

SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE-REESE  
VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM  
COURSE SYLLABUS

**COURSE TITLE:** VNSG 2410 Nursing in Health and Illness III (Level III Medical Surgical Nursing)

**PRE-REQUISITES:** VNSG 2400 and 2409

**SEMESTER/YEAR:** Fall 2018

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**I. GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION**

- A. COURSE DESCRIPTION (WECM): Continued study in the principles of growth and development, primary health care needs of the patient across the life span, disease processes and therapeutic nursing interventions.
- B. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME (DECS):
1. Compare and contrast normal body functions with that of pathological variations.
  2. Identify disease process by definition, assessment and diagnostics.
  3. Assist in formulation of a plan of care utilizing the nursing process for medical-surgical conditions.
  4. Provide patient/family education.
  5. Demonstrate use of nursing process in regard to drug therapy
  6. Discuss normal aging, system changes, common disease processes, lifestyle changes, common issues and needs during the aging process.
  7. Discuss the principles of nutrition, the digestive process, food nutrients, diet therapy and diet modifications.
  8. See textbook specific objectives for each chapter.

C. COURSE COMPETENCIES:

Grading scale:

A-----90-100

B-----80-89.9

C-----75-79.9

D-----70-74.9

F-----69 and below

D. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Please refer to SPC Catalog and Vocational Nursing Student Handbook

E. SCANs (Secretaries Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills) and FOUNDATION SKILLS:

C-1,C-2,C-3,C-4,C-5,C-6,C-7,C-9,C-10,C-11,C-12,C-13,C-14,C-15,C-16,C-17,C-18,C-19

F-1,F-2,F-3,F-4,F-5,F-6,F-7,F-8,F-9,F-10,F-11,F-12,F-13,F-14,F-15,F-16,F-17

F. VERIFICATION OF WORKPLACE COMPETENCIES:

No external learning experiences provided. Successful completion of the DECS competency statements at the level specifies by the course (Level Objectives) will allow the student to continue to advance within the program. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be eligible to take the State Board Exam (NCLEX) for Vocational Nurse licensure.

**II. SPECIFIC COURSE/INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS**

A. MANDATORY TEXTBOOKS:

1. Williams, L.S. & Hopper, P. D. Understanding Medical Surgical Nursing, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed., F. A. Davis, ISBN #978-0-8036-4068-9
2. Watkins, C. J. Pharmacology Clear & Simple, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., F. A. Davis, ISBN #978-0-8036-2588-4.
3. Monahan F, Manual of Medical-Surgical Nursing A Care of Planning Resource, 7<sup>th</sup> Ed., Elsevier, ISBN #978-0-3230-7254-0
4. Leeuwen A, Davis's Comprehensive Handbook of Laboratory Diagnostic Tests with Nursing Implications, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed., Davis, ISBN # 978-0-8036-3664-4
5. Vallerand A, Davis's Drug Guide for Nurses, 13<sup>th</sup> Ed., Davis, ISBN # 978-0-8036-2837-3
6. David Edge for Med/Surg LVN

B. OPTIONAL TEXTBOOKS:

1. Hopper, P.D. & Williams, L.S. Student Workbook for Understanding Medical Surgical Nursing. 5<sup>th</sup> Ed., F.A. Davis ISBN # 978-0-8036-469-6

2. ATTENDANCE POLICY:

There are no excused absences in the Vocational Nursing Program. Roll is taken for each class. A student who is not present when roll is checked is “absent.” A student must sign in for each class; if a student fails to sign in, the student is marked “absent.” Students are not allowed to disrupt the class for tardiness. A tardy student may come into the classroom following a break. The student must sign in, but the student will still be counted absent. A student who leaves before the end of class is counted absent.

CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE: Learning is fostered in the classroom environment.

Missing even one lecture/class activity can negatively impact student performance; therefore, classroom attendance is mandatory and students are accountable to attend and be on time for class.

Allowable absences per class will be two (2) absences per class except in the one-credit hour courses in which only one (1) absence will be allowed. Students should take an absence when they are truly ill (running fever, nausea/vomiting not due to pregnancy, diarrhea or some other communicable disease). A physician’s release should be submitted when the student is treated by a physician.

Students who exceed the allowable absence no longer meet the course criteria and must withdraw.

Absences are recorded for the whole day if a class is scheduled for the whole day.

3. GRADING POLICY /METHODS OF EVALUATION: VNSG 2410

UNIT EXAMS----- 60%  
QUIZZES-----10%  
FINAL EXAM-----30%

1. In the interest of consistency, all grades will be calculated as outlined in the student handbook (no rounding of grades)
2. Exam grades will be posted numerically on Blackboard.
3. Quizzes and class activity grades will be posted on Blackboard. Missed Quizzes result in a grade of “0.”
4. The FINAL EXAM grade will NOT be posted on Blackboard
5. The Numeric Final Course grade will NOT be posted on Blackboard
6. The Final course grade is posted to CampusConnect as a letter grade and is the “official” grade of the course; this is the grade transcribed.
7. Please refer to your SVN handbook for additional comments about grades.
8. Each student should know their current average for all classes.
9. Students must earn a “C” or better in this class for progression.
10. Students have the opportunity to review all grades as they are recorded. Should the student have any questions about a specific grade or specific test question, the student

must discuss this with the instructor before the next scheduled exam. Once the next test has passed without the student questioning the grade or question on the previous exam, **the assigned grade is final and may not be challenged at the end of the course. The final exam may not be reviewed.**

11. *Please refer to your SVN handbook for additional comments about grades.*

4. EXAMINATION POLICY:

1. See Lecture/Exam Schedule.
2. Presentation of material includes class lectures, discussion, and handouts.
3. All exams are comprehensive in nature—this means that material previously covered in the course may appear on any exam since the student is expected to retain information and not “dump” information.
4. Course grade will be determined by the items listed under the grading policy
5. No hats, caps, blankets, jackets, backpacks, books, food, drinks, or cell phones are allowed in the classroom during exams.
6. All cell phones should be in your locker or vehicle during classes.

5. MISSED EXAM/MAKEUP WORK:

Students are expected to take all examinations for each nursing course. There are **NO MAKE UP EXAMS** for this course. Since the Final exam is comprehensive (meaning that it covers the entire course), the Final Exam will be the missed exam **FOR THE FIRST MISSED EXAM ONLY.** Should any additional exam be missed, a grade of “0” will be recorded.

NO exams will be given prior to the originally scheduled exam. Please do not ask.

ATTENTION: **ALL CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF DURING CLASS AND IN YOUR LOCKER OR CAR**

For Test Security, no hats, caps, backpacks, purses, long sleeves, blankets or jackets may be worn during testing.

6. ASSIGNMENT/QUIZ POLICY:

All quizzes are administered via davis edge. These quizzes have a start and end date. If not completed by the end date then the grade for that quiz will be a zero. Computer error or malfunction will not be taken into consideration. Most quizzes have a 1-week window to complete them so that is ample time to plan ahead and take the quizzes. All quizzes are timed. If a student has a question about a possible issue with a davis edge quiz (wrong answer listed, question not worded correctly). Please email, text, or call me so I may look into it immediately.

7. Electronics:

All electronics (cell phones, tablets, laptops, SMART WATCHES, etc.) are not allowed in the classroom without prior permission from the instructor. There may be times where electronics may be used for a class assignment or project; the student will be notified

ahead of time when these will be needed. Electronics should be kept in the student's vehicle or locker but not on their person.

8. Simulation:

Part of this classroom will use the simulation environment in order to enhance knowledge gained in the classroom. Students will be notified of when the class will be at simulation. When going to simulation, students must be in full clinical uniform and be prepared as if at clinical with all the required supplies and be dress code compliant. Please refer to your SVN handbook for simulation preparedness. Simulation is not for a grade but just to enhance the knowledge gained in the classroom and learn how to apply said knowledge.

### **III. COURSE OUTLINE**

- A. REQUIRED READINGS: prior to the lecture. The student is responsible for completing the Learning Objectives and the Key Terms at the beginning of each chapter.
- B. ASSIGNED READINGS
- C. OBJECTIVES AND KEY WORDS AT THE BEGINNING OF ASSIGNED CHAPTERS

**IV. COURSE CONTENT:** This intermediate course covers disease processes, nursing care and medication in specific body systems. Content includes:

1. Fluid, Electrolytes, & Acid Base balance
2. Burns
3. Endocrine system
4. Gastrointestinal, Hepatic, and Pancreatic systems
5. Urinary System
6. Neurological System
7. Sensory system
8. Shock, Trauma, Emergent Conditions, and Disaster Bioterrorism Response
9. Labs and diagnostics for all of the above Systems

### **V. STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.**

**South Plains College strives to accommodate the individual needs of all students in order to enhance their opportunities for success in the context of a comprehensive community college setting. It is the policy of South Plains College to offer all educational and**

**employment opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability or age.**

**It is the intent of South Plains College to be in full compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 503, 504), the Vietnam Era Veterans Assistance Act of 1974, Texas Statutes 6252-14-V.A.T.S. and 6252-16-V.A.T.S., and Executive Orders 11246 and 11758**

**(C-2, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-7, C-8, C-9, C-10, C-11, C-12, C-13, C-14) (F-1, F-2, F-3, F-5, F-6, F-7, F-8, F-9, F-10, F-11, F-12, F-13, F-14, F-15, F-16, F-17)**

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**Health and Illness III**

**By signing below, I agree that I have reviewed the syllabus for Health and Illness III and have been given the opportunity to ask any questions that I may have.**

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**Print Name**

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**Signature**

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**Date**