

Course Syllabus

COURSE: VNSG 1222 Vocational Nursing Concepts
SEMESTER: Fall 2019
CLASS TIMES: Tuesday, Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm
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GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

It is the responsibility of each student to be familiar with the content and requirements listed in the course syllabus.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to the nursing profession, its responsibilities and its legal and ethical issues in nursing practice. This course will also deal with concepts related to the physical, emotional, and psychosocial self-care of the learner/professional.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the completion of the semester students will:
1. Discuss the personal adjustments essential to the development of the vocational nurse.
2. Identify the role of the licensed vocational nurse
3. Discuss the legal and ethical responsibilities in vocational nursing practice.

COURSE OBJECTIVES - Outline form (C-5, C-6, C-7, C-8, F-1, F-2, F-5, F-6, F-8, F-9, F-12, F-16)

Discuss the patient's Bill of Rights and explain the role of the nurse in regard to the patient's rights; understands the role of the nurse advocate and advocates with the health care team.
Define confidentiality and the nurse's responsibility to protect the patient; providing safe and compassionate care.
Define ANA, LVNAT, NFLPN, NAPNES, HMO, MEDICAID, MEDICARE, DRG; understands national code of ethics for nurses.
Differentiate between "ethical" and "legal"
Explain the function of the State Board of Nursing; the difference in permissive and mandatory licensure and which applies in Texas; demonstrates knowledge of Nurse Practice Act and BON rules that emphasize safety; understands Safe Harbor
Identify standards of vocational nurse practice and the LVN code of ethics; identify decision making processes; identify lines of authority and accountability.
Identify unique customs and practices of various religions, beliefs and cultures. Discuss how they influence health care.
Discuss legal aspects of nursing care including liability insurance, libel vs. slander in nurse-patient relationship, invasion of privacy, Good Samaritan Law, informed consent, "reasonable and prudent nursing;" and child abuse and the nurse's role in risk management.
Discuss the nurse's role in cost containment; identify factors which affect the public image of nursing; discuss basic characteristics, trends, and issues of health care delivery
Explain the role of the family and/or significant others in providing support to your patient.

Describe various therapeutic communication techniques.
Discuss the role of the SVN and define the protocols and policies from the student handbook; identify institutional policies and procedures.
Identify the roles and plans of care of other health care workers in relation to nursing care; communicates effectively with the HC team
Discuss the historical evolution of professional and vocational nursing practice, the roles of professional and vocational nursing and the impact on health care today.
Identifies behaviors which promote a positive image of vocational nursing, using self-evaluation of behaviors to improve nursing care.
Utilizes the nursing process to establish priorities, develop goals, and choose appropriate interventions. evaluate care, report and document patient responses, share goal with patient and family; uses appropriate documentation tools such as flow sheets, nurse's notes, admissions and discharge sheets.
Uses appropriate communication techniques to maintain professional boundaries

EVALUATION METHODS

Computer-based exams, written exams, written assignments, quizzes, and other projects as assigned. In addition, methods of instruction may include but are not limited to lecture, discussion, required reading, charts/posters, Power Point and audio/video presentation.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

Cheating - Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in the office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of coursework. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.

Plagiarism - Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.

VARIFICATION OF WORKPLACE COMPETENCIES

Vocational Nurses are expected to know how to function within the boundaries of the Nurse Practice Act as well as know how to navigate legal and ethical responsibilities.

BLACKBOARD

Blackboard is an e-Education platform designed to enable educational innovations everywhere by connecting people and technology. This educational tool will be used in this course throughout the semester.

SCANS and FOUNDATION SKILLS

Refer also to Course Objectives. Scans and Foundation Skills attached

SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION

TEXT AND MATERIALS

TEXTBOOK	Publisher	ISBN#
<u>Success in Practical/Vocational Nursing, From Student to Leader ;Patricia Knecht (8th Edition)</u>	Elsevier	978-0-323-35631-2

ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM ITEMS

Students should come to class prepared with pens, pencils, and a spiral notebook for taking notes or completed quizzes or assignments in class. Students should be prepared to take notes over lecture material if they choose.

ATTENDANCE POLICY (*READ CAREFULLY)

Class Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus.

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have "Never Attended" by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of "X" or "F" as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of that policy.

It is the student's responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

(http://catalog.southplainscollege.edu/content.php?catoid=47&navoid=1229#Class_Attendance)

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; a student who fails to sign in on the attendance form is absent.

Students are not allowed to disrupt the class for tardiness. It is disruptive to students who are on time for a tardy student to enter the classroom with books and backpacks. It also demonstrates a lack of caring and lack of respect to classmates for the tardy student to disrupt the class. Students who are either: (a) tardy to the start of class or (b) tardy following a break or lunch are counted as tardy within the first 5 minutes of the class starting

(after that, students are “absent”). Two tardies count as one absence. A student may come into the classroom following a break, but the absence remains on the record. A student who does not stay for the entire class period is absent. A student who misses the morning session may attend the afternoon session to get the information, but the student is still marked “absent” for the day. There are no half-day absences. Students who are tardy to class for an examination are not allowed to come in to class once the exam has begun and are counted as absent. These students may come in to class after the examination is over to hear the information, but the absence remains for the day.

The student may have only have 2 absences for the Vocational Nursing Concepts Course. On the third absence, the student must bring a physician’s excuse/release or a court order or some other official documentation as to why the student had to be absent. Unused absences do not carry over to the next course or semester.

A student who misses more than two classes in this course and does not bring the required documentation (as stated above), does not meet the course objectives and must withdraw from the Vocational Nursing Program with a “F”.

ASSIGNMENT POLICY

It is the responsibility of the student to be informed of class progress and assignments and to come to class prepared to participate in discussion, to turn in any assignments due, and/or take the quiz or test scheduled for that day.

Assignments may include but are not limited to discussion boards, Vocabulary, Pop quizzes and group projects.

Reading any assigned material assists the student to listen to the lecture with a higher degree of acuity and to participate in class discussion more effectively. A student cannot expect to understand what is being said in class when she/he has had no previous contact with the ideas or terms related to the topic.

All assignments must be completed by the assigned due date. Late and/or incomplete work will not be accepted and a grade of **zero** will be recorded. Assignments, quizzes, exams, and skills that are missed due to an unexcused absence may not be made up.

COMPUTER USAGE

As computer technology in the field of health occupations continues to become more popular, computers may be used in this course for several assignments. All students have access to computers and printers on the South Plains College campus. Students will be expected to utilize computers to access assignments and classroom resources. All registered students are supplied with a working email account from South Plains College. In order to take exams, students must have their user name and password.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW THEIR SPC STUDENT USER NAME AND PASSWORD.

COMPUTER LAB USAGE

The computer lab(s) on any campus may be used by students during scheduled open hours or as assigned by an instructor. Printer paper will not be provided for students to print materials but students may seek assistance from faculty or staff to request lab paper from the college if needed. Lack of computer lab paper is

not an excuse for not having homework assignments, skills lab sheets, or any other required documents. Students should come prepared for class.

EXAMS

- See Lecture/Exam Schedule
- Presentation of material includes class lectures, discussion, handouts, videos, and power point.
- Exams may be essay, fill-in-the-blank, multiple choice, matching and/or true- false.
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- Grades will be posted to Blackboard; Exams will be reviewed in class as a group. Students should record grades on the gradebook sheet provided for you on Blackboard. Grades will not be emailed or given out by phone.
- No exams will be given prior to originally scheduled exam.
- Students must earn a course average of 75 or better and meet all class criteria for progression to next course
- Students will 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 within 48 hours of notification of grade. Once the 48 hours have passed without the student questioning the grade or question, the assigned grade is final and may not be challenged at the end of the course. The final exam that is taken in class may not be reviewed and will not be posted. The final letter grade the student earns will be posted at the end of the course.
- Students may bring only a #2 pencil and a four function calculator in for an exam.

Missed Exams:

There will be No VNC make-up exams. Since the final exam is comprehensive (meaning that it covers the entire course), the final exam will count for the missed exam (FOR THE FIRST MISSED EXAM ONLY). Should any additional exams be missed, a grade of “0” will be recorded.

A make-up Final Exam may only be done under documented extenuating circumstances, (examples: you are admitted to the hospital; death of husband, wife, or child). A grade of “I” will be given to the student who cannot take the Final at the scheduled time. Students who receive an “I” for missing the Final will have to wait to start the next appropriate semester.

No exams will be given prior to the originally scheduled exam.

Final Exam:

The Final Exam is a comprehensive exam over the entire course and meets all the course objectives. For review, the student is referred to the Course Objectives. I normally pass out a review sheet as well. A make-up Final Exam may only be done under documented extenuating circumstances and will follow the same format as all make-up exams.

Should the student be unable to take the Make-up Final Exam before the start of the next semester, then that student will receive a grade of “I”(incomplete). Students who receive an “I” for missing the Final Exam will have to wait to start the next appropriate semester.

GRADING POLICY

Students must earn a “C” (75) or better in this class to pass.

Grade Scale

90-100 = A

80-89.9 = B

75-79.9 = C

70-74.9 = D

69.9 & below = F

Grades are not rounded up or down; i.e., 79.5 = 79. The final course grade will not be rounded up. The student must earn a “C” in the course to pass

Exams 50% Vocabulary 10% Final Exam 40%

In order to pass this course the student must:

- ***Have a course average of 75 or better***
- ***Have no more than 2 absences in this course***

COMMUNICATION POLICY

- Electronic communication between instructor and students in this course will utilize the South Plains College “My SPC” and email systems. The instructor will not initiate communication using private email accounts. Students are encouraged to check SPC email on a daily basis. Students will also have access to assignments, web-links, handouts, and other vital material which will be delivered via Blackboard. Any student having difficulty accessing the Blackboard or their email should immediately contact their instructor for direction. The instructor will work with any student to ensure the student has access to a computer on campus and can obtain the needed class content that is located on the course website.
- Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails. It is suggested that students check college email daily to avoid missing time-sensitive or important college messages. Students may forward college emails to alternate email addresses; however, SPC will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to alternate addresses. A student’s failure to receive or read official communications sent to the student’s assigned email address in a timely manner does not absolve the student from knowing and complying with the content of the official communication. The official college email address assigned to students can be revoked if it is determined the student is utilizing it inappropriately. College email must not be used to send offensive or disruptive messages nor to display messages that violate state or federal law.
- Mrs. Trull will answer all emails in a timely manner. If a student emails the instructor prior to 4:00pm Monday- Friday, the student can expect to receive a response via email the same day. If email is sent after 4:00 pm, the student can expect to receive a response the next business day. Emails will not be checked or answered on the weekend. Any email sent after 4:00 pm on Friday will be answered the following Monday.

Additional Information: Expected Student Behavior

The student is expected to abide by the policies in this syllabus and should conduct themselves in a manner that is not disruptive and allows others to have an environment to learn in.

1. Talking/giggling while the instructor/guest speaker/another student/or video is “talking”
2. Sleeping during class time
3. For Test Security, no hats, caps, backpacks or purses are permitted in the classroom during exams.
4. No drinks or food may be brought into the classroom during an exam.
5. Bottled drinks with a screw top lid only may be brought into the classroom during lecture only
6. Using cell phones or passing notes during class time

ATTENTION: CELL PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED DURING CLASS.

The following penalties apply to students who choose to sneak in their phones:

(1) If a cell phone rings during an exam, that student’s exam will end immediately with a “50” recorded for the exam grade, even if the student was answering the last question. There is no makeup for this grade. (2) If a cell phone goes off during lecture, the cell phone will be taken up and left in the Director’s office till 4:00 p.m.

The student is allowed to use the cell phone only during breaks, please keep cell phones in your locker or car.

Should the above behavior disrupt the class, the student(s) can expect to be asked to leave the classroom.

CAMPUS CARRY

Campus Concealed Carry - Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to the SPC policy at: (http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human_resources/policy_procedure/hhc.php) Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Rules and regulations relating to the students at South Plains College are made with the view of protecting the best interests of the individual, the general welfare of the entire student body and the educational objectives of the college. As in any segment of society, a college community must be guided by standards that are stringent enough to prevent disorder, yet moderate enough to provide an atmosphere conducive to intellectual and personal development.

A high standard of conduct is expected of all students. When a student enrolls at South Plains College, it is assumed that the student accepts the obligations of performance and behavior imposed by the college relevant to its lawful missions, processes and functions. Obedience to the law, respect for properly constituted authority, personal honor, integrity and common sense guide the actions of each member of the college community both in and out of the classroom.

Students are subject to federal, state and local laws, as well as South Plains College rules and regulations. A student is not entitled to greater immunities or privileges before the law than those enjoyed by other citizens. Students are subject to such reasonable disciplinary action as the administration of the college may consider appropriate, including suspension and expulsion in appropriate cases for breach of federal, state or local laws, or college rules and regulations. This principle extends to conduct off-campus which is likely to have adverse effects on the college or on the educational process which identifies the offender as an unfit associate for fellow students.

Any student who fails to perform according to expected standards may be asked to withdraw.

Rules and regulations regarding student conduct appear in the current Student Guide.

ACCOMMODATIONS

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

DISABILITIES STATEMENT (updated 6/2019)

Any students who, because of a disability, may require special arrangements in order to meet the course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible to make and necessary arrangements. Students must present appropriate verification from the SPC Disability Service Office during the instructor's office hours. Please note that instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodations until appropriate verification from the SPC Disability Service Office has been provided. For more information, you may contact the Disability Services Office (located in the Health & Wellness Center) at 806-716-2529 or visit <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/health/disabilityservices.php>.

PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS STATEMENT (updated 6/2019)

If you are pregnant, or have given birth been within six months, under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. Students who wish to request accommodations must contact the Health and Wellness Center at 806-716-2529 to initiate the process.

FOUNDATION SKILLS

BASIC SKILLS—Reads, Writes, Performs Arithmetic and Mathematical Operations, Listens and Speaks

F-1 Reading—locates, understands, and interprets written information in prose and in documents such as manuals, graphs, and schedules.

F-2 Writing—communicates thoughts, ideas, information and messages in writing and creates documents such as letters, directions, manuals, reports, graphs, and flow charts.

F-3 Arithmetic—performs basic computations; uses basic numerical concepts such as whole numbers, etc.

F-4 Mathematics—approaches practical problems by choosing appropriately from a variety of mathematical techniques.

F-5 Listening—receives, attends to, interprets, and responds to verbal messages and other cues.

F-6 Speaking—organizes ideas and communicates orally.

THINKING SKILLS—Thinks Creatively, Makes Decisions, Solves Problems, Visualizes and Knows How to Learn and Reason

F-7 Creative Thinking—generates new ideas.

F-8 Decision-Making—specifies goals and constraints, generates alternatives, considers risks, evaluates and chooses best alternative.

F-9 Problem Solving—recognizes problems, devises and implements plan of action.

F-10 Seeing Things in the Mind's Eye—organizes and processes symbols, pictures, graphs, objects, and other information.

F-11 Knowing How to Learn—uses efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills.

F-12 Reasoning—discovers a rule or principle underlying the relationship between two or more objects and applies it when solving a problem.

PERSONAL QUALITIES—Displays Responsibility, Self-Esteem, Sociability, Self-Management, Integrity and Honesty

F-13 Responsibility—exerts a high level of effort and perseveres towards goal attainment.

F-14 Self-Esteem—believes in own self-worth and maintains a positive view of self.

F-15 Sociability—demonstrates understanding, friendliness, adaptability, empathy and politeness in group settings.

F-16 Self-Management—assesses self accurately, sets personal goals, monitors progress and exhibits self-control.

F-17 Integrity/Honesty—chooses ethical courses of action.

SCANS COMPETENCIES

C-1 **TIME** - Selects goal - relevant activities, ranks them, allocates time, prepares and follows schedules.

C-2 **MONEY** - Uses or prepares budgets, makes forecasts, keeps records and makes adjustments to meet objectives.

C-3 **MATERIALS AND FACILITIES** - Acquires, stores, allocates, and uses materials or space efficiently.

C-4 **HUMAN RESOURCES** - Assesses skills and distributes work accordingly, evaluates performances and provides feedback.

INFORMATION - Acquires and Uses Information

C-5 Acquires and evaluates information.

C-6 Organizes and maintains information.

C-7 Interprets and communicates information.

C-8 Uses computers to process information.

INTERPERSONAL—Works With Others

C-9 Participates as a member of a team and contributes to group effort.

C-10 Teaches others new skills.

C-11 Serves Clients/Customers—works to satisfy customer's expectations.

C-12 Exercises Leadership—communicates ideas to justify position, persuades and convinces others, responsibly challenges existing procedures and policies.

C-13 Negotiates—works toward agreements involving exchanges of resources; resolves divergent interests.

C-14 Works With Diversity—works well with men and women from diverse backgrounds.

SYSTEMS—Understands Complex Interrelationships

C-15 Understands Systems—knows how social, organizational, and technological systems work and operates effectively with them.

C-16 Monitors and Corrects Performance—distinguishes trends, predicts impacts on system operations, diagnoses systems performance and corrects malfunctions.

C-17 Improves or Designs Systems—suggests modifications to existing systems and develops new or alternative systems to improve performance.

TECHNOLOGY—Works with a Variety of Technologies

C-18 Selects Technology—chooses procedures, tools, or equipment, including computers and related technologies.

C-19 Applies Technology to Task—understands overall intent and proper procedures for setup and operation of equipment.

C-20 Maintains and Troubleshoots Equipment—prevents, identifies, or solves problems with equipment, including computers and other technologies.

VNC COURSE SCHEDULE

Date/Time	Topic	Required Readings	Due Dates
8/22/19 1-4 pm	Intro to Vocational Nursing Concepts Syllabus Ch. 10, 11	Ch. 10, 11	
8/27/19 8-4 pm	Exam #1 (10,11) Lecture: Time mgmt., Health Promotion Ch. 8, 9, 13	Ch. 8, 9, 13 Power Point (Time Mgmt, Health Promotion)	SCANTRONS DUE 8 am
8/29/19 8-4 pm	Exam #2 (Time mgmt., Health Promotion, 8, 9) Lecture: Ch. 13, 6, 7, 5, 12	Ch. 13, 6, 7, 5, 12	
9/3/19 8-4 pm	Exam #3 (6, 7, 13) Lecture: 14, 15, 16	Ch. 14, 15, 16	
9/5/19 8-4 pm	Exam #4 (5,12) Lecture: History of Nursing/ Final Exam Review	History of Nursing	Vocabulary Due 8am
9/10/19 8-4 pm	Exam #5 (14, 15, 16)		
9/12/19 8-10am	Comprehensive Final Exam		

VNC Syllabus Contract

Print Name: _____ Last 4 # of ID: _____

I have read and understand the VNC Syllabus and schedule. I have had the opportunity to ask questions.

Signed: _____ Date: _____