



VNSG 1432 – Medical Surgical Nursing II

Course Syllabus: Spring 2025

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This syllabus serves as the documentation for all course policies and requirements, assignments, and instructor/student responsibilities.

Information relative to the delivery of the content contained in this syllabus is subject to change. Should that happen, the student will be notified.

Course Description: Continuation of Medical-Surgical Nursing I with application of the nursing process to the care of adult patients experiencing medical-surgical conditions in the health-illness continuum. Integrated concepts of nursing process nutrition pharmacology psychosocial needs and ethical legal issues are addressed in caring for clients with cardiovascular neurological integumentary musculoskeletal and hematological alterations. Includes a variety of health care settings.

Credit hours: 4 credit hours.

Lecture/Lab/Clinical: Four hours of coursework each week.

Prerequisites: Vocation Nursing Semester 1

Corequisite(s): The student must pass all vocational nursing semester 2 courses in order to be able to progress to vocational nursing semester 3.

Student Learning Outcomes/Course Level Outcomes:

1. Implement the nursing process to holistically identify physical and psychosocial needs of patients experiencing medical-surgical disorders. (DEC I.B.)
2. Develop a plan of care based on problem-solving and identified priorities for patients experiencing illness/disease, with consideration for pertinent cultural aspects. (DEC II.B.)
3. Use knowledge of diagnostic modalities and criteria (lab values, diagnostic imaging, etc) to assess and report patient status (DEC II.F.)
4. Demonstrate understanding of the vocational nurses’ role on the interdisciplinary health care team (DEC II.A.)
5. Perform and document focused assessments for patients experiencing medical-surgical disorders to assist in identifying health status and monitoring changes (DEC II.C.)
6. Engage in activities that promote the profession of nursing (DEC I.C.)

Evaluation/Grading Policy:

The final Course Average is determined by the following:

Module Exams	70% of total grade
Seven module exams:	10% each (7x10=70% of total grade)
Comprehensive Final exam:	10% of total grade
Pop Quizzes/Group Projects/Assignments	10% of total grade
ATI Final Exam	10% of total grade

Total	100%

A minimum overall grade of “C” is required in all Academic and Nursing courses before using that course as a prerequisite for the next course in sequence. Academic courses (English, Ethics, etc.) typically work from a grade of 70 or higher for “C”. In preparation for the State Board examination, the letter grade assigned to all Nursing courses shall be determined as follows:

- A= 90 – 100
- B = 80 – 89
- C = 78– 79
- F = 77.9 and below

The average of the exam grades must be 78% or above to pass the course. Grades will not be rounded when calculating the average (77.5 – 77.9 is not rounded to 78).

Posting of grades: Exam grades will be posted within 72 hours after sitting for the exam and assignments within 7 calendar days from when the student turned in the assignment.

Late work will be graded, then ten points will be deducted for each day the assignment is late, up to three days. After the third day, the grade will remain a zero; however, all assignments are required to be completed in order to proceed to the next level of the program.

Required Instructional Materials:

ATI Book Bundle (All books) . (n.d.).

Silvestri, L. A., & Silvestri, A. E. (2019). *Comprehensive Review for the NCLEX-PN Examination* (7th ed.). St. Louis: Elsevier. Retrieved from ISBN: 978-0-323-48488-6

Vallerand, A. H., & Sanoski, C. A. (2017). *Davis's Drug Guide for Nurses* (17 ed.). F.A. Davis. Retrieved from ISBN: 978-1-7196-4005-3

Williams, L. S., & Hopper, P. D. (2015). *Study Guide: Understanding Medical-Surgical Nursing* (6th ed.). F.A. Davis. Retrieved from ISBN: 978-0-8036-6900-0

Williams, L. S., & Hopper, P. D. (2015). *Understanding Medical Surgical Nursing* (6th ed.). Philadelphia: F.A. Davis. Retrieved from ISBN: 978-0-8036-6898-0

Ogden, Sheila J.; Fluharty, Linda K. (2019). *Calculation of Drug Dosages: A Work Text* (11th ed.). St Louis: Elsevier Health Services. ISBN Number :978-0-3235-5128

Institutional/Course Policy: For any other institutional or course policy, refer to the student handbook.

Classroom Expectations: Please see student handbook.

Communications:

The student is expected to communicate with classmates, instructors, various campus and clinical personnel and campus administration in a professional and respectful manner, upholding the highest degree of consideration and ethical practice in an effort to mirror expectations of the profession of nursing.

- **Email: The student is required to utilize their NTCC provided student email account for all formal written communication.** Please check your NTCC email every day. Email is the official form of communication used at NTCC. All emailed questions to the instructor will be responded to within 24 hours, but usually within a few hours when possible.
- **Teams messaging notifications:** Communication with the instructor through teams messaging is permissible during daytime hour. Instructor will be responded to within 24 hours, but usually within a few hours when possible.

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Technology Requirements: Students are required to have access to a working laptop computer with at least 2 GB free space for use during class sessions and for online testing. Tablets and “Chromebook” computers are not compatible with testing platforms and are not recommended. Students are also required to have access to internet service and not rely on “hot spot” internet as this is also not compatible with testing platforms used.

Alternate Operations During Campus Closure and/or Alternate Course Delivery Requirements

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, its necessary for Northeast Texas Community College to move to altered operations. During this time, Northeast Texas Community College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to, online through the Blackboard Learning Management System, online conferencing, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor NTCC’s website (<http://www.ntcc.edu/>) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, Blackboard for each class for course-specific communication, and NTCC email for important general information.

Additionally, there may be instances where a course may not be able to be continued in the same delivery format as it originates (face-to-face, fully online, live remote, or hybrid). Should this be the case, every effort will be made to continue instruction in an alternative delivery format. Students will be informed of any changes of this nature through email messaging and/or the Blackboard course site.

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Statement Regarding the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Technology:

Absent a clear statement from a course instructor, use of or consultation with generative AI shall be treated analogously to assistance from another person (collusion). Generative AI is a subset of AI that utilizes machine learning models to create new, original content, such as images, text, or music, based on patterns and structures learned from existing data (Cornell, Center for Teaching Innovation). Unauthorized use of generative AI tools to complete an assignment or exam is not permitted. Students should acknowledge the use of generative AI and default to disclosing such assistance when in doubt. Individual course instructors may set their own policies regulating the use of generative AI tools in their courses, including allowing or disallowing some or all uses of such tools. Students who are unsure of policies regarding generative AI tools are encouraged to ask their instructors for clarification. **(Adapted from the Stanford University Office of Community Standards-- accessed August 31, 2023)**

NTCC Academic Honesty/Ethics Statement:

NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. The college expects all students to engage in their academic pursuits in an honest manner that is beyond reproach using their intellect and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. Academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, and collusion is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty and Academic Ethics policies stated in the Student Handbook. Refer to the student handbook for more information on these subjects.

ADA Statement:

It is the policy of NTCC to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to request accommodations. An appointment can be made with the Academic Advisor/Coordinator of Special Populations located in Student Services and can be reached at 903-434-8264. For more information and to obtain a copy of the Request for Accommodations, please refer to the special populations page on the NTCC website.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered "eligible students." In essence, a parent has no legal right to obtain information concerning the child's college records without the written consent of the student. In compliance with FERPA, information classified as "directory information" may be released to the general public without the written consent of the student unless the student makes a request in writing. Directory information is defined as: the student's name, permanent address and/or local address, telephone listing, dates of attendance, most recent previous education institution attended, other information including major, field of study, degrees, awards received, and participation in officially recognized activities/sports.