Course Title: NSG 330: Nursing Practice I

Credits: 6 Semester/Credits
4 Credits/Theory
2 Credits/Clinical Practice

Course Description: This course will first introduce the student to the profession of nursing. Use of the nursing process is emphasized in meeting the basic human needs of clients within their communities. The nursing process is later utilized in assisting adults and their families within their communities to achieve optimum health and manage select health problems. Nursing theory is correlated with clinical practice in a variety of health care settings.

Co-Requisite Courses: NSG 200, NSG 211

Placement: First Semester, Fall, Accelerated Nursing Program

Faculty:

Class: Classroom: SLC 275: Monday and Tuesday 9:00am-11:20am, 1:30-2:50pm; Clinical: Wednesday and Thursday 7am-1pm

Textbooks/Materials
Nursing Central at www.unboundmedicine.com. Provided by the School of Nursing
Includes online access to the following resources:


Recommended Textbooks/Materials:
N/A

Course/Clinical Outcomes:
Upon completion of this course students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of:
   a. Professional nursing care. (Includes Legal & Ethical Considerations)
   b. Concepts of Health, Wellness, and Illness (Nutrition & Therapeutic Diets)
   c. Psychosocial concepts including spiritual, sexuality and cultural needs
   d. Safety and security (Includes-5 rights of Med Admin, Dosage Calculation)
   e. Ergonomics (Include-Transfers, ROM, Assistive Devices, Principles of Body Mechanics)
   f. Immobility (Includes-Skin Breakdown, Pulmonary Function (Atelectasis), Contractures, Prevention of DVT-TEDS, SCVDs)
   g. Promoting comfort (Includes-Hygiene, Urine & Bowel Elimination, Pain Management).
   h. Principles of Asepsis (Includes-Infection Control)
   i. Therapeutic communication
2. Demonstrate a developing level of critical thinking and clinical nursing judgement
3. Apply the nursing process, standards of care, and identified psychomotor skills to provide competent patient centered care to adult medical-surgical patients in the simulated and clinical settings.
4. Contribute to the community of interest through civic engagement.
5. Accept accountability and responsibility for self-directed learning behaviors as an adult-learner.
6. Identify relevant and current evidence in the nursing literature.
7. Apply the nursing process, standards of care, and identified psychomotor skills to provide competent basic care.
8. Display change in behaviors as a result of clinical experiences.
9. Demonstrate knowledge and use of nursing process as it applies to:
   a. Fluid, Electrolytes, and associated imbalances
   b. Renal system and associated disorders
   c. Pain and all stages of operative care
   d. The respiratory system and associated disorders
   e. The genitourinary system and associated disorders
   f. The gastrointestinal system and associated disorders
   g. The musculoskeletal system and associated disorders
10. Demonstrate competency in associated psychomotor skills including:
    a. Primary & secondary IV
    b. Aseptic technique; including dressing change
    c. Suctioning
    d. Tracheostomy care
    e. Ostomy care
    f. Chest tube care
    g. Urinary catheter insertion, removal, and care
    h. Blood glucose monitoring
    i. Nasogastric tube insertion, removal and care
    j. Ambulation and transfer techniques
11. Collaborate with other healthcare professionals to provide appropriate health promotion and disease/injury prevention.
Teaching Strategies: The following teaching strategies may be utilized:
1. Lecture
2. Video
3. PowerPoint
4. Care Map
5. Case Study

Description:

University Mission:
To continue the Wilkes tradition of liberally educating our students for lifelong learning and success in a constantly evolving and multicultural world through a commitment to individualized attention, exceptional teaching, scholarship and academic excellence, while continuing the University’s commitment to community engagement.

Passan School of Nursing Mission:
The mission of the Passan School of Nursing is to promote interprofessional practitioners of nursing, who provide quality health care in a constantly evolving multicultural world, engage in lifelong learning, and expand nursing science through scholarship, technology, and academic excellence, while engaging in community service.

Course Requirements and Evaluation of Components:
Assessment of the student’s progress is an ongoing process involving the student and instructor. The final grade is the composite of the theoretical and clinical component.

The stated course outcomes serve as the basis of evaluation. Course evaluation tools vary and may include unit quizzes, unit exams, a final exam, term project, and written assignments.

Tests will be objective and/or subjective. Tests will include materials from lectures, readings, and CNSC assignments (Specific to Physical Assessment). If a discrepancy exists among resources, the required textbook is considered the final authority on the subject.

Unannounced quizzes and assignments may be given at any time and additional readings may be assigned.

All unit and final exams must be taken on the scheduled dates. Test dates are subject to change with
adequate notification by faculty. If a student is unable to be present for an exam, the student must contact
the instructor prior to the exam for permission to miss the exam. If this is not done, a makeup examination
will not be given and the test score will result in a “0”.

**Equivalence of grades:**
The theory grade is determined by the following:

- 4.0 = 92 – 100 %
- 3.5 = 88 – 91%
- 3.0 = 84 – 87%
- 2.5 = 79 – 83%
- 2.0 = 75 – 78%
- 1.5 = 70 – 74%
- 1.0 = 65 – 69%
- 0.0 = less than 65%

**PROGRESSION POLICY**
In order to progress into clinical nursing courses, students must:

- Complete the ATI/TEAS test exam
  - Wilkes University’s Passan School of Nursing requires that the student score 70 or higher,
    including the Accelerated Baccalaureate students.
- Earn a 2.5 or better in all prerequisite nursing courses:
  - BIO 113 (Microbiology); BIO 115, and 116 (Anatomy and Physiology I and II); CHM 111
    (Fundamentals of Chemistry); and ENG 101 (Composition).
- Maintain an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or greater.

In order to progress through the nursing curriculum, all nursing majors must:

- Earn a 2.5 or better in all nursing courses.
- Earn a 2.5 or better in all required science courses.
- Meet expected outcomes in all nursing courses.
  - A nursing student who earns less than a 2.5 in a nursing course may repeat that course once.
    - A nursing student who earns less than a 2.5 in a second nursing course is ineligible to
      continue in the nursing program.
- Maintain an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or greater
The theory grade will be determined as follows:

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Course Policies:

**Passan School of Nursing Student Handbook:**

All students are required to read and submit an attestation document at the beginning of the program. Students must adhere to all policies in the Passan School of Nursing Undergraduate Student Handbook.

**Professionalism:**
Please see policy in the Passan School of Nursing Student Handbook.

**Attendance:**
The faculty and staff of the Passan School of Nursing understand that the student is an adult learner. **Attendance is required at all classes.**

**Dress Policy:**
Please see policy in the Passan School of Nursing Student Handbook.
**Academic Honesty:**
At Wilkes the faculty and the entire University community share a deep commitment to academic honesty and integrity. The following are considered to be serious violations and will not be tolerated:

1. Plagiarism: the use of another’s ideas, programs, or words without proper acknowledgement.
2. Collusion: improper collaboration with another in preparing assignments, computer programs, or in taking examinations.
3. Cheating: giving improper aid to another, or receiving such aid from another, or from some other source.

Any student who violates the Intellectual Responsibility and Plagiarism Policy will fail the course.

**Communication Policy:**
Please see policy in the Passan School of Nursing Student Handbook.

**Taping:**
The School of Nursing adheres to all university policies on academics published in the Wilkes University Student Handbook. In addition, the student is advised to read and comply with the policies of the School of Nursing published in the Nursing Student Handbook as noted online. Students are not permitted to tape lectures without specific permission from the instructor.

**Completion of Required Clinical Nursing Simulation (CNSC) Requirements:**
Please see policy in the Passan School of Nursing Student Handbook.

**Examination Policy & Procedure:**
Please see policy in the Passan School of Nursing Student Handbook.

**Medication Proficiency Policy:**
Please see policy in the Passan School of Nursing Student Handbook.

**Assignment Due Dates:**
Please see policy in the Passan School of Nursing Student Handbook.
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**Academic Support:**
If a student earns a grade of less than 79% on any exam, the student is expected to meet with the course instructor. The student may also be asked to meet with the Retention and Remediation Coordinator. At the time of midterm, the student is strongly advised to discuss their academic concerns, if any, with their nursing advisor, course instructor, and Retention & Remediation Coordinator. The student may be referred to University College, located in Conyngham Hall, for academic support services (i.e. peer tutoring, test taking support, time management, note taking, and study skills).

**Clinical Requirements and Evaluation of Components:**
The clinical component is evaluated as Above Expected, Expected, Inadequate Knowledge, or Unsafe based upon the student’s ability to meet clinical outcomes. A clinical evaluation Unsafe at any point of time results in clinical failure. A summative clinical evaluation of Inadequate results in clinical failure and a “0” for the course regardless of the theory grade.

Attendance at all clinical experiences is required. Refer to School of Nursing Student handbook Guidelines Governing Attendance at the Clinical Experience. All written assignments must be satisfactorily completed in order to pass the clinical component of the course. Students who do not satisfactorily complete assignments at the appropriate time will jeopardize their satisfactory completion of the clinical component of the course.

**Clinical Skill Checklist:**
Each student will receive his/her clinical skills checklist during the first day of class for all incoming students. The nursing student is responsible for bringing the checklist to each clinical experience throughout the nursing program. The clinical instructor will be responsible for initialing and dating the skills when first accomplished and at the point of proficiency. The clinical instructor and student will review the form for completeness and accuracy at the time of each clinical evaluation. The student is responsible for maintaining the hard copy of the clinical skills checklist throughout the program. A scanned copy will be submitted to an electronic drop box at the completion of the clinical rotation.

**Student Community Service Requirement:**
Please see policy in the Passan School of Nursing Student Handbook.

**Policy on Integrated Testing Program:**
All students are required to complete the Integrated Testing Program administered by the Passan School of Nursing. Please see policy in the Passan School of Nursing Student Handbook.
Advisement: Every nursing major is assigned a faculty advisor within the Passan School of Nursing. All students will be advised by the Accelerated Program Coordinator in the Passan School of Nursing.