

El Paso Community College
Syllabus
Part II
Official Course Description

SUBJECT AREA	<u>Nursing</u>		
SUBJECT RUBRIC AND NUMBER	<u>RNSG 1441</u>		
COURSE TITLE	<u>Common Concepts of Adult Health</u>		
COURSE CREDIT HOURS	<u>4</u>	<u>3:</u>	<u>3</u>
	Credits	Lec	Lab

I. Catalog Description

Studies the basic integration of the role of the professional nurse as a provider of patient-centered care, patient safety advocate, member of health care team, and member of the profession. Studies the common concepts of caring for adult patients and families with medical-surgical health care needs related to body systems, emphasizing knowledge, judgment, skills, and professional values within a legal/ethical framework. A grade of "C" or better is required in this course to take the next course. **Prerequisites: RNSG 1208 and RNSG 1260 and RNSG 1413. Corequisite: RNSG 1261. (3:3). Lab fee.**

II. Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Unit I: Provider of Patient-Centered Care
 - 1. Discuss critical thinking and the use of a systematic problem-solving process with emphasis on implementation and evaluation for selected adult patients, and their families, who have common medical/surgical health care needs. **(SLO #3)**
 - 2. Discuss the collaboration of the interdisciplinary health care team when providing care for adult patients, and their families, who have common medical-surgical health care needs that relate to each body system. **(SLO #6)**
 - 3. Examine implementation of evidence-based nursing care for adult patients, and their families, who have common medical/surgical health care needs that relate to each body system. **(SLO #5)**
 - 4. Use critical thinking to identify biological, psychological, sociological, cultural, and communicating needs of adult patients, and their families, who have common medical/surgical conditions. **(SLO #3,6)**
 - 5. Explore the professional nurse’s role as a communicator with adult patients, and their families, who have common medical-surgical conditions. **(SLO #3)**
 - 6. Develop teaching plans for hypothetical adult patients who have common medical/surgical conditions. **(SLO #2)**
 - 7. Explain how “Watson’s Theory of Human Caring’ can be applied to the care of adult patients, and their families, who have common medical/surgical conditions. **(SLO #3)**
 - 8. Explore how values, patient’s/family’s/nurse’s, and United States health care trends impact the professional nurse’s practice as regards the care of patients who have common medical/surgical conditions. **(SLO #3, 4, 6)**
- B. Unit II: Member of the Health Care Team

1. Discuss interdisciplinary collaboration in the implementation and evaluation of care for adult patients, and their families, who have medical/surgical health care problems. (SLO #3, 6)
2. Discuss how the nurse can advocate for the rights of adult patients who have common medical-surgical health care conditions. (SLO #4)
3. Examine the role of the professional nurse as regards supervision and delegation of duties relative to adult patients who have common medical/surgical health care problems. (SLO # 4,6)
4. Describe resources that facilitate continuity of care, health promotion, maintenance and restoration, and disease prevention for adult patients who have common medical/surgical health care problems. (SLO #5)
5. Explain the use of clinical technology and informatics in the care of adult patients who have common medical/surgical health care problems. (SLO #5)

C. Unit III: Member of the Profession

1. Discuss specific legal concepts and ethical issues that impact the care of patients with common medical/surgical conditions. (SLO #4)
2. Discuss activities that promote the growth, development and practice of professional nursing while in the Common Concepts of Adult Health course. (SLO #1)
3. Discuss professional learning needs as they relate to the care of patients with common medical/surgical disorders. (SLO #1)

D. Unit IV: Patient Safety Advocate

1. Explore the nurse's role in promoting safety for adult patients with common medical/surgical conditions, consistent with current safety standards and requirements. (SLO #3, 5)
2. Describe strategies for maintaining a safe environment for adult patients and their families with common medical/surgical conditions, consistent with current safety standards and requirements. (SLO #3, 5)
3. Examine disaster planning and bioterrorism as it relates to adult patients with common medical/surgical conditions. (SLO #6)

E. Unit V: Laboratory Skills

Demonstrate competency in the performance of the following skills: (SLO #5, 6)

1. Oropharyngeal and nasotracheal suctioning, with specimen collection.
2. Set-up and management of continuous bladder irrigation.
3. Peripheral venipuncture.
4. Initiating and continuing intravenous therapy, inclusive of intravenous "piggybacks."
5. Converting a peripheral intravenous line to an intermittent infusion device.
6. Suture/staple removal.
7. Nasogastric tube (for lavage) insertion, management, and removal.
8. Use of ophthalmoscope.
10. Assessment of cranial nerves.
11. Final lab examination.
12. Document Skills in EHR.

III. THECB Learning Outcomes (WECM)

1. Explain the roles of the professional nurse in caring for adult patients and families.
2. Utilize critical thinking skills and a systematic problem-solving process in providing care for adult patients and families with common health needs.

IV. Evaluation

A. Pre-Assessment of Drug Calculations: See procedure in Nursing Student Handbook.

B. Proficiency Exam

Any student wishing to do a Proficiency Exam for a nursing course should speak to the ADN Program Coordinator and/or to the Nursing Counselor. All nursing courses can be challenged with the exception of RNSG 2221/2261, Management of Client Care (Theory and Clinical). (See College Proficiency Exam Procedure.)

C. Articulation

Articulated credit from many area high schools is available for graduates with high school health occupations courses. Students who have previously completed a Practical Nursing Program will be able to transfer their practical nursing courses to this program under the Texas Nursing Articulation Plan.

D. Unit Written Tests

Each exam will cover unit objectives (plus math calculations) and will consist of a variety of types of questions (e.g., multiple choice, fill-in-the blank, select all that apply, prioritization). **In addition, students may be tested on previous learning (as it applies to RNSG 1441 material) from both nursing and non-nursing courses and from material already covered in RNSG 1441. Nursing process, caring, and communication will be integrated throughout the exams.** Examinations have specific time limits.

Refer to the following procedures in the Nursing Student Handbook: Scholastic dishonesty; written examinations; standardized testing. ***Special note regarding standardized testing:** Students are required to take the proctored Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) medical-surgical nursing 1 test that will be scheduled toward the end of the semester. Prior to taking the proctored test, the student must score at least an 85% on the practice medical-surgical nursing 1 test. The practice test may be taken on any computer at any time and may be retaken until the student scores at least an 85% (although 24 hours must pass prior to retesting). Students will begin taking the practice test during the third week of the semester and are expected to complete any ATI-recommended remediation prior to retesting. Students who would otherwise pass the course but (a) cannot take the proctored test on its scheduled date/time secondary to not scoring at least 85% on the practice test or (b) do not take the proctored test on its scheduled date/time will receive an “Incomplete” in the course. Incomplete grades will be resolved at the instructor’s convenience. (Note: Students who arrive late to the proctored test will not be allowed to take it.)

Students must create an account at the ATI website (www.atitesting.com) at the start of the semester and to keep a record of their user ID/password.

Students **who pass the course** and who score at proficiency level 2 on the proctored test will have two (2) points added to their final course grade; students who score at a proficiency level 3 will have three (3) points added to their final course grade; students who score below proficiency level 2 or are taking the proctored test in order to resolve an “incomplete” related to the ATI test will not receive any points. The proctored test may only be taken once.

Useful ATI resources: Students are strongly encouraged to utilize the following:

- RN Adult Medical Surgical Nursing review module;
- Learning Systems RN practice exams (Medical-surgical: cardiovascular/hematology; dermatological; endocrine; gastrointestinal; immune and infections; musculoskeletal; neurosensory; renal and urinary; respiratory) and the medical-surgical final exam.

- Nurse Logic, which includes five modules that address how to take nursing exams.

E. Quizzes

Quizzes pertain to material covered in lecture and lab.

F. Lab Skills

Students will be held accountable for the performance of the specified lab skills and attendance at lab demonstrations and scheduled skill practice sessions is required.

G. Course Grade

The course grade will be determined by:

Quizzes	10%
Unit Exams	60%
Lab Skills/Final lab exam	10%
Final Exam	20%

The student must obtain a minimum of 78% in the course for successful completion. The following grading scale will be used:

90 – 100 = A
80 – 89 = B
78 – 79 = C
70 – 77 = D
0 – 69 = F

See procedure on “**Rounding of Grades**” in the Nursing Student Handbook.

A variety of resources are available to the student who desires/requires academic assistance; instructors can refer students to these resources.

H. Attendance

See procedure in the Nursing Student Handbook.

V. Disability Statement (American with/Disabilities Act [ADA])

EPCC offers a variety of services to persons with documented sensory, mental, physical, or temporary disabling conditions to promote success in classes. If you have a disability and believe you may need services, you are encouraged to contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to discuss your needs with a counselor. All discussions and documentation are kept confidential. Offices located: VV Rm C-112 (831-2426); TM Rm 1400 (831-5808); RG Rm B-201 (831-4198); NWC Rm M-54 (831-8815); and MDP Rm A-125 (831-7024).

VI. 6 Drop Rule

Students who began attending Texas public institutions of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or later are subject to a 6-Drop limit for all undergraduate classes. Developmental, ESL, Dual Credit and Early College High School classes are exempt from this rule. All students should consult with their instructor before dropping a class. Academic assistance is available. Students are encouraged to see Counseling Services if dropping because exemptions may apply. Refer to the EPCC catalog and website for additional information.

VII. Student Learning Outcomes**EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE****STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING**

Student Learning Outcomes – SLO's	
1.	Demonstrate a commitment to participating in activities that promote the growth, development and practice of professional nursing, while valuing the need for lifelong learning.
2.	Integrate teaching-learning principles by developing, presenting, evaluating and modifying teaching plans to meet the needs of patients and their families.
3.	Utilize clinical judgment, communication skills and a systematic process when advocating for safe caring and compassionate patient-centered care to culturally diverse patients and their families across the lifespan in a variety of health care settings.
4.	Assume accountability for the quality of patient-centered nursing care provided to patients and their families within the legal scope of nursing practice consistent with ethical principles and professional values and standards.
5.	Provide evidence-based nursing care that promotes safety for the patient, family and their environment, while utilizing current technologies and nursing informatics.
6.	Collaborate and co-ordinate with patients, their families and the interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary health care team to implement best practices and to address health promotion and disease prevention, health maintenance and health restoration based on the individual's perception of their health needs.

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