

**DEPARTMENT Nursing Education**

**COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2024**

**NS3230: Community Nursing Through the Lifespan – 6(2-0-2- 24C)**

**144 Clinical Hours, 168 Total Course Hours for 6 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:**

The course covers theories, ethics, and evidence-informed approaches to community health nursing including primary health care, population health, health maintenance and promotion, and disease and injury prevention. It includes exploration of concepts of community-based assessment, planning, intervention, and evaluation with community-as-client. The practicum portion of the course includes a variety of community settings. Nursing practice will include health assessment and interventions for clients throughout the lifespan and care continuum. Note: Available only to nursing students in the Collaborative Nursing Program.

**PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:**

NS2160, NS2240 and NS2250

## REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Dosani, A., Etowa, J. & van Daalen-Smith, C. (2025). *Stamler & Yiu's community health nursing: A Canadian perspective* (6th ed.). Pearson Canada Inc.

Pollard, C. L., Jakubec, S. L., & Jordan Halter, M. (2023). *Varcarolis's Canadian psychiatric mental health nursing: A clinical approach* (3rd ed.). Elsevier Canada.

Previously Purchased resources:

Potter, P. A., Perry, A. G., Stockert, P. A., Hall, A. M., Astle, B. J., & Duggleby, W. (2018). *Canadian fundamentals of nursing* (6th ed.). Elsevier Canada.

Elsevier Adaptive Quizzing (EAQ) Subscription (*Course Code for NS 3230 section on myClass page*)

Vallerand, A. H., Sanoski, C. A., & In Quiring, C. (2020). *Davis' drug guide for nurses*. (17th ed.).

Or NWP's subscription to:

Canadian Pharmacists Association. (2024). *CPS: The Canadian standard for drug and therapeutic content*.

<https://www.myrxtx.ca/search>

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

### **Or see**

NWP's Learning Commons: <https://libguides.nwpolytech.ca/apa/whatis>

All previously required textbooks and resources will be used as reference throughout the program. Please retain your copies as they may be required in future courses.

## DELIVERY MODE(S):

Attend on Campus, In-person (Lecture, Lab, & Clinical)

## LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Explore, apply and integrate theory, ethics and evidence informed approaches for community health nursing.
2. Identify, integrate and practice primary health care, population health, health promotion and maintenance, and illness and injury prevention approaches with the community as the client.
3. Explore and practice the nursing process in a community context and setting.
4. Practice and integrate health assessment and nursing interventions for clients throughout the lifespan and care continuum within a community context.

- Articulate and perform, as appropriate, the role of the community health nurse in promoting the health of individuals, families, groups, communities and populations.

### TRANSFERABILITY:

Consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure 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:

All Course components must be completed to pass NS 3230. Students must receive an overall minimum of C- in the Graded components, as well as a PASS in the clinical portion to receive credit for NS 3230.

Students who are seeking academic accommodations in the course are required to contact and register with Accessibility Services in advance.

Course Components	Due dates	Weight
1) SafeMedicate	September 4, 2024 10:00/13:00 (Groups A or B)	PASS/FAIL
2) Knowledge Checks (4 total worth 3.75% each)	Sept 8, 2024 @ 2359 hrs Sept 15, 2024 @ 2359 hrs Sept 22, 2024 @ 2359 hrs Sept 29, 2024 @ 2359 hrs	15%
3) Assignments: Part A) Orientation and Preparing for Clinical – 5% Part B) Weekly Field Notes – 15% (3% x 5 weeks) Part C) Community Health Assessment – 20 %	Sept 9, 2024 @ 2100 hrs Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4 & 11 <sup>th</sup> @ 2359 hrs Oct 12, 2024 @ 2359 hrs	40%
4) Final In-Class Case Study	October 7, 2024 Completed during Lecture Class	35%
5) Elsevier Adaptive Quizzing (EAQ)	Oct 15, 2024 @ 0800 hrs	10%
6) Clinical Assessment Tool (CAT)	<u>Midterm</u> : Sept 24, 2024 @ 0800 hrs <u>Final</u> : Oct 15, 2024 @ 0800 hrs	PASS/FAIL

### 1. SafeMedicate Exam

Students will have three opportunities to achieve 90% on all Safe Medicate exams. If a student is not able to achieve 90% after the third attempt, they will not be able to attend clinical or continue in the course. The Modules

tested include: FNS Essential skills, FNS Advanced Skills: Bodyweight-Based Calculations & FNS Advanced Skills: Injectable Medicines Therapy

## 2. Weekly Knowledge Checks

Students will complete timed, open-book questions on myClass prior to Monday classes. Material includes content from weekly assigned chapters, resource materials, as well as important lab values and/or pharmacology in preparation for lecture and lab classes.

## 3. Assignments:

This 3-part assignment bridges learning from the beginning to the end of the course.

- **Part A) *Orientation and Preparing for Clinical:***

Each clinical site has specific proficiencies the student needs to prepare for to be successful and safe within their clinical setting. Students will complete evidence of preparation for clinical placements, as well as set SMART goals specific to their community placement. This will take place during orientation week and be completed prior to going into clinical. Template provided and to be submitted to drop-box.

- **Part B) *Weekly Field Notes:***

These purposeful notes are evidence of learning and application experienced throughout the week while in the clinical setting. Using the Clinical evaluation tool (CAT), as well as the identified SMART goals, students will reflect on their clinical experiences; pulling in learning from their lectures, labs, field guides, and/or clinical resources to ensure they are meeting the course objectives. Template provided and to be submitted weekly on Fridays to the drop-box.

- **Part C) *Community Health Assessment:***

The purpose of a windshield survey is to perform an environmental scan that is the most preliminary and fundamental assessment of the community (Stamler & Yiu, 2020). It is a subjective assessment observed while driving (or walking) through a neighborhood. Students will conduct a community assessment of their clinical placement area and identify specific health promotion recommendations. There will also be a component incorporating the TRC: Calls to Action with nursing-specific recommendations. Template and rubric posted on myClass page.

## 4. Final Case Study:

In-class assessment, written and completed during class time.

## 5. Elsevier Adaptive Quizzing (EAQ)

Adaptive quizzes using the Elsevier platform are utilized throughout the BScN Program. Modules specific to Community health have been assigned at the *Intermediate Mastery* level. This is to increase knowledge, identify gaps in knowledge, and become adept at this testing method which is used to access professional registration post-graduation. Students must complete the modules by the end of the course to receive a grade for this component. The course code to register for the class modules is posted on myClass and will open on the Course start date.

## 6. Clinical Assessment Tool (CAT)

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

At “midterm” students who receive an “At Risk” in any of the indicators on the Clinical Assessment Tool will develop a Learning Support Plan in collaboration with their Clinical Instructor. Students must successfully meet the requirements of the Learning Support Plan by the agreed-upon date. Under the ‘Professionalism’ category, students must meet these objectives at a level of ‘Independence’ to receive a “PASS” in the course. Failure of this objective may result in being unsuccessful at any time during the rotation.

### GRADING CRITERIA:

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

#### Grading Chart for courses with Alpha Grading:

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:

\*Subject to change with little or no notice. Any changes will be announced on myClass for approval.

Date	Class Focus-Microconcepts
September 3-8 <sup>th</sup>	Orientation week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course Orientation</li> <li>• Individual Clinical Site Classroom/Lab orientations</li> <li>• Safemedicate Exam</li> <li>• Connect Care (if applicable)</li> <li>• Knowledge Check #1 opens and due before lecture class</li> </ul>
September 9 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursing Considerations for Community Health Placements: Assessments, screening tools, and education</li> <li>• Lab: Home Care Prioritization</li> <li>• Knowledge Check #2 opens and due before next class</li> </ul>
September 16 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developmental milestones and alterations; Alterations in nutrition</li> <li>• Lab: Community Health Activity</li> <li>• Knowledge Check #3 opens and due before next class</li> </ul>
September 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicable Diseases and Vaccines.</li> <li>• Lab: Epidemiology</li> <li>• Knowledge Check #4 opens and due by Sept 29th</li> </ul>
September 30 <sup>th</sup> to October 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No class Monday (September 30)</b>
October 7 <sup>th</sup> to October 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Case Study in Lecture Class</li> <li>• Harm Reduction Lab</li> </ul>
October 14 <sup>th</sup> to October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Thanksgiving ( <b>no class Monday</b> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of Course Oct 18th</li> </ul>

## 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 BScN 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 Students Rights & Responsibilities Policy:**

<https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/fetch.php?ID=69>

**NWP Department of Nursing Education & Health Studies Handbook:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eT5ZtjnsFn8oGk9jdu-Rh2eZoRKs-x6-s3Edy0lFQqU/edit?usp=sharing>

**Attendance:**

Attendance for all Orientation days, Lectures, Labs, and Clinical is expected. Absences will jeopardize overall clinical performance and academic success in the course and may result in a Failure. Please refer to the NWP student Handbook “Attendance” section for more details.

**Late Assignments:**

To obtain credit in the course ALL assignments, examinations, and knowledge checks must be completed. 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 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.

**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:**

Students will be placed in a community placement in or around the Grande Prairie and Rural surrounding area. This is based on availability of placement sites (within Tues-Friday 8 hr shifts). Please



refer to the NWP BScN Nursing Student Handbook “Clinical Placements” section for more information. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eT5ZtjnsFn8oGk9jdu-Rh2eZoRKs-x6-s3Edy0lFQqU/edit?usp=sharing>