

Online Course

**Course Syllabus Intro to Nursing**

COURSE: RNSG 1209 (2:2:0) Introduction to Nursing  
SEMESTER: Summer 2021  
CLASS DAYS: All online - See course calendar  
CLASS TIMES: All online – See course calendar  
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**GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION**

\*It is the responsibility of each student to be familiar with the content and requirements listed in the course syllabus.\*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course provides an overview of nursing and the role of the professional nurse as a provider of patient centered care, member of the health care team, patient safety advocate, coordinator of care, and member of a profession. Topics include: nursing history, knowledge, judgment, theory, research, inter-professional roles, skills, and professional values with a legal/ethical framework. The course provides an introduction to professional writing utilizing American Psychological Association (APA) format.

This course is an online course meaning Blackboard will be utilized predominantly for content and communication. The student is expected to check the Blackboard course frequently to check for new messages, access content, get assignment postings, take exams, and view changes to the calendar, schedule or content should this become necessary.

If you are having difficulty accessing or using any components of Blackboard please use the following contact information. If you need Instructional Technology support please make sure you contact the South Plains College Help Desk. For an email address that reaches everyone in the Instructional Technology department, please use [blackboard@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:blackboard@southplainscollege.edu).

## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the completion of the semester students will:
1. Analyze the relationship between historical and contemporary events and the development of nursing.
2. Describe ethical and legal concepts relevant to the practice of professional nursing.
3. Evaluate the role of the nurse as a member of the interdisciplinary team.
4. Discuss the importance of key concepts in nursing including: philosophy in nursing education, research, and practice nursing theory, caring, and holism.
5. Identify the importance of professional writing, scholarship, and membership to professional nursing associations.
6. Discuss the nursing role as a patient advocate.

## EVALUATION METHODS

Teaching methods: module instruction, power point presentations, discussion board forums

Evaluation methods: individual assignments, exams

Web based: exams, and assignment submissions

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

**Cheating** - Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in the office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of coursework. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.

**Plagiarism** - Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.

## BLACKBOARD

Blackboard is an e-Education platform designed to enable educational innovations everywhere by connecting people and technology. This educational tool will be used in this course throughout the semester.

## SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION

### TEXT AND MATERIALS

Black, B. P. (2017). *Professional nursing: Concepts & challenges* (8<sup>th</sup> ed.). Maryland Heights, MO: Saunders Elsevier.

### ATTENDANCE POLICY (\*READ CAREFULLY)

#### Course Attendance

Students who enroll in a course but have “Never Attended” by the official census date, as reported by the logging into Blackboard, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who never attends and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of “X” or “F” as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student’s responsibility to be aware of that policy. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

([http://catalog.southplainscollege.edu/content.php?catoid=47&navoid=1229#Class\\_Attendance](http://catalog.southplainscollege.edu/content.php?catoid=47&navoid=1229#Class_Attendance))

### ASSIGNMENT POLICY

All assignments must be completed by the assigned due date. Your final project can have one late day for the project and one late day for the discussion that is tied to the final project. However, the final project must be submitted to the discussion board and to the project assignment tab and you must respond to peers about their topic as well, if submitted late it will be a 10% deduction and if more than 24 hours late it will not be accepted and a grade of zero will be recorded. Discussions and exams, missed due to an unexcused absence may not be made up. Assignments are due by the assigned dates and times in Central Standard Time (CST) on the class schedule. Students should contact faculty prior to the due date and time if they anticipate material will be late. Please note contacting faculty will not guarantee the receipt of an extension for the assignment. Please allow enough time for preparation and submission of each assignment prior to the scheduled due date. Due to the time constraints within this course, there are no allowances for extra credit assignments or resubmissions of an assignment. Please allow enough time for preparation and submission of each assignment prior to the scheduled due date.

### EXAMS:

Student will be required to complete four exams listed on the class schedule, each worth 50 points for a total of 200 points of the final course grade. These are not long exams at 50 questions on each unit exam. You select the time on the scheduled day but **it must be completed between 0800 and 2359** on the day it is assigned. The student will receive 1 minute per question to complete the exam. Exams are located under the Exam tab in Blackboard. Examinations will be open-book and taken from the student’s home or preferred location and are due to be completed by the dates listed on the class schedule. These exams are not to be done in groups, but individually. Once entered the student must finish the exam in one setting; if a student exits the exam it will automatically submit. It is the student’s responsibility to notify the facilitator if technical difficulty occurs during the examination immediately through SPC email or via text messaging. **Without proper notification within 24 hours of exam completion, access will not be granted and possible questions missed will not be reviewed.** Any exam not completed during the assigned time frame will receive a zero. During the exam NEVER click the Back, Forward, or the Refresh buttons. Let the screen resolve when saving an answer before clicking next. Exam reviews are not permitted. **There are no “dropped” grades or extra credit assignments in this course.**

### **Policy on Exam Administration:**

Exams will be administered according to the schedule set by the course facilitator documented in the course syllabus. Any changes to the exam schedule will be at the discretion of the course facilitator.

To better prepare the student for the licensure exam testing format, unit, and comprehensive exams will be administered as follows:

- Questions will be given to the student one at a time.
- The student must answer and save the answer before going to the next question.
- The student will not be allowed to return to previous questions.
- Any question not saved by the student will be marked wrong.

### **DISCUSSION BOARD FORUMS:**

Students will be required to complete four discussion board forums plus the discussion board tied to the final project all accounting for of the final course grade. The forums have a due date for your initial response and the responses to your peers and are due by the dates listed on the class schedule in the syllabus. Failure to complete the discussion board by the due dates will result in a zero. There are no makeups or extensions for discussion boards as this is an interactive assignment with peers and must be completed during the assigned time frame. It is the student's responsibility to locate the discussion forum in blackboard; if a student is unable to view the forum the student should notify the course facilitator on the first day of the forum and notify information technology. You will not see your peer postings until you have posted your initial prompt. Follow all instructions for successful completion of discussion boards.

### **FINAL PROJECT PRESENTATION:**

Each student will complete a final project that the student selects from a list of topics accounting for **400 POINTS** of the final course grade. This is an individual project and each student will complete their own power point presentation project. Students will be given a selection of topics later in the course. There is a discussion board tied to the presentation. The presentation and peer responses are due by the dates listed on the class schedule.

**Failure to upload the final project to both the discussion board and to the assignment link will result in a 10-point deduction each day late up to 3 days. After three days, the student will receive a zero for the assignment.**

### **GRADING POLICY**

The grade for this course will be determined upon completion of the following components:

Exams (4) each worth 50 points	200 points
Discussion Board Forums 4 Discussion Boards each worth 100 points	400 points
Final Project with Discussion Board #5	400 points
Course Total	1000 points

Course grades are based on the following scale and there is no rounding of grades:

A= 90-100%	=	900 -1000 points
B= 80-89.99%	=	800 - 899 points
C= 70-79.99%	=	700 –799 points
D= 60-69.99%	=	600 –699 points
F= below 60%	=	0 – 599 points

## **CIVILITY**

While there are no classroom meetings for this course, students are expected to demonstrate respect and civility towards faculty and other students in an online environment. Students are expected to assist in maintaining a virtual classroom environment that is conducive to learning. In order to assure all students have the opportunity to gain information from the learning environment; students are prohibited from engaging in any form of distraction, disrespect, inappropriate language or behavior in online interactions. Inappropriate behavior in the virtual classroom will be dealt with by the course faculty on an individual basis. **Please use the faculty email as the primary source of communication.** There are no office hours for this course.

## **CAMPUS CARRY**

Campus Concealed Carry - Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to the SPC policy at:

([http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human\\_resources/policy\\_procedure/hhc.php](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human_resources/policy_procedure/hhc.php))

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses.

Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

## **STUDENT CONDUCT**

Rules and regulations relating to the students at South Plains College are made with the view of protecting the best interests of the individual, the general welfare of the entire student body and the educational objectives of the college. As in any segment of society, a college community must be guided by standards that are stringent enough to prevent disorder, yet moderate enough to provide an atmosphere conducive to intellectual and personal development.

A high standard of conduct is expected of all students. When a student enrolls at South Plains College, it is assumed that the student accepts the obligations of performance and behavior imposed by the college relevant to its lawful missions, processes and functions. Obedience to the law, respect for properly constituted authority, personal honor, integrity and common sense guide the actions of each member of the college community both in and out of the classroom.

Students are subject to federal, state and local laws, as well as South Plains College rules and regulations. A student is not entitled to greater immunities or privileges before the law than those enjoyed by other citizens. Students are subject to such reasonable disciplinary action as the administration of the college may consider appropriate, including suspension and expulsion in appropriate cases for breach of federal, state or local laws, or college rules and regulations. This principle extends to conduct off-campus which is likely to have adverse effects on the college or on the educational process which identifies the offender as an unfit associate for fellow students. Any student who fails to perform according to expected standards may be asked to withdraw.

Rules and regulations regarding student conduct appear in the current Student Guide.

## **HEALTH AND WELLNESS PLAN**

The Return to Campus Plan is a living document that is subject to change. Revisions to a specific section will be noted in the title of the section and updated in the Table of Contents, on the cover page and with notations at the end of the document. The most recent version will be posted on the SPC COVID-19 Resource page

(<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/emergency/covid19-faq.php>). Historical copies of the plan are available from the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

### DISABILITIES STATEMENT

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland Student Health & Wellness Center 806-716-2577, Reese Center (also covers ATC) Building 8: 806-716-4675, Plainview Center Main Office: 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611, or the Health and Wellness main number at 806-716-2529.

### PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS STATEMENT

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact Crystal Gilster, Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email [cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

### COURSE SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Required Readings, DB, Exams
Week 1 June 1, 2021	Nursing in Today's Evolving Health Care Environment  The History and Social Context of Nursing  Nursing's Pathway to Professionalism  Health Care in the United States	Black: Read Chapters 1, 2, 3, 14  <b>Review syllabus – complete syllabus acknowledgment and upload to Blackboard with signature and date. Make sure you do not upload a blank document. Always review your submissions to Blackboard.</b>  <b>Review Doc Sharing Blog documents to help you with APA formatting.</b>  <b>DB Forum <u>Student Introductions</u> – you must write a short paragraph about yourself and respond to at least three peers in the class with more than one sentence. <u>Due 6/4/21</u></b>

Week 2 June 7, 2021	<b><u>DB Forum # 1 Initial Post Due 6/9/21 @ 2359 and student peer responses due 6/11/21 @ 2359</u></b>	
Week 3, June 14, 2021		<b>Exam 1</b>  <b>Opens on 6/18/21 at 0800 and due by 6/18/21 @ 2359</b> <b>(Covers Chapters 1, 2, 3, &amp; 14)</b>
Week 4 June 21, 2021	Nursing Education in an Evolving Health Care Environment  Becoming a Professional Nurse: Defining Nursing and Socialization into Practice  Communication and Collaboration in Professional Nursing  Nurses, Patients, and Families: Caring at the Intersection of Health, Illness, and Culture	Black: Chapters 4, 5, 12, 13
Week 5 June 28, 2021	<b><u>DB Forum # 2 Initial Post Due 6/23/21 @ 2359 and Student Peer Responses Due 6/25/21 @ 2359</u></b>	<b>Exam 2</b>  <b>Opens on 6/25/21 @ 0800 and due 6/25/21 by 2359</b> <b>(Covers Chapters 4, 5, 12, &amp; 13)</b>
Week 6 July 5, 2021	Nursing as a Regulated Practice: Legal Issues  Ethics: Basic Concepts for Professional Nursing Practice  Conceptual and Philosophical Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice  Nursing's Challenge: To Continue to Evolve	Black: Chapter 6, 7, 8, 16  <b>Final Project topics posted for student selection 7/5/21</b>
Week 7 July 12 2021	<b><u>DB Forum #3 Initial Post Due 7/14/21 @ 2359 and Student Peer Responses due 7/16/21 @ 2359</u></b>	<b>Exam 3</b>  <b>Opens @ 0800 on 7/16/21 and due 7/16/21 and due by 2359</b> <b>(Covers Chapters 6, 7, 8, &amp; 16)</b>

<p>Week 8 July 19, 2021</p>	<p>Nursing Theory: The Basis for Professional Nursing</p> <p>The Science of Nursing and Evidence-Based Practice</p> <p>Political Activism in Nursing: Communities, Organizations, and Government</p> <p>Developing Nursing Judgment through Critical Thinking</p> <p><b>DB Forum #4 <u>Initial Post Due 7/19/21 @ 2359</u> and <u>Student Peer Responses due 7/23/21 @ 2359</u></b></p>	<p>Black: Chapter 9, 10, 1, 15</p>
<p>Week 9 July 26, 2021</p>	<p><b>Project gets posted to DB as well as project assignment tab. <u>Due no later than 7/30/21 @ 2359</u></b></p>	
<p>Week 10 August 2, 2021</p>	<p><b>Project Student Peer Responses to project are <u>due no later than 8/2/21 @ 2359.</u></b></p>	
<p>August 6, 2021</p>	<p>Last Day - Your final exam is not comprehensive</p>	<p><b>Exam 4</b></p> <p><b>Opens @ 0800 8/6/21 and due by 8/6/21 by 2359</b> <b>(Covers Chapters 9, 10, 11, &amp; 15)</b></p>