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Clinical Skills Lab Manual

Spring 2025

Fundamentals of Nursing

NURS 3605

1.1 Course Overview

Semester Hours:

Six (6) credit hour course with three hours per week didactic content and a total of 112.5 minimal required clinical hours. Clinical is pass/fail. You must pass clinical to be successful in the course as a whole. Clinical hours will be in the skills lab on campus and at the local hospitals.

Required Clinical Texts and Supplies

- ATI Products as outlined per course requirements.
- Doenges, M. E., & Moorhouse, M. F. (2022). *Nurse's pocket guide: Diagnoses, interventions, and rationales* (16th ed.). Philadelphia: F.A. Davis. ISBN 978-1719643078
- Pagana, K. D., Pagana, T. J., & Pagana, T. N. (2021). *Mosby's diagnostic and laboratory test reference* (15th ed.). St. Louis, Mo.: Mosby. ISBN 978-0323675192

Technical resources: Laptops/electronic devices are required for testing with ATI. Notebooks and tablets are not compatible with ATI Products.

Artificial intelligence in course work: This course has specific assignments where artificial intelligence (AI) tools (such as ChatGPT or Copilot) are permitted and encouraged. When AI use is permissible, it will be clearly stated in the assignment directions, and all use of AI must be appropriately acknowledged and cited. Otherwise, the default is that AI is not allowed during any stage of an assignment. Refer to the UT Website for more details at <https://www.utt Tyler.edu/offices/digital-learning/ai/>

Required Supplies:

Stethoscope

Penlight

Watch with second hand (no smart watches)

Bandage scissors

Approved Scrubs

Clean White /Black Clinical shoes (no canvas, mesh, or clogs)

(See Nursing Student Guide and Policies: Dress Code 1.4.4 for specifics on shoes)

Optional Supplies

Hemostats, straight

Clipboard (optional)

Blood pressure cuff

Pulse oximeter

White Socks that cover the ankle

*List of approved scrubs found on the New Nursing Student Orientation page in Canvas

1.3 Attendance

Attendance during lab and clinical experiences is a professional expectation and is mandatory. Attendance will be monitored by course faculty. Refer to the university catalog for the policy regarding student attendance and possible student consequences. Students are responsible for all course assignments and content covered in class and clinical conferences, including announcements.

Attendance for the learning laboratory and the clinical agency is **MANDATORY**. The student must notify the instructor prior to the clinical if an absence is necessary. The clinical instructor must be contacted directly! When in the learning laboratory, the student must leave a message with the instructor, including the telephone number where he/she may be contacted.

An instructor may send home students who are not prepared for clinical or in the proper dress code. It is the student's responsibility to schedule makeup clinical days with the instructor.

Make-up time for missed clinical time will be arranged at the discretion of the instructor. A student missing one or more days in one rotation will present for approval a written plan as to how he/she will meet the clinical objectives.

1.4 Grading Policies

Completion of NURS 3605 is based on satisfactory attainment of didactic AND clinical criteria. Any student who fails to meet the course objectives and expectations in either the classroom or clinical area must repeat the entire course and will not progress to the next level.

- Nursing Concept Map(s): PASS/FAIL
- Dosage Calculation Exam PASS/FAIL (100 required)
- Clinical Performance as documented by Clinical Evaluation tool

The students must score 100% on the Dosage Calculation Examination before the start of hospital clinicals to continue in this course. *See the Dosage Calculation policy.

Clinical is Pass/Fail

Clinical evaluation, formal and/or informal, will be done at intervals throughout the clinical experience. A formal evaluation will be completed at the end of the clinical semester. Formal evaluations are written documentation relating to a student's progress toward meeting end-of-course objectives. Each evaluation is discussed with the student in a private one-on-one discussion of performance. The clinical evaluation tool is in Canvas.

The skills lab portion is considered a clinical experience and will be evaluated as such. Skills lab worksheets and observational experiences will be part of the skills lab experience.

A Student Success Plan will be initiated for the student having difficulty mastering laboratory and clinical experiences. Success Plans will include strategies for achieving mastery of the skills and techniques in question. Students must demonstrate mastery of specific clinical skills before entry into the clinical setting. If these skills are not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the clinical instructor following contract and remediation, this will result in clinical failure and the student will be required to drop the course.

The clinical instructor will evaluate clinical experiences using the clinical evaluation tool. The student is responsible for being familiar with the content of the tool and the scoring criteria. This tool and criteria are the mechanism for assigning the clinical grade. Failure to attain a passing grade in the clinical section of this course constitutes a full course failure. A score of 0 in any of the critical behaviors during the clinical experience will result in automatic failure in the clinical component of the course.

Professional Liability Insurance/CPR/ Required Immunizations

Students are responsible for providing proof of coverage, certification, and immunizations prior to hospital experience and maintaining Castle Branch records. The students will not be allowed to attend clinical if they are not in compliance with Castle Branch. The immunization policy can be found in the Student Policies and Procedures on the UT Tyler SON website.

Clinical Injuries

Hospitals and other health facilities do **NOT** cover any medical expenses as a result of accident or injury; thus, each student is responsible for any medical or hospitalization charges that occur.

Skills Check-off

Students should study the skills outlined prior to coming to the skill lab. The student should be able to perform the skill **without coaching** prior to asking for faculty evaluation. Evaluation of laboratory skills is by means of a return demonstration. Skills checkoffs will be performed in the skills lab and the clinical area.

Concept Map Requirements

Students will be required to complete a minimum of ONE or TWO passing concept map(s) per faculty requirements.

This assignment is PASS/FAIL, but the cumulative percentage earned must be a passing grade and approved by the faculty.

The concept map grading rubric can be found under your CLINICAL DOCUMENTS tab in Canvas.

Student Dress Code for the School of Nursing

It is the student's responsibility to know and follow the dress code during all clinical experiences on and off campus. The dress code can be found on the UT Tyler website under the School of Nursing's Student Policies and Procedures.

Expectations of Students in Nursing Competencies

Unsafe Clinical Practice

Any act of omission or commission that may result in harm to the patient, is considered unsafe clinical practice. During the clinical practicum, unsafe clinical practice includes but is defined as any one of the following:

When the student:

- Violates or threatens the physical, psychological, microbiological, chemical, or thermal safety of the patient.
- Violates previously mastered principles/learning/objectives in carrying out nursing care skills and/or delegated medical functions.
- Assumes inappropriate independence in action or decisions.
- Does not adhere to current CDC guidelines for Infection Control.
- Fails to recognize own limitations, incompetence, and/or legal responsibilities.
- Fails to accept moral and legal responsibility for his/her actions, thereby violating professional integrity as expressed in the Code for Nurses.
- Arrives at clinical setting in an impaired condition as determined by the clinical instructor.

Failure to comply with any of the above requirements may result in an unexcused clinical and/or negative clinical evaluation.