



South Central College

NURS 2450 Semester 3 Clinical Practice

Course Outcome Summary

Course Information

Description This course will focus on the client with specialized needs across the lifespan. Students will have the opportunity to explore the wonder of human gestation from conception to post-partum care of the newborn and mother. Pediatric nursing will be experienced in the clinical and simulation setting where theories of growth and development will be foundational in designing patient care. Family-centered care will be examined as the context of client development, response to illness and health promotion. External systems such as culture and religion will be considered as influencing client health and illness. Students will provide care for the client with complex multiple needs in the clinical setting. Concepts of mental health and illness will be explored in the clinical and simulation setting. Students will have the opportunity to observe, experience, and design nursing care for the hospitalized and community client with mental health needs. This course will also cover the characteristics of hazardous wastes and its safe handling, storage, and disposal. (Prerequisites: Successfully complete all Semester 2 Courses in order to advance to Semester 3 Courses)

Total Credits 4

Total Hours 128

Types of Instruction

Instruction Type	Credits/Hours
Laboratory/Clinical	4/128

Pre/Corequisites

Successfully complete all Semester 2 Courses in order to advance to Semester 3 Courses

Institutional Core Competencies

Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility - Students will be able to demonstrate the ability to engage in the social responsibilities expected of a community member.

Communication - Students will be able to demonstrate appropriate and effective interactions with others to achieve their personal, academic, and professional objectives.

Critical and Creative Thinking - Students will be able to demonstrate purposeful thinking with the goal of using a creative process for developing and building upon ideas and/or the goal of using a critical process for the analyzing and evaluating of ideas.

Cultural Competence - Students will be able to demonstrate an attitude of personal curiosity, a rising knowledge of cultures, and an evolving range of skills for living and working among others with other worldviews and ways of life.

Course Competencies

1. Choose culturally competent care in the clinical setting.

Learning Objectives

Provide client-centered care across the lifespan with sensitivity and respect for the diversity of human experience. Determine client/family values, preferences and expressed needs as part of clinical interview in a variety of settings (ex. obstetrics, pediatrics, and mental health).

Use critical thinking skills to implement and evaluate client cares in a variety of settings (ex. obstetrics, pediatrics, and mental health).

2. Apply clinical reasoning based on evidence based practice for specialty populations.

Learning Objectives

Assemble client care plans, across the lifespan, utilizing the nursing process.

Design patient-care interventions utilizing critical thinking, evidence based practice, nursing theory, and the nursing process in specialty areas.

3. Demonstrate assessments for specialty populations.

Learning Objectives

Create nursing care plans that address safety concerns for individual clients and families.

Perform a comprehensive physical and psycho-social health history gathering all relevant subjective and objective data, integrating cultural, spiritual, and social considerations, and the patient's perspective in the maternal/child and mental health settings.

4. Determine priority nursing interventions for clients and families with multiple needs.

Learning Objectives

Determine nursing interventions based on client-identified goals.

Give rationale for prioritization of assessments, nursing interventions, and evaluation of client responses in the maternal/child and mental health settings.

5. Demonstrate therapeutic communication techniques in different health care settings.

Learning Objectives

Apply principles of therapeutic communication to promote a positive client-nurse relationship.

Develop rapport and a compassionate therapeutic relationship with clients and families in the maternal/child and mental health settings.

6. Distinguish medication safety in different health care settings.

Learning Objectives

Explain correct knowledge related to medications, administration, potential adverse effects, IV compatibility, and nursing considerations (ex. psychotropic medications in mental health).

Demonstrate correct procedure for the administration of medication in the clinical setting (ex. vaccinations for pediatric populations).

7. Determine quality improvement measures to promote and maintain health and safety.

Learning Objectives

Assess safety concerns for clients in clinical setting.

Predict guidance to preserve safety in the maternal newborn, pediatric, and mental health clients.

Identify evidence based practices for health promotion for maternal newborn, pediatric, and mental health clients in different care settings (ex. well child visits or behavioral therapy).

8. Distinguish legal and ethical implications and professionalism when caring for clients in specialty populations.

Learning Objectives

Anticipate ethical and legal challenges that could occur when working with vulnerable clients in specialty care

settings (ex. viability of life based on gestational age).
Develop behavior that reflects integrity, responsibility and quality patient care.

9. Use open communication, mutual respect, and shared decision-making with interdisciplinary team members in the specialty care setting.

Learning Objectives

Apply principles of therapeutic communication to promote positive relationships with other team members in specialty care settings.

Demonstrate therapeutic communication techniques during pediatric client interactions.

Demonstrate therapeutic communication techniques for clients with mental health concerns.

10. Demonstrate health record management through electronic medical record systems.

Learning Objectives

Interpret and record assessment data based on client needs in specialty populations while maintaining confidentiality.

Recognize importance of data retrieval in the maternal/child and mental health settings (ex. prenatal visits or past behavioral therapies).

11. Demonstrate patient teaching when working with clients and families in specialty populations.

Learning Objectives

Incorporate growth and development theory concepts in developing a plan of care, for specialty populations.

Identify client's priority learning needs, behavioral needs, and health literacy needs to identify client education goals for specialty population.

12. Differentiate the role and responsibilities of the registered nurse in leadership in specialty populations.

Learning Objectives

Identify leadership skills needed in the maternal/child and mental health settings.

Give rationale for prioritization of care in maternal/child and mental health settings.

SCC Accessibility Statement

South Central College strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you have a disability and need accommodations for access to this class, contact the Academic Support Center to request and discuss accommodations. North Mankato: Room B-132, (507) 389-7222; Faribault: Room A-116, (507) 332-7222.

Additional information and forms can be found at: www.southcentral.edu/disability

This material can be made available in alternative formats by contacting the Academic Support Center at 507-389-7222.

Academic Honesty- Nursing

Nursing - Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is a core principle of learning and scholarship. When you violate this principle, you cheat yourself of the confidence that comes from knowing you have mastered the targeted skills and knowledge. You also hurt all members of the learning community by falsely presenting yourself as having command of competencies with which you are credited, thus degrading the credibility of the college, the program, and your fellow learners who hold the same credential.

All members of the learning community share an interest in protecting the value, integrity, and credibility of the outcomes of this learning experience. We also have the responsibility to censor behaviors that interfere with this

effort. The following behaviors will be subject to disciplinary action:

Plagiarism - presenting someone else's words, ideas, or data as your own work.

Fabrication - using invented information or the falsifying research or other findings.

Cheating - misleading others to believe you have mastered competencies or other learning outcomes that you have not mastered. Examples include, but are not limited to:

1. Copying from another learner's work.
2. Allowing another learner to copy from your work.
3. Using resource materials or information to complete an assessment without permission from your instructor.
4. Collaborating on an assessment (graded assignment or test) without permission from the instructor.
5. Taking a test for someone else or permitting someone else to take a test for you.

Academic Misconduct - other academically dishonest acts such as tampering with grades, taking part in obtaining or distributing any part of an assessment, or selling or buying products such as papers, research, projects or other artifacts that document achievement of learning outcomes.

Desire to Learn or D2L- Nursing

Nursing - Desire to Learn or D2L

Students are expected to know how to access and use the D2L site for this course. This includes but is not limited to the drop box, discussions, e-mail functions, and grade book. Communication will occur through this route. You are to check D2L several times each week to read announcements and requirements.

SCC Email- Nursing

Nursing - SCC Email

Students are responsible for checking their South Central College email. If instructors need to contact students that is how we will do it. We cannot use other e-mail addresses for privacy reasons. If there is another email that you check more often, arrange for SCC messages to be forwarded to that email account.

Communication- Nursing

Positive, direct and timely communication is expected.

Use of messaging by e-mail is encouraged.

Only southcentral.edu e-mail addresses will be used.

E-mail will be answered as timely as possible. No response should be expected until the following day if message is received after 6pm.

E-mail will not be routinely responded to over the weekend.

E-mail received Friday after 3pm has no guarantee of response until Monday, after class.

Instructor is known to be on the computer after 8pm, do not assume communication will be guaranteed.

E-mail etiquette is expected. The following rules should be utilized:

Include a brief entry in the Subject line.

In the Subject line, include either "response requested" or "no response needed".

Never send a message when angry or emotionally upset.

Re-read the message before sending to make sure content is appropriate and professional.

E-mail messages will be returned with "Inappropriate message" in the Subject line when the above is not followed.

Include your first and last name when signing off.

Teacher Expectations of Students- Nursing

Nursing - Teacher Expectations of Students

1. It is expected that you attend all clinical hours; you will contribute to pre/post clinical activities.
2. Due to illness or family death you are to contact the instructor ASAP prior to the clinical. As outlined above, an alternate assignment may be available but the clinical time cannot be made up.
3. You will come to clinical early enough to be completely ready to begin at the scheduled time. It is your responsibility to be prepared for clinical experiences in terms of proficient knowledge specific to the clinical site and goals of the experience.

Student Contributions and Professionalism- Nursing

Nursing - Student Contributions and Professionalism

1. Actively participate in clinical activities and discussions.
2. Identify and work with clinical partner(s) when assigned.
3. Complete preparatory paperwork and research prior to assigned clinical.
4. Complete and submit assignments and projects on time.
5. Utilize D2L for course information, forms and materials, grades, etc.
6. Spend at least two (2) hours preparing for each clinical, and completing paperwork each week.
7. Submit all written work neat and professional in appearance with accurate spelling and grammar.
8. Each student is to act in a professional manner. Refer to the Student Professional Expectation Guideline in the Nursing Handbook. <http://www.southcentral.edu/nursing/nursing-handbook.html>

Attendance- Nursing Lab

Nursing Attendance – lab courses

There is a strong correlation between classroom attendance and the learning process. Attendance is crucial. Important course materials will be presented every day and students are expected to attend all scheduled classes. It is understood that some days you cannot attend class. Absences must be phoned in to the instructor and follow up done according to program guidelines. Failure to notify the instructor prior to the class session may result in the subtraction of five points per absence from the student's total points earned. It is the student's responsibility to obtain assignments, class notes, and other information regarding classes missed from other students in the class. (This includes announcements of test dates and project completion dates.) It is not your instructor's responsibility to inform you of what you missed in class.

Class will start promptly on the hour and arriving late to class is disruptive and disrespectful. If attendance has already been taken, it is your responsibility to check with the instructor after class to make corrections on the attendance roster.

Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated in class. Children are not permitted in class. *Cell phones, pagers, etc. must be placed in silent mode and not accessed during class.* The instructor reserves the right to request your departure from class if your behavior is disruptive to the classroom. Please review the information related to academic standards in your South Central College Student Handbook and your Nursing Handbook.

Exposure to Hazardous Materials- Nursing

Exposure to Hazardous Materials

In this course you will be exposed to biohazard waste during your clinical experience. Students are required to participate in facility Blood Borne Pathogen training during orientation and to follow all facility policies and procedures regarding handling and exposure to biohazard waste.

Skills (Labs only)- Nursing

Nursing - Skills (Labs only)

The skills must be passed by a minimum score of 80% or pass/fail as assigned. If the skill is not successfully passed on the first attempt, the student does have a second opportunity to attempt the skills. If the skill has points attached to it the highest score possible on the second attempt is 80%. However, if the student does not pass the skill on the second attempt, whether points are assigned or it is a pass/fail, they will fail this course. This will require that the student withdraw from the course or receive a failing grade.

MATH TEST POLICY FROM THE NURSING HANDBOOK- Nursing

Nursing - MATH TEST POLICY FROM THE NURSING HANDBOOK:

Math Competency (*Updated 8/2011*): Math competency and the ability to apply mathematical concepts appropriately and consistently in the patient setting is of vital importance in nursing. The primary purpose of administering medications is to improve therapeutic outcomes and quality of life for patients. Failure to accurately calculate and administer the right dose of a patient's medication may lead to serious and life-threatening consequences, not to mention potential disciplinary and legal ramifications for the nurse.

In order to ensure that students are adequately prepared to administer medication safely, math content will be incorporated throughout the curriculum. Faculty will work with students each semester on math concepts, providing opportunities for instruction and learning. Criteria are as follows:

NURS 1275:

1. Course content includes medication administration and dosage calculations.
2. Students must successfully complete course in order to progress into the clinical course (NURS 1150).

NURS 1350:

1. Course content includes math competence and safe medication administration in the clinical setting, intervention, and critical thinking.
2. Students will be given a math comprehension & retention assessment during orientation (week 1) to identify knowledge gaps prior to beginning the clinical.
3. Students who do not achieve a score of 90% on the assessment will be required to have a remediation plan in place and re-take a second assessment during week 4-6.
4. A score of 90% must be achieved on the second assessment or the student will fail the course (students may have the option to withdraw) and the student will need to withdraw from NURS 1350. Students who do not withdraw from the courses will receive a course grade of "F" and will be subject to the repeat policy of the Nursing Program.

NURS 2275:

1. Course content includes medication administration and dosage calculations.
2. Students must achieve a score of 90% on the math test, which will be given 2-3 weeks prior to starting clinical (NURS 2250).
3. Students who do not achieve a score of 90% on the first math test will have 2 weeks to remediate and take the second and final test.
4. A score of 90% must be achieved or the student will fail the course (students may have the option to withdraw) and the student will need to withdraw from NURS 2250. Students who do not withdraw from the courses will receive a course grade of "F" and will be subject to the repeat policy of the Nursing

Program.

NURS 2375:

1. Course content includes math competence, intervention, and critical thinking.
2. Students must achieve a score of 90% on the math test, which will be given 2-3 weeks prior to starting clinical (NURS 2350).
3. Students who do not achieve a score of 90% on the first math test will have 2 weeks to remediate and take the second and final test.
4. A score of 90% must be achieved or the student will fail the course (students may have the option to withdraw) and the student will need to withdraw from NURS 2350. Students who do not withdraw from the courses will receive a course grade of "F" and will be subject to the repeat policy of the Nursing Program.

NURS 2450 and 2550:

1. Math content will be evaluated as part of the course grade, as determined appropriate by the faculty.
2. No course specific math tests will be given.
3. Students who demonstrate a persistent inability to correctly calculate medication dosages in the clinical setting may be placed on a student learning contract with individualized learning objectives to ensure safe practice.

Course Evaluation- Nursing

Nursing - Course Evaluation

Course evaluation will be based on computer examinations, class assignments, participation, rubric expectations, and D2L requirements.

Instructor reserves the right to change evaluation tools and outlines in D2L used for grading.

Grading will be based on percentage of the total points possible.

Students will be given advanced notice of dates for exams and assignments.

Unscheduled quizzes and/or activities may be introduced at any time during the semester.

It is the student's responsibility to keep track of point postings in D2L.

Grading Scale- Nursing

Nursing - Grading Scale

All grading will be based on a percentage of the total points possible (points earned by the student, divided by total

points possible). Percentages will not be rounded up. The grade percentage will be translated to a letter grade on the following scale: A =100 %- 94%, B = 93%- 87%; C = 86%- 80%; 79% or below = F.

The D2L Course Gradebook automatically calculates total earned points/percentages for midterm and final grades. In order for this course to meet the program requirements for nursing a final grade point average of 80% or greater must be achieved in order to pass this course. Students are responsible for keeping a record of their total points earned and percentages so they will be aware of their academic standing.

Late or Missed Assignments- Nursing

Nursing - Late or Missed Assignments

Late papers and/or assignments will result in **five percent (5%)** of the total points being deducted for each day that the paper/assignment is late (weekend included). Submitting assignments late in the D2L Dropbox may require contacting the instructor first to re-open the Dropbox for submissions, or submission via e-mail. -Students should retain a copy of the paper/assignment for their records.

There may be unscheduled quizzes or classroom activities which provide the opportunity to earn points. If you are not present in class (and have not contacted the instructor prior to the start of class) there will not be any make up offered. Any extra credit points will only affect the student's points earned when the student's overall percentage at the end of the course is 80% or above.

Late or Missed Exams- Nursing

Nursing - Late or Missed Exams

If a student is absent on the date of the scheduled exam, the student may make up the exam; however, the student will automatically lose **five percent (5%)** of the total earned points possible. The makeup exam will be administered on make-up days determined by the instructor. The make-up days will be scheduled at midterm and the week of finals. Any exam missed prior to midterm must be made up on the make-up day at midterm. Any exam missed after midterm must be made up on the make-up day during the week of finals. If the make-up exam is not completed on the assigned day it will result in zero points for that particular exam. It is the responsibility of the student to inquire what score was earned on the make-up exam (a few days after taking the exam).

Withdrawing from the Course- Nursing

Nursing - Withdrawing from the Course

A student may withdraw from the course until the 60th day of the term or until 75% of the course has been held and will be shown as a "W" on the student's transcript. After that point, withdrawals will not be allowed and students will be graded according to their performance.

It is the student's responsibility for completing the withdrawal form and turning it in to the Registration Office by the date specified in the student handbook. For a full refund, a student must withdraw from a course within the first 5

days of the semester. See the student handbook for specifics on the refund policy

SCC Handbooks- Nursing

Nursing - SCC Handbooks

Refer to the information and policies in the current SCC Catalog and Nursing Handbooks. You are a member of our SCC learning community and are responsible for knowing and following these requirements. The Nursing Handbook can be found at <http://southcentral.edu/nursing/nursing-handbook.html> , SCC College policies are at <http://southcentral.edu/academic-policies/academic-dishonesty.html>

Student Feedback- Nursing

Nursing - Student Feedback

Students are encouraged to give feedback that will serve to improve the nursing curriculum. Feedback must be given in a constructive manner and a possible solution or resolution must be offered.

1. Discuss issue with current instructor offering a possible solution
2. Call or e-mail your instructor to schedule a date and time for meeting
3. Present possible solution and feedback to nursing faculty in writing before scheduled meeting
4. Present possible solution and feedback to nursing faculty verbally at appointed meeting.
5. Work with your student representative to provide constructive feedback to the nursing faculty at faculty meetings.

Campus Closing- Nursing

Nursing - Campus Closings

If it is determined by the college administration or the governor that emergency conditions have developed which change the college's normal operating times, an announcement will be made via radio and television broadcasts over the following stations: KTOE (AM 1230), KEEZ (FM 99.1), KXLP (FM 93), KNUJ (AM 860), KDOG (FM 96.7), KSTP (channel 5), KEYC-TV (channel 12), KDHL (AM 920), KQLC (FM 95.9), and WCCO (AM 830). Please note that the closing may be specific to facility, South Central College - North Mankato or Faribault.

We recommend that you register for the Star Alert system so you will know if the college closes. Directions can be found at <http://southcentral.edu/campus-security/star-alert.html>

In an emergency, Star Alert will send a text message to the cell number(s) and/or e-mail address(es) you provide. Notifications identified as "Star Alert" messages will note the nature of the emergency, what action, if any, you are to take, and where to find more information. Star Alert also will let you know if campus is closed or if classes are delayed

or cancelled.