

El Paso Community College

Syllabus

Part II

Official Course Description

SUBJECT AREA	<u>Vocational Nursing</u>
COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER	<u>VNSG 1166</u>
COURSE TITLE	<u>Practicum (or Field Experience) – Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training</u>
COURSE CREDIT HOURS	<u>1 0 :<!-- 7</u--> Credits Lec Lab</u>

I. Catalog Description

Provides practical, general workplace training supported by an individualized learning plan developed by the employer, college, and student. Allows the student a supervised introduction to the professional role of the vocational nurse as a provider of patient-centered care, member of the health care team, patient safety advocate, and member of the profession. Students must pass VNSG 2214 and VNSG 1163 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.
Corequisites: VNSG 1163 and VNSG 2214. (0:7). Professional Practice Insurance required.

II. Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of these units, the student will be able to:

- A. Unit I. Nurse as a Provider of Patient-Centered Care
 - 1. Assist in determining the health status and health needs of adult medical-surgical 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. **(SLO #6)**
 - 2. Assist in the formulation of goals/outcomes and a plan of care for adult medical-surgical patients in collaboration with patients, their families, and interdisciplinary health care team members. **(SLO #2, 5, 6)**
 - 3. Implement plan of care within legal and ethical parameters, including scope of education, for adult medical-surgical patients in collaboration with patients and interdisciplinary health care team to assist patient in meeting health care needs. **(SLO #4, 5)**
 - 4. Implement teaching plan for adult medical-surgical patients with common health problems and well defined learning needs. **(SLO #2)**
 - 5. Assist in the evaluation of adult medical-surgical clients' responses and outcomes to therapeutic interventions. **(SLO #5, 6)**
 - 6. Provide direct basic care to multiple assigned adult medical-surgical patients (no more than five at a time) in structured settings. **(SLO #1, 6)**
 - 7. Use the problem-solving approach as the basis for decision making in nursing practice. **(SLO #6)**

8. Demonstrate the ability to use the nursing process. **(SLO # 1, 5)**
9. Apply critical thinking skills at an entry vocational nurse level. **(SLO #3, 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 adult medical-surgical patients. **(SLO #6)**
2. Collaborate with adult medical-surgical patients and the interdisciplinary health care team to provide direct care to assigned individual patients **(SLO #6)**
3. Participate in the identification of adult medical-surgical patients' needs for referrals that facilitate continuity of care. **(SLO #2, 6)**
4. Participate in activities which support the organizational framework of structured health care settings as a VN student. **(SLO #4)**
5. Demonstrate ways that the vocational nurse can develop insights through reflection, self-analysis and planning for self-care when working with the adult patients/clients. **(SLO 4, 5)**

C. Unit III. Nurse as a Member of the Profession

1. Demonstrate accountability for own nursing practice with adult medical-surgical patients. **(SLO #4)**
2. Participate as an advocate in activities that focus on improving the health care of adult medical-surgical patients. **(SLO # 6)**
3. Demonstrate behaviors that promote the development and practice of vocational nursing. **(SLO #4, 5)**

D. Unit IV. Nurse as a Patient Safety Advocate

1. Utilize the Texas Nursing Practice Act and the Texas Board of Nursing Rules that emphasize safety in regards to the vocational nurse delivering patient centered care to the adult patient. **(SLO #4, 5)**
2. Apply the Federal, State and Local governments and accreditation organization safety requirements and standards in regards to the vocational nurse delivering patient centered care to the adult patient. **(SLO 3, 4)**
3. Demonstrate measures that the vocational nurse would use to promote quality patient centered care and safe environment in the adult health care settings. **(SLO #3, 4, 5)**
4. Explore the vocational nurse role and responsibilities with the adult patient during a disaster and a bioterrorism incident. **(SLO 5, 6)**

E. Unit V. Laboratory Skills

Demonstrate the skills utilized in the care of medical-surgical patients. This also includes fluids, medications, calories, and calculations as appropriate. **(SLO #1, 5)**

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

Proficiency Exams: Any student wishing to do a proficiency exam for a nursing course should speak to the VN 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.

Articulation: Articulation plans for the vocational nursing program are available and will be addressed by the nursing counselor.

A. Preassessment of Drug Calculations

No medications will be given by the student in the clinical area until a Pre-Assessment Drug Calculation Exam is passed with an 85% or above, any material from VSNG1227 will be applied to the pre-assessment math exam. All students enrolled in theory and/or clinical must take and pass the exam. See clinical competencies for point deductions

B. Remediation

Students who do not pass 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 Applicant Review Committee for the nursing department. *See Nursing Student Handbook.

C. Grading Criteria

1.	Clinical Evaluations	70%
2.	Nursing Care Plan	15%
3.	Teaching Plan	15%
4.	Reflective Journal	<u>Pass / Fail</u>
		100%

The student must obtain a minimum grade of 78% in this course for successful completion. In addition, the average of the three clinical competency grades must yield a minimum score of "78." 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

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, NO rounding with 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).

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. 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 (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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