

South Plains College-Reese Center

Course Syllabus

COURSE: VNSG 1420-153; A&P for Allied Health
SEMESTER: Fall 2026
CLASS TIMES: Online
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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

An overview of the radiologic profession in healthcare, historical development of radiography, basic radiation protection, an introduction to medical terminology, and ethical and legal issues for health care professionals.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will:

1. Name and describe anatomical body planes
2. Describe and name all part of the human cell and related cellular components
3. Identify the different types of the human skeletal and muscle tissue
4. Identify and name parts of the circulatory, lymphatic, immune, respiratory, nervous, gastrointestinal systems
5. Identify and names parts of the human urinary, reproductive, endocrine, and integumentary systems
6. Describe and discuss the human body fluid balance.
7. Understand the relationship between radiography and the systems of the human body.

EVALUATION METHODS

The course grade will be determined by a combination of assignments, research, tests, and a comprehensive final exam. 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.**

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.

The student should only access his or her own Blackboard account. Granting permission to another or accessing another student’s Blackboard account is prohibited and against the Academic Integrity code.

If you have questions or need help with Blackboard:

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.

LOGGING INTO THE COURSE

Under no circumstances are you allowed to give your User ID and/or password to anyone. If someone, besides you, is logging into this course, I will drop you immediately with an 'F', regardless of the reason. If you are taking this course along with a roommate, spouse, or significant other, you need to let me know immediately. Failure to do so could result in your being dropped from this course with an 'F'.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW THEIR SPC STUDENT USERNAME 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.

SCANS and FOUNDATION SKILLS

Refer also to Course Objectives. SCANS and Foundation Skills attached.

SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION

TEXT AND MATERIALS

This course, **VNSG 1420-151 A&P for Allied Health**, uses a combination of **faculty-created Open Educational Resources (OER)** and the **free, openly licensed OpenStax textbook**:

[OpenStax Anatomy & Physiology, 2nd Edition](#)

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Even though this is an online class, students will need to access the course on a regular basis. The Blackboard software used to manage this online course tracks student logins, tracking when and where the student has been in the course. Accessing this course on a regular basis is extremely important in order to meet the objectives of this course. You will feel more at ease with the materials if you stay in touch with what is going on.

Failure to complete two or more weeks assignments, exams, and/or discussion posts will result in immediate removal from the class by the instructor with “F” being recorded for the grade.

The minimum requirements of logging onto the course to be successful are at least three (3) days per week.

The student is responsible for initiating their own withdrawal, if that becomes necessary. If a student is administratively withdrawn from the class, the grade appearing on the transcript will be an ‘F’. Administrative withdrawal may occur if the student consistently fails to meet assignment and/or exam deadlines, or if the student fails to log into the course at least **three** times a week. I also reserve the right to determine excessive absences based on your progress throughout the course.

DROPS AND WITHDRAWALS

<http://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/apply/schedulechanges.php>

ADVISING

<http://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/advising/spcadvisors.php>

December 3, 2026, is the last day to drop courses for the **fall 2026** semester.

GRADING RUBRIC – Grades in this course will be determined using the following criteria:

ASSESSMENT TOOLS	%
Assignments/Syllabus Agreement	25%
Chapter Tests	50%
Comprehensive Final Exam	25%
Total	100%

PERCENTAGE SCORE	GRADE
90-100	A
80-89	B
75-79	C
0-74	F

DISCUSSIONS

This course requires **two** discussions during the first week: a student introduction and syllabus acknowledgement. These two discussion requirements must be completed to proceed to the second week. The student will be dropped by the 7th day of class if these are not completed.

CHAPTER ASSIGNMENTS

Each chapter will have various assignments that will be posted on Blackboard on/or before the week that chapter is due by. These assignments are due on/or by 11:59pm of the due date each week. These assignments will be done via Blackboard and will not be timed but will be a portion of your course grade. Late or incomplete work is not accepted and a grade of zero will be recorded.

CHAPTER EXAMS

-Please make sure your computer is plugged into a power source or fully charged while taking your exams.

Each Unit will have an exam given via Blackboard, and the unit exams will be a portion of your course grade.

COMPREHENSIVE FINAL EXAM

-Please make sure your computer is plugged into a power source or fully charged while taking your final exam.

The comprehensive final exam WILL BE timed, given via Blackboard, and will be a portion of your course grade. You will be given 2 minutes per question. The final exam must be completed within the time frame specified by the instructor.

The final exam, for any reason, may NOT be made-up.

COMMUNICATION POLICY

- Electronic communication between the instructor and students in this course will utilize the South Plains College email system. Students are encouraged to check SPC email daily.
- **Instructor will not communicate using private email accounts.**
- **I will return e-mails within 24 hours.**

STUDENT CONDUCT

- Students in this class are expected to abide by the standards of student conduct as defined in the SPC Student Guide.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Students are not required to purchase their own computer but must have access to one that meets these specifications. There are computer labs available for student use on our Levelland, Lubbock Center, and Reese Center campuses.

To be able to participate in this online course, a student needs to have the following:

- Typing skills
- Basic word processing skills
- Know basic functionality of a computer and how to do basic troubleshooting
- Know how to connect to the Internet
- Know basics of how the Internet works and how to search and conduct research using the Internet
- Know how to compose, reply, and forward e-mail messages
- Know how to attach and open documents in an e-mail message
- Have basic file management skills
- Know how to save and delete documents

COURSE OUTLINE

For a detailed outline, please refer to the course schedule in Blackboard.

SPC SYLLABUS STATEMENTS (ACCOMMODATIONS)

SYLLABUS ACKNOWLEDGMENT (required)

Required completion on Sunday August 30, 2026 by 11:59pm.

After reading and understanding the contents of this syllabus:

- Go to SPC's Blackboard, <https://southplainscollege.blackboard.com>
- Choose the **VNSG 1420** course
- Click on the Start Here module
- Click on Syllabus Acknowledgment
- Click in the Response section and use the following format:
I, (fill in your first and last name), student ID (xxxxxxx), have received, read, and understand the contents of the syllabus for the VNSG 1420-151, fall 2026. Date (today's date).

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 adjusts 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.