

DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL NURSE AND HEALTH CARE AIDE

COURSE OUTLINE – Spring 2024

NP1450 (3): Clinical Nursing Skills – 3 (2-0-6) 120 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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OFFICE HOURS: By appointment

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: Development of skills for practical nursing. Focus is on skill attainment, clinical reasoning, clinical judgement, safe nursing practice, and safe client care.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: NP 1205, NP 1419, NP 1480, NP 100/ NP1400, NP 1410, NP 1480, NP 1600

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Cobbett, S. (2024). *Perry & Potter's Canadian Clinical Nursing Skills and Techniques* (2nd ed.). Elsevier

DELIVERY MODE(S): Lecture and Lab

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of NP1450 learners will be able to:

1. Describe critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and clinical judgement.
2. Demonstrate the nursing process throughout various clinical skills practice.
3. Demonstrate personal and client safety while performing clinical nursing skills.
4. Perform proper procedures for various clinical nursing skills.
5. Demonstrate accurate and professional documentation for various clinical nursing skills.
6. Discuss roles and responsibilities of practical nurse with various clinical nursing skills.
7. Identify various policies and procedures for clinical nursing skills.

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.transferralberta.alberta.ca>.

** 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
OSCE's	30% (15% each)	Week 7 & 14	2, 3, 4, 5, 7
Ticket to Lab	20%	Due each Lab	1 ,2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Midterm Exam	25%	Week 6	1, 6, 7
Final Exam	25%	In Exam Week	1, 6, 7

EVALUATION DESCRIPTIONS:

1. Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

The OSCEs provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate a range of clinical nursing skills as outlined in the textbook and practiced in the lab. Assessments are based on accurately completing the required steps for competently implementing the skill. Students must achieve a minimum passing score of 80% for each OSCE. If a student does not reach this passing score, they will be allowed up to three attempts to pass, with the score from their initial attempt used for final grading

2. Ticket to Lab

The 'Ticket to Lab' evaluation tool ensures students' readiness for lab sessions by assessing their preparation and understanding of pre-reading material. Points are awarded based on adherence to the lab dress code and accurate completion of pre-lab assessment questions. Failure to meet the dress code requirements or answer pre-lab questions accurately may lead to exclusion from lab participation. Two or more failures on lab tickets may jeopardize overall course success as students may be unable to acquire the necessary skills for evaluations. Students must be in attendance in order to receive the grade.

3. Midterm Exam

The midterm exam includes all content covered up to and including Week 7. Question format includes a variety of styles including, but not limited to multiple choice, short answer, long answer, matching, and select all that apply.

4. Final Exam

The final exam includes all content covered from Week 8 to Week 15. 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 universities 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	RESOURCES
Week 1	Hygiene Infection Control Medical Asepsis Sterile Techniques It's your move Module. Activity and Mobility	Chapters 5-6, 8, 11-13 Module link on D2L – AHS Module
Week 2	Dressings and Wound Care Medications (NONPARENTERAL)	Chapters 19 -22, 40, 41
Week 3	Fluid Balance No class May 20 th	D2L
Week 4	Vascular Access and Infusion Therapy	Chapters 22 & 29
Week 5 & 6	Parenteral Medications Caring for Patients With Central Vascular Access Devices (CAVDs)	Chapters 9, 22, 29 Chapter 23

	Blood draws	
Week 6	MIDTERM EXAM	
Week 7	OSCE WEEK Nutrition	Chapters 31- 33
Week 8	NG Insertion Documentation Blood Therapy	Chapters 4, 30, 35
Week 9	SPRING BREAK	
Week 10	Elimination	Chapters 34, 35 & 36
Week 11	Oxygenation	Chapters 23, 25, 28
Week 12 & 13	Care of the Surgical Patient Closed Chest Drainage Systems	Chapters. 27, 37, 39 D2L Resources
Week 14	OSCE Week NO CLASS August 4	
Week 15	Exam Week Starts	

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 [Practical Nurse Handbook Link](#)
- NWP Policies: Northwestern Polytechnic administrative/academic policies [NWP Policies Link](#)
- NWP Students Rights & Responsibilities Policy: [Student rights and responsibilities Link](#)

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.