

DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL NURSE AND HEALTH CARE AIDE

COURSE OUTLINE – Spring/Summer 2024

HC 1080 VAC1: HCA Clinical Placement Experience II – 5 (0-0-40) 160 Hours for 4 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:

Under the direction of a regulated health-care professional, learners will work in a health-care setting such as continuing care or acute care, providing person-centred care and support for clients and their families.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:

HC1010, HC1020, HC1030, HC1040, HC1050, HC1060 & HC1070

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

- Alberta Government. (2018, April). Alberta health care aide competency profile. Retrieved November 9, 2021, from <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/9781460137253>
- Wilk, M. (2022). Sorrentino's Canadian clinical skills: Skills for personal support workers. <https://evolve.elsevier.com>
- Wilk, M. (2022). Sorrentino's Canadian textbook for the support worker (5th ed.). Elsevier Inc.
- Wilk, M., & Sekhon, N. (2022). Workbook to accompany Sorrentino's Canadian textbook for the support worker (5th ed.). Elsevier Inc.

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS

- Murray, L. (2014). Integrating a Palliative Approach: Essentials for Personal Support Workers. Saanichton, BC, Canada: Life and Death Matters.

DELIVERY MODE(S): Clinical

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Incorporate knowledge of growth and development and of structure and function of the human body when providing person-centred care.
2. Demonstrate effective time management, decision-making, and problem-solving skills (e.g., prioritization).
3. Demonstrate the role of HCA within the health-care system in these areas.
 - a. Applying legislative knowledge governing the HCA
 - b. Completing daily care plans
 - c. Providing person-centred care
4. Demonstrate collaboration when working within the collaborative care team to provide person-centred care.
5. Demonstrate evidence-informed principles associated with meeting the client's care needs and practices including assisting with activities of daily living and complex skills.
 - a. Range of motion
 - b. Skin care
 - c. Wound care
 - d. Nasogastric/gastrostomy tube feeds
 - e. Urinary catheters and drainage systems
 - f. Measuring vital signs, pain, height/weight



- g. Specimen collection
- h. Ostomy care
- i. Respiratory care including oral suctioning
- j. Medication assistance
- 6. Maintain the skills required to meet the client's:
 - a. Nutritional needs
 - b. Bathing needs
 - c. Mobility needs
 - d. Elimination needs
 - e. Personal hygiene and grooming
 - f. Bed making
- 7. Demonstrate effective, assertive communication strategies when:
 - a. Providing collaborative person-centred client care
 - b. Using telephone communication
 - c. Using electronic forms of communication (e.g., email)
 - d. Reporting to members of the collaborative care team, including regulated health-care professionals
- 8. Implement effective communication strategies in specialized situations.
 - a. Speech and language disorders
 - b. Mental health and addictions
 - c. (D) Dementia
 - d. (P&E) End-of-life care
 - e. (CCD) Cultural diversity
- 9. Demonstrate accurate legal documentation in client records by using:
 - a. Approved legal abbreviations
 - b. (IT) Information technology (digital literacy)
- 10. Demonstrate confidentiality in all interactions.
- 11. Implement safety practices in providing person-centred care through the use of the following.
 - a. Proper body mechanics
 - b. Positioning and transfer aids
 - c. Restraints
 - d. Appropriate client handling and transfers
 - e. Safe operation of mechanical lifts and other health equipment
 - f. Infection control practices (hand hygiene and cleaning personal protective equipment and other equipment)
 - g. Environmental safety (WHIMIS)
- 12. Respond to and report safety hazards to the appropriate member(s) of the collaborative care team.
- 13. (PD) Demonstrate professional growth through self-reflection.
 - a. Accept and incorporate constructive feedback.
 - b. Compare self to HCA competencies

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please 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>.

Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.

EVALUATIONS:

Evaluation	Value	Date
Midterm Evaluation	Successful/Unsuccessful	July 25 th , 2024
Final Evaluation	Successful/Unsuccessful	August 8 th , 2024
CARE Approach Assignment	Complete/Incomplete	July 25 th , 2024
Clinical Reflection Assignment	Complete/Incomplete	August 8 th , 2024

This course follows the Health Care Aide Provincial Curriculum Program Standards and Policies developed by the Government of Alberta.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Alpha Grade	4-Point Equivalence	Descriptor
P	N/A	Pass
F	N/A	Fail

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

HC1080 will take place in an Acute setting consisting of 12-hour day shifts. More Clinical information will be posted on MyClass.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

For policies related to clinical absences, immunizations, uniforms, and other clinical requirements refer to the Health Care Aide handbook on MyClass or at https://www.nwpolytech.ca/doc.php?d=HCA_HBK

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:

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION(CLINICAL):

By the end of each clinical, students are responsible to demonstrate beginning proficiency and competence with each of the skills offered in this course. Students should consult with their clinical instructor regarding any missed clinical days. Students may be required to make up missed clinical days. To develop proficiency and psychomotor expertise students are encouraged to practice at home or during regularly schedule practice labs.