



University of Alberta Collaborative BScN Program

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DEPARTMENT OF NURSING EDUCATION & HEALTH STUDIES

COURSE OUTLINE – Winter 1 2021

NS3080 AC1/AC2

ACUTE CARE NURSING PRACTICE I- 6 (0-0-32) 224 hrs 7 weeks UT

January 5, 2021 – February 26, 2021

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

The primary focus is the application of theory in the client centered care of hospitalized adults and elderly clients and their families experiencing variations in health (acute and chronic illnesses). Practice occurs primarily in primary, secondary, and tertiary acute care settings.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:

Prerequisites: NS2015, NS2025, NS2150

Corequisite: NS3070

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

All previously required textbooks and resources from years one and two.

DELIVERY MODE(S):

Offsite Delivery. This course is delivered offsite in the [clinical/practicum/work experience] setting with some face-to-face components. Students must follow the offsite agencies COVID-19 Guidelines and Protocols as well as the [GPRC Campus Access Guidelines and Expectations](#).

Note: GPRC reserves the right to change the course delivery.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students are responsible to familiarize themselves with *Graduate Competencies and Year-End Outcomes (with Cross Reference to Courses)*. Attention must be given to the competencies that are identified as being relevant to NURS 3080.

1. Describe, understand and articulate an understanding of theory related to key patient safety concepts including communication, teamwork, environmental influences and human factors, safety risks, and adverse disclosure.
2. Describe, understand, and articulate an understanding of theory related to patient centered care and interdisciplinary practice.
3. Demonstrates with minimal assistance, knowledge and application of safety practices and safety theory in nursing practice.
4. Demonstrate with minimal assistance, the ability to practice in accordance with competencies as described in the document entitled: *Graduate Competencies and Year End Outcomes Condensed Version* (found on Moodle).
5. Demonstrate with minimal assistance, the ability to use professional and therapeutic communication skills to collaborate with clients (adolescents to older adults) experiencing chronic or acute variances in health, and located in acute care centres.
6. Demonstrate with minimal assistance the ability to manage restoration, rehabilitation, and support activities for clients experiencing chronic and acute variances in health.

7. Demonstrate with minimal assistance competence in the assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of nursing interventions to clients experiencing chronic and acute variances in health across the life span.
8. Demonstrate with minimal assistance competence in selected nursing skills required for nursing care of clients (from adolescents to older adults) experiencing acute and chronic illnesses and variations in health.
9. Demonstrate with minimal assistance the ability to integrate selected nursing model/theory in client centered nursing practice.
10. Demonstrate with guidance the ability to engage in evidence informed practice.
11. Demonstrate with guidance the processes of self-directed learning, critical thinking, and group process in inquiry based learning, in a variety of acute care settings.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Demonstrate safe nursing practice
2. Practice interprofessional competencies
3. Apply the nursing process in collaboration with the clients in acute care practice settings
4. Apply principles of primary health care, health promotion and injury prevention, and the social determinants of health to nursing care
5. Integrate cultural, legal, social and ethical implications into nursing care
6. Apply models, theories, and evidence informed care into patient and family nursing practice
7. Demonstrate professional and therapeutic communication skills
8. Evaluate information to guide nursing practice
9. Recognize trends and issues in acute care practice settings
10. Plan nursing care integrating concepts related to recovery, rehabilitation and palliation

TRANSFERABILITY:

UA NURS 308

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.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

IMPORTANT DATES (per the GPRC Academic Calendar):

January 5, 2021	Class Start date
January 12, 2021	Last day to drop or add classes
February 12, 2021	Last day to withdraw with permission

EVALUATIONS:

To pass NS 3080, students must demonstrate safe, ethical nursing practice; professional behavior; complete every one of the below activities, and earn a passing grade in the Evaluation of Nursing Practice (ENP).

Evaluation Strategy:	Value:	Due Dates:	
1. Evaluation of Nursing Practice	80%	February 22, 2021	By 1200
2. Nursing Care Plan	20%	Weekly	As per instruction.
3. Reflective Journal	A part of ENP	February 8, 2021	By 1200
4. Safe Medicate	Pass/Fail	January 6, 2021 (and 2 additional dates if required)	0900-1100

GRADING CRITERIA: (The following criteria may be changed to suit the particular course/instructor)

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	90-100		C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-89		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 1	Orientation to course
WEEK 2	Clinical
WEEK 3	Clinical
WEEK 4	Clinical *Midterm Evaluations
WEEK 5	Clinical
WEEK 6	Clinical *Reflective Journal Due
WEEK 7	WINTER BREAK
WEEK 8	Clinical *Final Evaluations

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

The College expects students; conduct to be in accordance with the basic rights and responsibilities

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NS3080 is comprised of clinical days and pre/post conferences. Attendance is required for all components of the course. In order to pass NS 3080, students must demonstrate safe ethical nursing practice, professional behaviour, and complete the following experiences:

1. During this course, students will have a continuous experience in an institutional setting that includes nursing practice with adults or children experiencing chronic or less acute variances in health.
2. Where the clinical setting allows, students will co-ordinate care for 1-2 clients. Alternately, bearing in mind the characteristics of specific placement settings such as client acuity level, students will then co-ordinate care for 2 clients. The emphasis should be on learning depth and breadth and client safety.
3. Participate in labs and simulation exercises.
4. Participate in a follow-through experience with a client having a medical or surgical procedure in the clinical setting.
5. Use a nursing model to perform a client assessment appropriate to the clinical setting and complete a care plan.
6. Participate in client education.
7. Collaborate with clients, family, nurses and members of other disciplines

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY:

All assignments are to be submitted in at the time and place they are due. Extensions on assignments may be granted and must be negotiated with the instructor **prior** to the due date and with a date specified for late submissions. A penalty of a letter grade for each working day that an assignment is submitted after the due date will be deducted from the final grade. For example, a paper scored at B+ would receive an adjusted grade of B if handed in one day late.

Please see the GPRC Nursing Student Handbook for further policies related to late assignments.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Calendar at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at <https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies>

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

Additional Information (Optional):

PROGRESSION IN A CLINICAL COURSE:

Please see **Clinical Progression Criteria** found in the GPRC Nursing Student Handbook.

IMMUNIZATIONS, CPR AND WHMIS CERTIFICATION:

You are responsible for ensuring that all immunization, CPR-HCP and WHMIS requirements are met and remain current throughout your nursing program. Students who do not comply with these policies may be barred from taking clinical courses. Please see the Student Handbook which has been posted on Brightspace related to policies regarding immunizations, CPR-HCP and WHMIS certification.

Lost Photo ID cards should be promptly reported to the Nursing Office (H206). There will be a cost to replace lost cards.

CLINICAL PREPAREDNESS:

It is expected that you will prepare for each clinical day by researching procedures, medical conditions, medications, etc. Required psychomotor skills should be reviewed prior to the clinical experience. Students should be prepared to discuss their client plan of care (including the client priority needs, nursing diagnoses, medication profiles, and any client teachings) with the instructor during clinical time.

If a student is **not adequately prepared for clinical**, the instructor may request the student leave the clinical agency. This would be a decision made after considering client safety.

PROFESSIONAL DRESS:

Patient Research: You will be required to come into the clinical setting prior to your scheduled shifts to collect confidential patient information to prepare for your clinical shifts. You will be required to wear your nametag and come dressed professional casual. That means absolutely no jeans, leggings/lululemon pants or sweats. You are to wear your GPRC nametag at all times.

Clinical Shifts: You will attend all clinical shifts dressed in your GPRC approved uniforms (these can be purchased at the bookstore) and will be prepared for clinical with all necessary supplies. Uniform scrub jackets and cardigans are acceptable when needed. A locker will be available at the hospital for your belongings.

For safety reasons, the only jewellery that is acceptable is one pair of small stud earrings, a serviceable watch, and a plain wedding band. You will be required to remove obvious body piercing jewellery for safety reasons. Hair should be neat and off the face, with shoulder length or longer hair tied back. No nail polish. Makeup should be minimal and no perfume. The use of perfumed lotions, deodorants and powders is discouraged. Shoes are white and soft soled with an enclosed foot, heel and toe.

Good personal hygiene and grooming are part of a nurse's professional decorum. The faculty reserve the right to suggest the appropriateness of student appearance in the clinical setting.

Students are to wear their GPRC Photo ID that will serve as the official means of identification in all clinical areas. Photo ID cards will be available to students during Orientation week. All students are required to wear Photo ID in the clinical setting, whether this occurs in an agency or in a community/home environment, including the time used at the clinical setting for patient research.