

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
Health Sciences Education Division
Vocational Nursing Program

Course Syllabus
SPRING 2011

CRN 72244

Course Number & Title: VNSG 2331 Advanced Nursing Skills

Credit Hours: Four (4)

Lab Hours: Four (4)

Placement of Course: LEVEL II

Prerequisites:

***Co-requisites**

Completion of all Level I Courses
VNSG 1162/1238/1330/1409/1266
Failure of VNSG 2331 will result in
a repeat of all co-requisites.

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Catalog

Course Description:

Mastery of advanced level nursing skills and competencies in a variety of health care settings utilizing the nursing process as a problem solving tool.

NOTICE

Students who repeat a course three or more times may soon face significant tuition/fee increases at HCCS and other Texas public colleges and universities. Please ask your instructor/counselor about opportunities for tutoring/other assistance prior to considering course withdrawal, or if you are not receiving passing grades.

Learning Outcomes

Students will utilize the theory, concepts and skills involving specialized materials, equipment, procedures, regulations, laws and interactions defined in the classroom and apply them in the clinical setting.

Scans Competencies

Thinking Skills

f. Reasoning

Students enrolled in VNSG 2331 Advanced Nursing Skills will in the classroom and lab setting participate in a variety of simulated clinical scenarios. Through these interactive assignments, the student will utilize logic and reasoning skills that will provide them with the knowledge needed to provide competent health care in the clinical setting. Scans will be reflected in unit exams.

Students with Disabilities

Any student with a documented disability (e.g.

physical, learning, psychiatric vision, hearing, etc.) who needs to arrange reasonable accommodation must contact the Disability Services Office at the respective college at the beginning of each semester. Faculty are authorized to provide only the accommodations requested by the Disability Support Services Office. For more information call Donna Price at 713-718-5165 or donna.price @hccs.edu.

Course Objectives

Students will utilize logic and reasoning skills that will provide them with the knowledge needed to provide competent health care in the clinical setting.

Students will utilize specialized materials, equipment, procedures, regulations, laws and interactions and apply them in the clinical setting.

Performance Objectives

See Attachment

Method of Instruction

lecture, simulated lab videos,

Methods and Standards of Evaluation

1. Four (4) unit exams/multiple choice – 50 questions one (1) hour per exam
2. A comprehensive final multiple choice
 - 100 questions will be administered.

Two (2) hours will be provided for this exam.

3. The course grade will be derived as follows:

Examinations (4) -----40%
Final Examinations-----20%
Skills Competencies -----40%
Total - _____100%

A MINIMUM COURSE GRADE OF 75% MUST BE ACHIEVED IN A VOCATIONAL NURSING COURSES FOR THE STUDENT TO PASS. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS. ANY COURSE GRADE BELOW 75% MUST BE REPEATED FOR NURSING CREDIT. FINAL GRADES AND UNIT EXAM GRADES WILL NOT BE ROUNDED.

ALL EXAMS ARE ADMINISTERED ON LINE.

EXAM REVIEWS WILL BE ANNOUNCED

THERE WILL BE NO MAKE UP EXAMS FOR STUDENT WHO ARE ABSENT ON THE SCHEDULED EXAM DAY. IF A STUDENT IS UNABLE TO TAKE THE SCHEDULE EXAM A GRADE OF 50% WILL BE GIVEN. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS..

Exam Reviews will be announced.

Students must log off the computer at the end of an exam. Failure to do so will not record a grade in the computer system lab and result in a grade of zero (0).

Students must record their grades on the sheet provided in the syllabus. No exam papers or grade sheets will be shown after the review.

GRADING SYSTEM

90-100	A
80-89	B
75-79	C
60-74	D
Below	F

ATTENDANCE

Students will be responsible for signing the roll each class day. **Failure to sign the roll will result in an absence.** consistent, punctual attendance is essential. Students who are absent more than 12.5% (6.5 hours) of the total instruction from this course are administratively withdrawn.

Completion of critical skills (*) is mandatory for completion of the course and a passing grade.

All skills must be completed before the assigned exam date. Failure to do so will result in a reduction in the number of points assigned to that skill.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

ANY STUDENTS EXHIBITING UNPROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR ARE SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULT/DISMISSAL AS OUTLINED IN THE SYLLABUS AND PROGRAM HANDBOOK.

1. If sounds from an electronic device (phones/pagers, etc.) occur, the student will be asked to leave the class or computer lab for the remainder of the class/testing session and absent time will be accumulated. If a dismissal occurs from the computer lab during testing the grade at time of dismissal will be recorded as zero (0).
2. Do not bring books, backpacks, roller carts, purses and electronic devices into computer lab on scheduled test and review dates. One entry into the review is allowed. Students who re-enter exams and/or reviews are subject to disciplinary action as defined by the Department Chair. There will be no rounding of grades. No additional points will be given on any exam. A test question which is deemed controversial will be deleted and the test will be graded on the number of test items remaining after said question is removed. Example: if there are fifty (50) questions and one is deleted, grading will be based on forty nine (49) items instead of 50.

REQUIRED TEXT

Timby, B.K. (2009). Fundamental Nursing Skills And Concepts. 9th ed. Philadelphia, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

FACULTY

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