

**El Paso Community College**  
**Syllabus**  
**Part II**  
**Official Course Description**

<b>SUBJECT AREA TITLE</b>	<u>Vocational Nursing</u>
<b>COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER</b>	<u>VNSG 1263</u>
<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<u>Clinical-Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training</u>
<b>COURSE CREDIT HOURS</b>	<u>2            0            :<!--            8</u--> Credits            Lec                            Lab</u>

**I. Catalog Description**

Provides a health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills, and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional. Provides an opportunity to utilize the roles of the vocational nurse while providing care for the childbearing family during the phases of pregnancy, childbirth, and the neonatal period, including abnormal conditions. Students must pass VNSG 1234 and VNSG 1262 with a grade of “C” or better to take this course. A grade of “C” or better is required in this course to take the next course. **Corequisite: VNSG 1219 and VNSG 1230 and VNSG 1234 and VNSG 1262. (0:8). Professional Practice Insurance required.**

**II. Course Objectives**

A. Unit I. Nurse as a Provider of Patient-Centered Care

1. Apply the steps of the nursing process to the care of maternity and neonatal patients with emphasis on perinatal/neonatal assessment and reassessment based on evaluation at the level of the novice vocational nurse (VN). **(SLO #5, 6)**
2. Demonstrate critical thinking related to specialty assessment when applying the nursing process and interrelating concepts of maternal/neonatal nursing at the novice vocational nurse (VN) level. **(SLO #3)**
3. Assist in determining the health status and health needs of the childbearing family or maternal/neonatal patients based upon interpretation of health-related data and preventive health practices in collaboration with patients, their families, and other members of the immediate health care team as a novice VN. **(SLO #1, 6)**
4. Assist in the formulation of goals/outcomes and a plan of care for the childbearing family or maternal/neonatal patients in collaboration with patients, their families, and interdisciplinary health care team members as a novice VN. **(SLO #5, 6)**
5. Implement plan of care within legal and ethical parameters, including scope of education, for a childbearing family or maternal/neonatal patients in collaboration with patients and interdisciplinary health care team to assist patients in meeting health care needs as a novice VN. **(SLO #4)**
6. Implement teaching plan for the childbearing family or maternal/neonatal patients with common health problems and well defined learning needs as a novice VN. **(SLO #2)**

7. Assist in the evaluation of the childbearing family or maternal/neonatal patients as a novice VN. **(SLO #5, 6)**
  8. Provide direct basic care to multiple assigned childbearing families or maternal/neonatal patients in structured settings as a novice VN. **(SLO #1, 6)**
  9. Use the problem-solving approach as the basis for decision making in nursing practice as a novice VN. **(SLO #6)**
- B. Unit II. Nurse as a Member of the Health Care Team
1. Assist in the coordination of human and material resources for the provision of care for assigned childbearing family or maternal/neonatal patients as a novice VN. **(SLO #1)**
  2. Collaborate with childbearing family or maternal/neonatal patients and the interdisciplinary health care team to provide direct care to assigned individual patients as a novice VN. **(SLO #6)**
  3. Participate in the identification of childbearing family or maternal/neonatal patients' needs for referral that facilitate continuity of care as a novice VN. **(SLO #3)**
  4. Participate in activities which support the organizational framework of structured health care settings as a novice VN. **(SLO #1, 6)**
- C. Unit III. Nurse as a Member of the Profession
1. Demonstrate accountability for own nursing practice with childbearing family or maternal/neonatal patients as a novice VN. **(SLO #4)**
  2. Participate as an advocate in activities that focus on improving the health care of the childbearing family or maternal/neonatal patients as a novice VN. **(SLO #6)**
  3. Demonstrate behaviors that promote the development and practice of vocational nursing as a novice VN. **(SLO #1)**
  4. Practice the concept of licensed vocational nursing related to health care. **(SLO #5)**
  5. Implement the legal-ethical concepts as they relate to the scope of practice of the licensed Vocational Nurse in maternal/neonatal nursing. **(SLO #4)**
- D. Unit IV. Nurse as a Patient Safety Advocate
1. Participate in activities that promote the safety of the childbearing family and/or maternal neonatal patients. **(SLO #3, 4, 5)**
  2. Participate in activities that promote caring, values, and advocacy in the care of maternal/neonatal patients. **(SLO #3)**
- E. Unit V: Laboratory Skills  
Demonstrate the skills utilized in the care of maternity and neonatal patients at the level of the novice vocational nurse. This includes fluids, medications, calories, and calculations for both the maternity client and the neonate. This lab is pass/fail. **(SLO # 1, 5, 6)**

### **III. THECB Learning Outcomes (WECM)**

As outlined in the learning plan, apply the theory, concepts, and skills involving specialized materials, tools, equipment, procedures, regulations, laws, and interactions within and among political, economic, environmental, social, and legal systems associated with the occupation and the business/industry and will demonstrate legal and ethical behavior, safety practices, interpersonal and teamwork skills, and appropriate written and verbal communication skills using the terminology of the occupation and the business/industry.

#### IV. Evaluation

- A. Proficiency Exams  
Any student wishing to complete a proficiency exam for a nursing course should speak to the Vocational Nursing Program Coordinator and/or to the Nursing Counselor. All nursing courses in the vocational nurse program can be challenged if available, but the student must meet residency requirements and have 6 vocational nursing hours at El Paso Community College to be a graduate of the EPCC Vocational Nurse Program.
- B. Articulation  
Articulation plans for the vocational nursing program are available and will be addressed by the nursing counselor.
- C. Preassessment of Drug Calculations  
See Preassessment of Drug Calculations Test Procedures in Nursing Student Handbook. (Must pass with 85%)  
  
See Drug Dosage Exam Cover Sheet in Student Nursing Handbook.  
**Note:** The student will be evaluated by the following methods of grading and evaluation: graded Vocational Nursing Clinical Competencies, nursing care plan, and teaching plans.
- D. Vocational Nurse Clinical Competencies  
  
There will be 2 clinical rotations during the course with an evaluation at the end of each rotation. The two evaluations are averaged together and count for 70% of the clinical grade.
- E. Nursing Care Plans  
One (1) Nursing Care Plan (NCP) utilizing the EPCC Nursing Care plan format is required. Date for submission will be announced.  
  
The care plan emphasis at the VN level is assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation. The NCP diagnosis is done in collaboration with an RN. For course purposes, the student will be required to include nursing diagnosis on the NCP, but that area will not be heavily graded. The graded care plan must have 2 diagnoses and goals with outcome criteria, but only 1 must be carried through completely.  
  
The care plan is to be for **current** care delivery on a chosen client. NCP development should begin on the first day of a clinical rotation. It should be utilized to care for the client.
- F. Teaching Plans  
  
One teaching plan will be required for this course. Date for submission will be announced by each individual instructor. The teaching plan/presentation is graded. Must be done for course completion. (See Appendix)
- G. Mastery of Previously Learned Concepts  
Several threads of the curriculum are being tested on exams in VNSG 1230, a corequisite to course VNSG 1263. The student should be able to respond appropriately to the instructor(s) about any and all content areas previously learned as it relates to the maternal or neonatal clients or to what is currently being taught in VNSG 1230. The content areas and curriculum threads include, but are not limited to, the following: math, history and physical examination, nursing process, nutrition, therapeutic communication, client teaching, pharmacology, and medical-surgical nursing (as appropriate).

H.	Grading Criteria	
	1. Clinical Evaluations VN Competencies (2)	70%
	2. Nursing Care Plan (1 written in EPCC Care Plan Format)	15%
	3. Teaching Plan and Presentation (one for the rotation)	<u>15%</u>
		100%

The student must obtain a minimum grade of 78% in this course for successful completion. Anything less than-78% on the averaged competencies will result in failure of the course.

The following grading scale will be utilized:

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

The process of rounding course grades to be used throughout the Nursing Program will follow common mathematical convention:

1. Scores on each examination, assignment or clinical evaluation will be rounded and recorded to the closest whole number.
2. Final Course grades will NOT be rounded to the closest whole number. A 78.00% is needed to pass the course with no rounding (i.e. 77.7 would be recorded as 77.7 and not rounded up to 78; 89.9 stays 89.9 and would not be rounded up to 90).
3. Rounding rule: All grades except for Final Course Grade
  - a. To determine scores to record, use the value in the tenths column only do not carry out any further. (82.459 would be recorded as 82 because only the tenths column is looked at).
  - b. 0.5 and above will be rounded to the next higher whole number (i.e., 84.6 becomes 85).
  - c. 0.4 and below will be rounded by dropping the tenths and leaving the whole number (i.e., 84.3 becomes 84).

#### I. Standardized Exams:

See Standardized Exam Procedure in Nursing Student Handbook.

#### J. Remediation

Students who do not demonstrate proficiency in the VN competencies, nursing care plans and client teaching plans will receive a counseling form with recommendations for improvement. Failure to meet the stated recommendations will place the student in jeopardy of failing the course.

If the student fails the course, the student will receive a counseling form and/or student data exit form with recommendations for improvement so that the student can be successful. The student will need to apply to the application review committee for the nursing department. \*See Nursing Student Handbook.

**V. Disability Statement (Americans 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. Six 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 (SLO's)**

The purpose of student learning outcomes is to assess the knowledge, skills, and or attributes which the student has attained from their educational experience (Reference from El Paso Community College Procedure 203.01.58 Student Learning Outcomes). There are six student learning outcomes for the discipline of nursing – Vocational Nursing program

Student Learning Outcomes – SLO's	
1.	Nursing students: Demonstrate a commitment to participating in activities that promote the growth, development and practice of vocational nursing, while valuing the need for lifelong learning.
2.	Nursing students: Integrate teaching-learning principles by developing, presenting, evaluating and modifying teaching plans to meet the needs of patients and their families.
3.	Nursing students: Utilize clinical judgment, communication skills and a systematic process when advocating for safe caring and compassionate 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.
4.	Nursing students: 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.	Nursing students: Provide evidence-based nursing care that promotes safety for the patient, family and their environment, while utilizing current technologies and nursing informatics.
6.	Nursing students: 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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