



## DEPARTMENT OF NURSING EDUCATION & HEALTH STUDIES

### COURSE OUTLINE – NURSING 3910

Winter 2 (Section BC1 & BC2)

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**PREREQUISITE(S) / COREQUISITE:**

PZ 1510; NS 2910, 2940, 2950; NS 3900 (pre or corequisite)

**REQUIRED TEXT(S) / RESOURCE MATERIALS:**

U of A Collaborative BScN Program Documents

1. Working Definitions
2. Map of Theoretical Labs, Clinical Labs and Clinical Seminars
3. Graduate Competencies and Year-End Outcomes
4. Grade Descriptors

**RECOMMENDED TEXT / RESOURCE MATERIALS:**

Moodle Resources  
Medical Surgical Nursing Textbook  
Pathophysiology Textbook  
Pharmacology Textbook or Nurses' Drug Guide  
Other References as needed

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

**NURS 3910 - Nursing Practice V: \*7 (fi 14) (either term, 3-26c-2 in 7 weeks).**

Nursing practice focuses on restoration, rehabilitation, and support (including health promotion and disease prevention) of clients experiencing more acute variances in health across the life span. Practice occurs in primary, secondary, and tertiary level acute care settings.

**CREDIT / CONTACT HOURS:**

LEC: 0            SEM: 21            LAB: 14            CLINICAL: 182

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Opportunities will be provided for students to develop advanced skills in health assessment, intervention and communication with clients across the life span. The focus of this clinical course will be the client and their families with more acute variances in health. Students will continue to utilize health promotion, and all levels of prevention in nursing practice. Nursing practice over a continuous block of time will occur in various acute care settings.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

**Levels of Independence**

In evaluating objectives, the following levels of independence will be used:

**With assistance:** The student requires direction and information.

**With minimal assistance:** The student requires *occasional* direction and information.

**With guidance:** The student requires clarification, prompting and confirmation.

**With minimal guidance:** The student requires *occasional* clarification, prompting and confirmation.

**Independently:** The student works mostly on his or her own and seeks information, clarification and consultation as appropriate.

**Direction:** Clinical tutor tells the student what to do, about what steps to take.

**Information:** Clinical tutor tells the student specifics about a concept or topic.

**Clarification:** Clinical tutor, through questioning and feedback, assists the student to state their information in a different and clearer way, often with more details. The student asks questions to increase their understanding; questions asked demonstrate a sound knowledge base.

**Prompting:** Clinical tutor provides the student with a cue that answer is incomplete or incorrect and how to resolve the lack of information. A prompt is broader than a hint. Prompting is generally used to add breadth or depth.

**Confirmation:** Clinical tutor provides positive feedback for correct information and direction provided by the student.

**Consultation:** The student provides clinical tutor with information and/or direction and asks specific questions about the information or direction which the instructor confirms.

**Occasional:** The clinical tutor provides input every now and then.

### **Overarching Statement**

Students are responsible to familiarize themselves with *Graduate Competencies and Year Outcomes (with Cross Reference to courses) 2010-2011*. Attention must be given to the competencies that are identified as being relevant to NURS 3910.

Students must regularly refer to the document entitled *Graduate Competencies and Year-End Outcomes Condensed Version 2010-2011*. Attention must be given to the Year 3 Column. This document serves as the basis for the evaluation of students' clinical practice.

**All students must practice in a manner that is consistent with:**

- **CARNA Nursing Practice Standards (2003) and all other CARNA standards**
- **The CNA Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses (2008).**

1. Demonstrate, independently, the processes of self-directed learning, critical thinking, and group process in utilizing context-based learning, in all learning activities.
2. Demonstrate, independently or with guidance, the ability to practice in accordance with Year 3 competencies, as described in the document entitled: *Graduate Competencies and Year-End Outcomes Condensed Version 2010-2011*.
3. Demonstrate, with guidance, the ability to manage restoration, rehabilitation, and support activities for clients experiencing more acute variances in health.
4. Demonstrate, with guidance, the ability to provide evidence-based, competent nursing care to clients experiencing more acute variances in health, in a variety of settings (primarily, secondary and/or tertiary level acute care settings).
5. Demonstrate, with minimal guidance, the ability to manage health promotion and prevention activities using advanced therapeutic/interpersonal communication skills, health counseling skills, and teaching and learning principles.
6. Demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge into clinical practice.

### **REQUIRED LEARNING EXPERIENCES:**

**In order to pass NS 3910, students must demonstrate safe ethical nursing practice, professional behavior, and complete the following experiences. Students are expected to implement previously learned nursing skills.**

1. During this course, students will have a continuous experience in an acute care setting with adults or children, and/or home care which will include nursing care of clients and families experiencing increasingly complex and more acute variances in health.
2. Where the clinical setting allows, students will co-ordinate care for 3 clients. Alternately, bearing in mind the characteristics of specific placement settings such as client acuity level, students will then co-ordinate care for 2-3 clients. The emphasis should be on learning depth and breadth and client safety.
3. Participate in site-selected lab activities (see 'Map of Theoretical Labs, Clinical Labs and Clinical Seminars').
4. Use a nursing model to assess and intervene with clients and their families.
5. Participate in client and family education.
6. Collaborate with client, family, community, nurses and members of other disciplines.

**TRANSFERABILITY:**

**NURS 3910 is transferable to the following sites: UA, RDC & KC.**

This course is part of the block transfer agreement with the University of Alberta in the Collaborative BScN Program. Admission to the fourth year of the Program and registration at the U of A will be contingent upon confirmation by the Faculty of Nursing that the first three years of the Program have been completed with satisfactory academic standing. For promotion to Year 4 at the U of A, a student is required to pass all previous courses and obtain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 point scale in the first three years of the program. If these conditions are met, the student will be granted a block transfer of work completed at GPRC to the U of A record.

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

**Nursing practice must be evaluated using the Evaluation of Nursing Practice (ENP) tool.**

<p><b>ENP (Evaluation of Nursing Practice)</b></p>	
<p><b>Students must pass the ENP in order to pass the course.</b>  <b>If a student receives an “F” in any one area of the ENP criteria it constitutes a clinical failure. If a student does not pass the ENP he/she will obtain an overall grade of no greater than “D” in the course.</b></p>	
<p><b>To encourage the development of self-reflective practice, it is recommended that client preparation, reflective practice, nursing care and learning plans be evaluated through discussion during the clinical day, seminar and journal entries.</b></p>	<b>70 %</b>
<p><b>A formative and written summative Evaluation of Nursing Practice will be completed by the student and the tutor.</b> This will be accomplished through observation assessment and evaluation of the student during nursing practice. Evaluations will be made by the tutor and may be supplemented with input from peers, the staff of an agency, and the client. Tutors are directed to refer to the current Evaluation of Nursing Practice document from the Evaluation Strategies Committee.</p>	
<p><b>Math Calculation Exam (Fall Terms only)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Students are required to maintain competence in math calculations and therefore must pass a written math calculation exam early in the course. A passing grade of 90% is required. There will be no weighting on this exam in the overall grade in the course but will be assessed under the ENP criteria for safe practice.</li> <li>II. Students will be allowed 2 opportunities to rewrite if they are not successful in the first exam.</li> <li>III. <b>Failure to achieve a passing grade on the math calculation exam after the third re-write will result in the student being asked to withdraw from the course.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Pass</b></p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p><b>Fail</b></p>
<p><b>Concept Map Assignment</b></p>	
<p>A concept map is a diagram of patient problems, supporting data, interventions and evaluations. Your ideas about patient problems are the “concepts” that will be diagrammed. These maps are used to organize patient data, analyze relationships in the data, and enable you to take a holistic view of the patient’s situation. Concept mapping requires critical thinking to analyze relationships in clinical data. Critical thinking and clinical reasoning are used to formulate clinical judgments and decisions about nursing care. The important ideas that must be linked together during the concept map are the medical and nursing diagnoses, along with all the pertinent clinical data. Through concept mapping of diagnoses and clinical data, you can evaluate what you know about the care of your patient and what further information you need in order to provide safe and effective nursing care.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The assignment has two parts:</b>  <b>A: Concept Map</b>  <b>B: Care Plan</b></p> <p><b><u>Note:</u> Full directions on the requirements for this assignment are available in the Course Syllabus.</b></p>	<b>30 %</b>
	<b>100 %</b>

**Assignment Policy**

It is expected that ALL assignments must be completed to obtain credit in the course. Assignments are expected to be passed in at the time and place they are due. Extensions 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 one alpha grade for each working day that an assignment is submitted after the due date will be deducted from the final mark of the assignment. For example, an assignment marked at a B+ would receive an adjusted grade of B if handed in one day late. Late assignments passed into the Nursing Office are due by 0830 and must be verified (stamped with date and time) by nursing office personnel. If students submit assignment electronically, the student is responsible to determine that the assignment has been received.

**Please check with your clinical instructor for issues related to your specific clinical assignments.**

**Final Grade Assignment**

Each assignment in the course will be given an alpha grade according to the grading criteria for each assignment. Grades for each assignment will be converted into a 4-point equivalent. This number will then be multiplied by the weighting of the assignment to determine a score. The scores for each assignment will be added together for a total score in the course. This total score will then be used to determine the final alpha grade in the course. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your tutor / instructor.

<b>GRADING CONVERSION CHART</b>			
<b>ALPHA GRADE</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE CONVERSION (%)</b>	<b>4-POINT EQUIVALENT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTOR</b>
<b>A+</b>	95 – 100	4.0	Excellent
<b>A</b>	90 – 94.9	4.0	
<b>A-</b>	85 – 89.9	3.7	Very Good First Class Standing
<b>B+</b>	80 – 84.9	3.3	
<b>B</b>	75 – 79.9	3.0	Good
<b>B-</b>	70 – 74.9	2.7	
<b>C+</b>	66 – 69.9	2.3	Satisfactory
<b>C</b>	63 – 65.9	2.0	
<b>C-</b>	60 – 62.9	1.7	
<b>D+</b>	55 – 59.9	1.3	Poor
<b>D</b>	50 – 54.9	1.0	Minimal Pass
<b>F</b>	0 – 49.9	0.0	Failure
<b>WF</b>	0	0.0	Fail Withdrawal after the deadline

Students may receive a grade of D or D+ in an assignment, but must have an overall grade of C- to achieve a passing grade in a nursing course.

**\*\* NOTE:** Refer to the 2010-2011 Grande Prairie Regional College calendar for further details regarding the grading policy and progression criteria in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program.

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**ATTENDANCE**

Students are expected to be punctual during their clinical experience in the agency. Attendance and participation is expected of all students in all seminars, labs, and clinical days. If you must be absent from a scheduled activity in the clinical agency, the student must contact the agency directly and also inform the instructor.

If a student misses his/her off unit experience day (s) due to illness, it is their responsibility to make arrangements to make up that day in consultation with the instructor.

A student who is absent for more than two (2) clinical days in one clinical nursing course may need to make up the lost time before being allowed to continue in the program.

**PROFESSIONAL DRESS**

Students are expected to abide by the dress code of the particular agency. It is expected that all students will wear a GPRC name tag at all times, including clinical areas where you may be observing (i.e. OR, RR, PAC, ICU, ER, dialysis and the Cancer Clinic).

**PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING**

Please refer to pages 49-50 of the College calendar regarding plagiarism, cheating and the resultant penalties. These are serious issues and will be dealt with severely.

**COURSE SCHEDULE / TENTATIVE TIMELINE:**

February 29 <sup>th</sup> – April 13, 2012		TIME	ROOM #
<b>CLINICAL SCHEDULE:</b>	Each student will have their own clinical schedule prior to the start of the course.		
<b>SEMINAR SCHEDULE:</b>	Fridays (March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 April 13).		**
<b>IMPORTANT DATES:</b>	<b>February 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Confirm Registration</b>	**
		<b>Orientation</b>	0900- 1600 TBA
	<b>March 1st</b>	<b>First Clinical Day</b>	0700-1900 3N / 4S
	<b>March 12th</b>	<i>~ Drop Date for Course with Refund ~</i>	
	<b>March 16th</b>	<b>Journal 1 due date</b>	0830 **
	<b>March 27<sup>th</sup> - 30th</b>	<b>Concept Map Assignment: Due Date</b>	- **
	<b>March 27th</b>	<i>~ Last Date for Withdrawal with Permission ~</i>	
	<b>April 4th</b>	<b>Journal 2 due date</b>	0700 **
	<b>April 11th</b>	<b>Classes done</b>	**
	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Clinical Evaluations</b>	<i>To be booked w/ instructors</i>
<b>** Please check with your individual instructor about how to submit assignments **</b>			