

**Course Syllabus**

COURSE: RNSG 1413 (4:4:4) Foundation for Nursing Practice  
 SEMESTER: Fall 2023  
 CLASS DAYS: See course calendar  
 CLASS TIMES: See course calendar  
 FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/SPCNursing17/>

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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. \*

**COVID-19**

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or get tested for COVID-19.

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or 806-716-2376

1. SPC will follow the recommended 5-day isolation period for individuals that test positive.
  - a. **Please note that day 0 is the date of positive test. Day 1 begins the first full day after the date of positive result.**
2. COVID reporting
  - a. Please have students and employees notify DeEtte Edens if they have tested positive to verify dates before returning to class or work.
  - b. The home tests are sufficient but students need to submit a photo of the positive result. The date of test must be written on the test result and an ID included in the photo. If tested elsewhere (clinic, pharmacy, etc.), please submit a copy of the doctor's note or email notification. Results may be emailed to DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu).
  - c. A student is clear to return to class without further assessment if they have completed: The 5-day isolation period, symptoms have improved and they are afebrile for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
3. Please instruct students and employees to communicate with DeEtte Edens prior to their return date if still symptomatic at the end of the 5-day isolation.
4. Exposed individuals will not be required to quarantine. If exposed, SPC does request individuals closely monitor themselves. If an individual does become symptomatic, please do not attend class or work and be tested.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Introduction to the role of the professional nurse as provider of patient-centered care, patient safety advocate, member of the health care team, and member of the profession. Content includes fundamental concepts in normal body systems, basic influences/changes in the body systems, implementation of basic concepts in nursing practice, history of professional nursing, and utilizing the nursing process in a systematic framework for decision-making and critical thinking. Emphasis is on knowledge, judgement, skills and professional values within a legal/ethical framework.

The course is designed to provide the learner with the basic knowledge and skills necessary to function within the four roles of nursing in compliance with the January 2021 Texas BON Differentiated Essential Competencies (DEC) which include member of the profession, provider of patient centered care, patient safety advocate and member of the health care team. Refer to the student handbook for a complete list of the DECS.

RNSG 1413 involves the development of basic nursing principles essential in caring for the individual who is influenced by genetic inheritance, life experiences and cultural background and is part of a larger community.

The student will develop observational and communication skills. Emphasis is placed on the unifying concepts of basic human needs, roles of the nurse, and professional nursing practice. The focus is on the client in a state of homeostasis with attention to interruptions, caused by common stressors that prevent need attainment.

Prerequisites: Biology 2401 & 2402, and English 1301. Concurrent enrollment: RNSG 1413, RNSG 1205, RNSG 1160, and RNSG 1201 required. Failure of RNSG 1413, 1160, 1205, and/or 1201 will require student to repeat all Level I Semester I courses concurrently.

## **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

At the completion of the semester students will:
1. Identify the purpose of nurse practice acts, standards for nursing practice, and guidelines for professional practice.
2. Develop an understanding of nursing practice with a focus on basic concepts and nursing skills.
3. Identify the role of the nurse in assisting patients in the management of the comfort, physiological, safety, and situational needs.
4. Understand the principles of therapeutic communication.
5. Utilize the nursing process within a structured setting with individual clients from diverse populations experiencing common, well defined, reoccurring alterations in health.
6. Understand guidelines for effective documentation meeting ethical and legal standards.
7. Describe pharmacological and non-pharmacological therapies used in patient care.
8. Utilize information technologies to retrieve information and accurately document patient care.
9. Identify safety and infection control procedures to protect patients and health care personnel.
10. Discuss nursing care of patients with integumentary and genitourinary disorders.
11. Understand the needs of patient's cultural, language, ethnic, or spiritual needs.
12. Understand basic concepts of nutrition and the role it plays in patients overall health.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES – COURSE OBJECTIVES** - SCANs (Secretary's Commission on Attaining Necessary Skills) Competencies foundations skills found within this course are (C1-4, C5-8, C9-11, C14, C-15, C-18-20, F1-6, F7-12, & F13-17) SPC ADN Graduate Outcomes: 1-5. DEC's (Differentiated Essential Competencies) as listed in the SPC Student Handbook.

### **EVALUATION METHODS**

Computer-based exams, written exams, written assignments, quizzes, and other projects as assigned. Teaching methods: lecture, scenarios, case studies, focus learning groups and possible Online learning: Zoom, Blackboard Collaborate and/or Microsoft Teams. This course will offer **face-to-face instruction** with online instruction provided to supplement and enhance learning. This course may take on a different format such as:

- I. Lecture online with lab components face-to-face
- II. Web Based: online assignments and/or submissions, blackboard, in class quizzes, pre/post lecture quizzes and assignments, interactive case studies, content mastery, virtual simulations, computerized testing, and other methods as necessary per instructor.

### **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. Any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines, websites such as: blogs, journals, or articles, other referenced works, from themes, reports, and/or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism. If there is any suspicion of work completed by Artificial Intelligence (A.I.), the student and their work may be questioned, and if proven that A.I. was used will be considered guilty of plagiarism.

**Professional Standards** - Students are expected to adhere to the professional standards set forth in the Associate Degree Nursing Program School of Nursing Student Handbook. It is the responsibility of the School of Nursing to teach and model professional behaviors, and it is the responsibility of the student to demonstrate professional and academic integrity. The students represent the School of Nursing and are expected to maintain the highest standards.

## **VERIFICATION OF WORKPLACE COMPETENCIES**

No external learning experiences are provided in this course but learning experiences in the lab provides the setting in which the student applies workplace competencies. Successful completion of the designated Semester X course outcomes will allow the student to continue to advance within the program. Successful completion of RNSG 1413 meets the requirements as stated in the Differentiated Essential Competencies of Graduates of Texas Nursing Program.

## **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.

## **FACEBOOK**

The nursing program has a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SPCNursing17/> In addition to the South Plains College website; this Facebook page will be used to keep students up to date on program activities, weather delays, South Plains College announcements and will help with program recruitment. "Liking" the South Plains College Nursing Facebook page is not mandatory, nor are personal Facebook accounts, in order to access this page.

## **SCANS AND FOUNDATION SKILLS**

Refer also to Course Objectives. Scans and Foundation Skills attached

## **SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION**

## **TEXT AND MATERIALS- You will use several of these materials throughout the program**

RNSG 1413 Fundamentals of Nursing/RNSG 1205 Skills/RNSG 1160 Clinical - Required Materials:

Online: ATI Resources

Books:

Taylor, C., Lynn, P., & Bartlett, J. (2022). *Fundamentals of Nursing: The art and science of person-centered nursing care* (10<sup>th</sup> ed.). Wolters Kluwer. **ISBN 9781975168179.**

Mann, Andrea. (2022). *Study Guide for Fundamentals of Nursing: The art and science of person-centered nursing care* (10<sup>th</sup> ed.). Wolters Kluwer. **ISBN 9781975168209. Need physical copy to write in for lectures.**

Carpenito, L. (2023). *Nursing diagnosis: Application to clinical practice.* (16<sup>th</sup> ed). Wolters Kluwer. **ISBN13: 978-1284197976**

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RNSG 1201 Pharmacology

Required Materials:

Online: ATI Resources

Books:

Frandsen, G, & Pennington, S. (current edition). *Abrams' Clinical Drug Therapy.* (12<sup>th</sup> ed). Wolters Kluwer. **ISBN: 9781975136130 \*\*\* Recommend hard back\*\*\***

Lynn, P. (2018). Lippincott Photo Atlas of Medication Administration. (6th ed). Wolters Kluwer. ISBN: 9781975121365

Ogden, S. & Fluharty, L. (2022). *Calculations of Drug Dosages* (12<sup>th</sup> ed). Mosby. **ISBN 978-0323826228**

Vallerand, A. & Sanoski, C. (18<sup>th</sup> ed.) *Davis Drug Guide for Nurses.* F.A. Davis. ISBN-ISBN-13: 9781719646406

Hinkle, J., Cheever, K., & Overbaugh, K. *Brunner and Suddarth's Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing* (15<sup>th</sup> ed). Wolters Kluwer. **ISBN/ISSN: 9781975161057**

## **ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM ITEMS**

Students should come to class prepared with pens, pencils, and a notebook for taking notes or completed quizzes or assignments in class. Power point lecture notes should be printed prior to lecture if desired. Students may use pen and paper or a laptop computer/tablet/iPad to take notes during lecture. Students will be issued a South Plains College iPads for student use. Do not leave needed course supplies, books, and/or equipment in your car. Additional supplies will be required for Skills, Pharmacology and Clinical course as listed in course syllabus.

## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

See course calendar for date, time, and location. Students will be responsible for all assignments and dates listed in the course calendar.

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY (\*READ CAREFULLY)**

Class Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus.

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first-class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have "Never Attended" by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus 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. It is the student's responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. 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))

The SPC ADNP policy must be followed. Refer to the SPC ADNP Nursing Student Handbook to review this policy. In addition, refer to the attendance policy found in the South Plains College Catalog. Punctual and regular class attendance, as stated in the SPC handbook, is required of all students attending South Plains College. According to SPC Student Handbook, there are no excused absences. The Instructor/course leader has the prerogative of dropping the student from the course for any absences.

## **ABSENCE**

Students are expected to attend all lab and lecture days. In the event of illness, it is the student's responsibility to notify his/her instructor. In RNSG 1413 the student can have no more than one (1) absence in RNSG 1413 to be successful in the course. **A student having two or more absences will be dropped from RNSG 1413.** The course leader may initiate the withdrawal of the student for absences. Reinstatement is handled on an individual basis. Attendance will be taken before every class. In the event of an emergency or school sponsored event and with proper instructor notification prior to class, an exception may be reviewed on a case by case basis. **It is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor via email if they are late or absent. Students are responsible for obtaining missing content.**

## **TARDIES**

Class starts at the designated time per course calendar, if the student enters the room after the classroom doors are closed, you are considered tardy. Two (2) tardies equals one (1) absence. In the event of an emergency or school sponsored event and with proper instructor notification prior to class, an exception may be reviewed on a case by case basis.

**DROPPING A CLASS** will be initiated by instructor.

If a student is not successful in one or more of the following courses: RNSG 1413 the instructor will meet with the student to discuss which class(es) will be dropped and which class(es) a grade will be assigned. (RNSG 1201, RNSG 1205, RNSG 1160)

### **Withdrawing from all classes**

If a student wishes to withdraw from all courses, they should initiate that process with the Advising Office. They can schedule an appointment with an advisor by visiting <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/admissionaid/advising/spcadvisors.php> or call 806-716-2366.

### **Schedule Change (after late registration and before census date)**

To make a schedule change after late registration and before the census date, students should submit a **Schedule Change Form**. After late registration, adding a class requires instructor approval. If a student is requesting to be added to one of your courses and you approve, please email [registrar@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:registrar@southplainscollege.edu) with your approval. This can take the place of signature on the Schedule Change Form that we have required in the past.

For additional information regarding schedule changes, drops and withdrawals, [click here](#).

If the student fails one of the following courses: RNSG 1413, RNSG 1205, RNSG 1201, or RNSG 1160 the instructor will initiate the drop for the courses that have not been completed. The student will receive grades in the course failed and any other courses the student has completed.

### **COMMUNICATION POLICY**

Electronic communication between instructor and students in this course will utilize the South Plains College “My SPC” and email systems. The instructor will not initiate communication using private email accounts. Students are encouraged to check SPC email/Blackboard email on a regular basis. Students will also have access to assignments, web-links, handouts, and other vital material which will be delivered via the classroom website. Any student having difficulty accessing the classroom website or their email should immediately contact their instructor for direction. The instructor will work with any student to ensure the student has access to a computer on campus and can obtain the needed class content that is located on the course website.

### **DRESS CODE**

- a. Classroom attire professional scrubs. South Plains College or TNSA T-shirts are allowed with scrub pants.
- b. **Full SPC Clinical Uniform** is required for recording sessions, demo/skills check offs, Simulation, and any remediation. See AND Student Handbook for Clinical Uniform.
- c. Students are required to meet all uniform criteria prior to entering the clinical site or building.
- d. Periodic uniform compliance checks will be conducted.
- e. Students are not allowed to have cell phones on their person during exams, skills practice, recording or live skill check off.

### **COMPUTER USAGE**

As computer technology in the field of health occupations continues to become more popular, computers will be used in this course for several assignments. All students have access to computers and printers on the South Plains College campus. Students will be expected to utilize computers to access assignments and classroom resources. An iPad will be checked out for student use for all Exams. All registered students are supplied with a working email account from South Plains College. In order to take exams, students must have their username and password. ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW THEIR SPC STUDENT USERNAME, PASSWORD, AND SPC STUDENT ID.

## COMPUTER LAB USAGE

The computer lab(s) on any campus may be used by students during scheduled open hours or as assigned by an instructor. Printer paper will not be provided for students to print materials but students may seek assistance from faculty or staff to request lab paper from the college if needed. Lack of computer lab paper is not an excuse for not having homework assignments, skills lab sheets, or any other required documents. Students should come prepared for class.

## IPAD

This iPad is the property of the college and should not have any personal information stored on it. The iPad may be requested to be produced by the student and is subject to review to ensure no personal information is on the iPad and that the iPad is being used as intended. The request may come at any time by any ADN faculty, Nursing director or IT personnel. The student assumes responsibility for loss or damage to issued IPAD.

## CELLPHONES

Cell phones are to be turned OFF or silenced during scheduled class periods. Text messaging is **not** allowed during scheduled class/lab times, this is distracting to your peers and your instructors. **Cell phones are not allowed on your person in clinical settings, skills lab or computer lab.** Cell phones are to be used outside of the classroom/lab only and on designated breaks. You will be asked to leave if you are on your cell phone during class. Students are not allowed to have cell phones on their person during exams or in the clinical setting.

## ASSIGNMENT POLICY

**All assignments must be completed and submission uploaded by the assigned due date/time (CST)** as listed in Blackboard and course calendar. In the event of an emergency students should contact faculty prior to the due date/time if they anticipate submission will be late. Please note that contacting faculty does not guarantee the receipt of an extension for the submission. **Submissions received within 24 hours of due date/time will receive a 50% and after 24 hours will receive a 0 (zero).** Due to the time constraints within this course, there are no allowances for extra credit assignments or resubmissions of assignments. Please allow enough time for preparation and submission of each assignment prior to the scheduled due date. Make sure you have an alternate plan for Wi-Fi issues, we will not give extensions for Wi-Fi issues. Student must scan required documents before uploading into Blackboard, scans should be clear and the correct orientation for grading. Students may scan by using the notes section on iPad or by an app of choice (I-scan, etc.). Assignments must be uploaded as a PDF with correct orientation or will be considered late and you will receive a 50%. A digital upload is considered your digital signature.

## STUDENT PRESENTATIONS/PROJECTS

Students may be assigned to work individually or in collaborative groups to developing presentation(s) on assigned topics to present to classmates and faculty. Presentations/projects will be graded by a rubric. Students must upload presentations/project to the assignment link in Blackboard. All students must participate in all parts of the project. The group presentations together with the BON assignment will be worth 5% of the course final grade.

## BOARD OF NURSING ASSIGNMENT

Students will be assigned to research the Texas Board of Nursing website and complete an assignment. The purpose of this assignment is for the student to learn the expectations of becoming a professional nurse in the state of Texas. The BON assignment with the student presentation will be worth 5% of the student's final grade.

## **PRE/POST-LECTURE IN CLASS, ATI QUIZZES AND/OR ASSIGNMENTS**

The student will be required to complete ATI Assignments and/or quizzes as assigned to complement course material. Reading and comprehending the material will be crucial to your success in this course. Please see course calendar for due dates. These assignments may include ATI pre-lecture/post lecture assignments. The average of all ATI Assignments will account for 10% of the final course grade. See Late Assignment Policy.

## **ADDITIONAL PRACTICE**

At any time, a faculty member can require a student to complete additional practice in the simulation lab or assignments to ensure student and client safety in clinical.

## **EXAMS**

There will be three (3) unit exams and one (1) comprehensive exam in this course. Students will take 1 practice/mock exam prior to the first scheduled exam.

- Students will take 1 practice/mock exam prior to the first scheduled exam.
- Unit exams will consist of **55%** of the final course grade. The unit exams will be administered throughout the course, refer to class calendar for the date and time.
- Comprehensive final will consist of **30%** of the final grade. The final exam will be administered at the end of the course, refer to class calendar for the date and time. The final exam is comprehensive of all didactic.
- There is no Final exemption.

See course calendar and Blackboard for exam schedule. **Students must be on time for Exams. Once doors are closed and instructions have started in the designated testing environment (computer lab or classroom) no one will be admitted. The student will not be able to take the scheduled exam and student will receive a zero.** Students will have one (1) opportunity to replace the zero (0) exam grade with the Final Exam Grade. In the event of an emergency or school sponsored event and with proper instructor notification prior to exam/class, an exception may be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Exams will be administered on either an iPad or computer in the computer lab, on occasion there may be an exam given in the classroom. Cell phones, smart watches, athletic Fitbits, student badges, personal calculators, or any electronic learning device of any kind are not allowed in the classroom or computer lab at any time during testing, unless specified by instructor. Ball caps and large heavy jackets are to be left either in the classroom/hallway during testing. Backpacks, handbags, food or drink not allowed in the computer lab at any time.

**Unit Exam and Final Exam scores will not be rounded.**

## **EXAM REMEDIATION**

All students earning less than 80% on any exam will need to complete mandatory exam remediation and follow course syllabus regarding test remediation. The steps for exam remediation are as follows:

- Students will have 7 days from date of scheduled exam from exam date to complete and upload remediation.
- Students will download a Test Remediation Packet from Blackboard, students will need to complete all questionnaires and focus review and submit a complete remediation.

- Students will use the ATI Focused Review to review their test topics and to complete the remediation.
- Student will follow all instructions and turn in packet according to instructors' instructions per syllabus.
- Students may meet with course instructors after exam review submission if necessary if exam remediation packet was submitted complete and on time.

The instructor will continue to document students' progress and exam grades by using the Letter of Success. The instructor may refer any student who is unsuccessful to the Retention Specialist for guidance on test taking skills, learning style, study skills, and study routine. Retention Specialist is not responsible for course subject matter. Students who do not follow this policy may not be considered for re-admission to the program.

If the student scores below 80% and refuses to attend exam remediation student **must sign the Student Remediation Refusal Statement found on page 1 of remediation packet.**

### LEARNING SYSTEM PROCTORED EXAM

In addition to the course unit exams, students will be required to take 1 ATI Learning Systems Proctored Exam at the end of the semester. This exam will prepare students for the Standardized Exams they will complete throughout the remainder of the program. The purpose of these exams is to evaluate the competency of the student's knowledge of critical concepts for entry into professional nursing. Students will receive a grade according to the syllabus policy in each course. This exam will give the student analytics outlining the students weak/strong areas of content and will be available for student review prior to the next semester. This will allow students to reflect on their strengths and opportunities for improvement. Please refer to your course calendar for date.

### LETTER OF SUCCESS

Students who have less than an **80%** course average may be given a letter of success during certain times of the semester as designated by the instructor to highlight students' needs, areas for improvement and concerns. Students who are unsuccessful on exams and assignments will be at risk for failure of the course. The student may also be referred to the retention specialist as per the instructor's discretion.

### GRADING POLICY

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

Unit Exams (3)	55%
Comprehensive Final	30%
In Class and/or ATI Assignments/Quizzes	10%
*Student Presentation(s)/ Board of Nursing Assignment	5%
	100%

Course grades are based on the following scale:

A	90-100%
B	80-89.99%
C	77-79.99%
D	60-76.99%
F	Below 60%

## **Grades will not be rounded**

Failure of RNSG 1413, 1205, 1160, or 1201 will necessitate repeating all Level I Semester I courses. When repeating any course, the student is required to complete all aspects of the course including the required written work. If a student fails didactically or fails a skill, the student may not just drop the course, the student will be assigned the grade earned in this course.

## **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.

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (\*Read Carefully)**

Students must complete quizzes in Blackboard acknowledging that the student has read and understands the content of syllabus, ADN Student handbook, attendance, grievance policy, and appeals process.

## **COURSE DISCLAIMER**

Working within the healthcare field can be stressful and requires a mentally tough individual to provide medical care in the hospital environment. In order to better prepare students for a career in the healthcare profession, there will be times during this course where students will be exposed to training scenarios and situations that will be unpleasant to the average college student. If the student does not feel they can tolerate this type of learning environment, they should discuss this with me immediately before continuing the course. Additionally, enrollment in this course does not guarantee a passing grade, successful completion of the nursing curriculum, or NCLEX- RN examination.

## **GRIEVANCE POLICY**

The student is responsible for scheduling an appointment with the instructor/course leader to discuss the final grade or discipline action. If the student is not satisfied, he/she should schedule an appointment with the Level I, Semester I Course Leader. The next chain of command is to make an appointment with the Director of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, following that would be the Health Sciences Dean. The procedure will follow the same as found in the student handbook.

## **EMERGENCY MESSAGES**

The student should notify his/her family that in case of an emergency during normal class schedule, they should call the Nursing Office at (806)716-2391 or (806)716-2193. Class will not be interrupted unless it is an emergency, so they must identify themselves and say it is an emergency to get immediate action.

The student should notify his/her family that in the case of an emergency during clinical rotations, they should call and leave a message or text (who they are and who they need to get in touch with for an emergency) to the number or numbers provided to them in the clinical course syllabus and/or on the clinical course schedule.

## **2023-2024 COURSE SYLLABI STATEMENTS**

The following statement must be placed on each syllabus and will replace all other statements effective August 1, 2023: For information regarding official South Plains College statements about intellectual exchange, disabilities, non-discrimination, Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations, CARE Team, and Campus Concealed Carry, please visit: <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/>

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## **FOUNDATION SKILLS**

**BASIC SKILLS**—Reads, Writes, Performs Arithmetic and Mathematical Operations, Listens and Speaks  
F-1 Reading—locates, understands, and interprets written information in prose and in documents such as manuals, graphs, and schedules.

F-2 Writing—communicates thoughts, ideas, information and messages in writing and creates documents such as letters, directions, manuals, reports, graphs, and flow charts.

F-3 Arithmetic—performs basic computations; uses basic numerical concepts such as whole numbers, etc.

F-4 Mathematics—approaches practical problems by choosing appropriately from a variety of mathematical techniques.

F-5 Listening—receives, attends to, interprets, and responds to verbal messages and other cues.

F-6 Speaking—organizes ideas and communicates orally.

**THINKING SKILLS**—Thinks Creatively, Makes Decisions, Solves Problems, Visualizes and Knows How to Learn and Reason

F-7 Creative Thinking—generates new ideas.

F-8 Decision-Making—specifies goals and constraints, generates alternatives, considers risks, evaluates and chooses best alternative.

F-9 Problem Solving—recognizes problems, devises and implements plan of action.

F-10 Seeing Things in the Mind's Eye—organizes and processes symbols, pictures, graphs, objects, and other information.

F-11 Knowing How to Learn—uses efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills. F-12 Reasoning—discovers a rule or principle underlying the relationship between two or more objects and applies it when solving a problem.

**PERSONAL QUALITIES**—Displays Responsibility, Self-Esteem, Sociability, Self-Management, Integrity and Honesty

F-13 Responsibility—exerts a high level of effort and perseveres towards goal attainment.

F-14 Self-Esteem—believes in own self-worth and maintains a positive view of self.

F-15 Sociability—demonstrates understanding, friendliness, adaptability, empathy and politeness in group settings.

F-16 Self-Management—assesses self accurately, sets personal goals, monitors progress and exhibits self-control.

F-17 Integrity/Honesty—chooses ethical courses of action.

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## SCANS COMPETENCIES

C-1 **TIME** - Selects goal - relevant activities, ranks them, allocates time, prepares and follows schedules.

C-2 **MONEY** - Uses or prepares budgets, makes forecasts, keeps records and makes adjustments to meet objectives.

C-3 **MATERIALS AND FACILITIES** - Acquires, stores, allocates, and uses materials or space efficiently.

C-4 **HUMAN RESOURCES** - Assesses skills and distributes work accordingly, evaluates performances and provides feedback.

### **INFORMATION - Acquires and Uses Information**

C-5 Acquires and evaluates information.

C-6 Organizes and maintains information.

C-7 Interprets and communicates information.

C-8 Uses computers to process information.

### **INTERPERSONAL—Works with Others**

C-9 Participates as a member of a team and contributes to group effort.

C-10 Teaches others new skills.

C-11 Serves Clients/Customers—works to satisfy customer's expectations.

C-12 Exercises Leadership—communicates ideas to justify position, persuades and convinces others, responsibly challenges existing procedures and policies.

C-13 Negotiates—works toward agreements involving exchanges of resources; resolves divergent interests.

C-14 Works with Diversity—works well with men and women from diverse backgrounds.

### **SYSTEMS—Understands Complex Interrelationships**

C-15 Understands Systems—knows how social, organizational, and technological systems work and operates effectively with them.

C-16 Monitors and Corrects Performance—distinguishes trends, predicts impacts on system operations, diagnoses systems performance and corrects malfunctions.

C-17 Improves or Designs Systems—suggests modifications to existing systems and develops new or alternative systems to improve performance.

### **TECHNOLOGY—Works with a Variety of Technologies**

C-18 Selects Technology—chooses procedures, tools, or equipment, including computers and related technologies.

C-19 Applies Technology to Task—understands overall intent and proper procedures for setup and operation of equipment.

C-20 Maintains and Troubleshoots Equipment—prevents, identifies, or solves problems with equipment, including computers and other technologies.