Ch. 2 Evolution of Community Health Nursing in Canada |
| Week 2 | Ch. 3 Community Health Nursing in Canada: Settings, Functions, and Roles Ch. 9 Working with Community |

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| Week 3 | Ch. 4 Health Promotion Ch. 10 Health Program Planning and Evaluation Ch. 5 Evidence-Informed Practice in Community Health Nursing |
| Week 4 | Ch. 17 Environmental Health Ch. 8 Epidemiology |
| Week 5 | Ch. 11 Working With the Individual as Client Ch. 12 Working with Families Ch. 15 Working With People Who Experience Structural Vulnerabilities |
| Week 6 | Ch. 16 Communicable and Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Review Canadian vaccine schedule: Online external resource on D2L |
| Week 7 | Final exam |

****Tentative/Subject to change****

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 Student Handbook [Practical Nurse Handbook - Google Docs](#)
- NWP Policies: Northwestern Polytechnic administrative/academic policies NWP Students Rights & Responsibilities Policy: Students Rights & Responsibilities Policy [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>.

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

Additional Information:

Turnitin Software

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.

Students are expected to make every effort to complete assignments on time. Assignment submissions are expected on the date determined by the faculty. If extensions are necessary, they may be requested up to 48 hours before 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 hours 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.