

**Midland College  
Syllabus  
RNSG 1105  
Nursing Skills (0-4-0)**

**Course Description:**

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Study of the concepts and principles necessary to perform basic nursing skills for the adult patient; and demonstrate competence in the performance of nursing procedures. Content includes knowledge, judgment, skills, and professional values within a legal/ethical framework. This course lends itself to a blocked approach.

Prerequisite: Admission into the program.

Corequisite courses for this course are: RNSG 1162, RNSG 1171, RNSG 1215, RNSG 1413, and BIOL 2402.

**Text, References and Supplies:**

Text

- ATI Materials
- Wilkinson, J. and Treas, L. (2016). *Fundamentals of Nursing Volume 1*. Third Edition, Philadelphia: A. Davis.
- Wilkinson, J. and Treas, L. (2016). *Fundamentals of Nursing Volume 2*. Third Edition, Philadelphia: A. Davis.

References

- Jones & Bartlett Nurse's Drug Handbook, 18th Edition
- Mosby's Manual of Diagnostic and Laboratory Tests, 6<sup>th</sup> edition

Supplies

- First Semester Skills Kit
- Stethoscope
- Blood pressure cuff
- Bandage scissors
- Watch with a second hand

**WECM End-of-Course Outcomes:**

Apply concepts and principles necessary for the performance of basic nursing skills for the adult patient; and demonstrate competence/clinical reasoning in the performance of basic nursing procedures and practices.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

The following course student learning outcomes (SLOs) are based on the Differentiated Essential Competencies (DECs) identified by the Texas Board of Nursing for the

professional nursing roles of Member of the Profession (MOP), Provider of Patient-Centered Care (PPCC), Patient Safety Advocate (PSA), and Member of the Health Care Team (MHCT). Upon successful completion of the course the student will:

1. Demonstrate foundational nursing skills. (PSA-B, D)
2. Explain evidence behind foundational skills as it applies to patient care. (PPCC-A)
3. Demonstrate ability to administer medications safely. (PSA-B)
4. Incorporate safety aspects of all foundational nursing skills. (PSA-B)
5. Demonstrate understanding of basic comfort and hygiene skills. (PPCC-A, C; PSA-B, C)

**Course Outline:**

Unit I – Vital Signs and Personal Hygiene (bathing, shaving, mouth care, bed-making, denture care, oral care for unconscious, peri-care)

Unit II – Sterile Technique, Sterile Field, Foley Insertion/Removal

Unit III – Medication Administration

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Refer to Canvas in Modules for Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs).

**Student Contributions, Responsibilities and Class Policies:**

1. Students will be expected to comply with the policies in the Midland College Catalog and Student Handbook and the Midland College Associate Degree Nursing Program Student Handbook.
2. Students will be expected to attend class on time and to be prepared with weekly content that is assigned and will be reviewed in class.
  - Refer to course calendar for course content and weekly assignments.
  - If a student is late for class, the student will be required to stay outside the classroom until there is a break which are offered periodically throughout the class time.
  - If an absence is unavoidable, the student is responsible for obtaining covered material from another student.
3. Students will be expected to bring their required textbook(s) and additional material as requested.

4. Students can expect class time will be used primarily for lectures, application exercises such as case studies, concept maps, poster boards, role-playing, group activities, simulation, independent study, non-proctored quizzes, proctored testing, and guest speakers.
  - Class participation is crucial for successful completion of course.
  - Students are expected to be accountable for their own learning.
  - The student is responsible for any material covered through lecture, audio-visual media, class presentations, independent study, required readings and assignments, and guest speakers. This information will be included on the unit and final exams.
  - Students are expected to identify their learning needs according to the SLOs and request assistance from the instructor as needed. Students may contact the instructor by preferred method during campus hours M-F 0800-1700, scheduled office hours, and by appointment.
5. Students will be expected to utilize the online environment primarily through Canvas and Assessment Technology Institute (ATI) online learning system nursing products. In addition, other online learning environments may be utilized by the instructor.
  - If a student has access issues with off-campus connections, the student is responsible to contact the online entity to resolve the issue.
  - If a student has computer issues on their personal computer, the student is responsible for resolving the issue and must be prepared to have a back-up plan.
  - Students should utilize the Help Desk for issues with Canvas.
6. Students are expected to exhibit honesty and integrity.
  - Students are to work on assignments and submit work without any assistance from family, other students, or friends unless the instructor has authorized collaboration or group work.
  - Students are not to share, copy, or take a picture of assignments and/or share with other students. If it is discovered and confirmed the above was violated, disciplinary action will be taken up to and including program dismissal.
7. All assigned course work must be complete with submission on or before the due date as posted on the course calendar.
  - No assignment is optional.
  - If an assignment is late, the student will receive zero "0" points in the grade book for the assignment.

- Submission of every assignment must be complete before the end of the semester except for extenuating circumstances where the student receives a grade of Incomplete “I.”
8. Students are expected to submit assignments electronically or manually with correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
- If an assignment is submitted manually it must be neat and clean, without creases, stains, or smell of tobacco or perfume.
9. While in class students must not make or receive phone calls, receive or send text messages, or participate in any way with media communication except as requested by the instructor. There will be no recording of the instructor at any time. Internet use is for course assignments and research only.
- Refer to the Midland College Associate Degree Nursing Student Handbook policies: Electronic Communication Equipment and Professional Conduct.

**Testing:**

Course exams in the Associate Degree Nursing program will adhere to the Testing policy found in the Nursing Student Handbook.

**ATI Practice and Proctored Content Mastery Exams:**

Students will participate in ATI practice and Content Mastery exams. Refer to the attached “Requirements and Grading Grid for ATI Content Mastery Exams.”

**Evaluation of Students:**

- a. A course grade of **≥70** or better is necessary to pass RNSG 1105. There will be no rounding of final grades. A semester grade of less than “C” will not be acceptable as passing in any required nursing course or course leading to a degree.

- A = 100-90
- B = <90 and ≥80
- C = <80 and ≥70
- D = <70 and ≥60
- F = 59 or below

Grades will be calculated as follows for the final course grade:

ATI Post Test Exams (average of 6)	5%
Vital Signs Check Off Grade	15
Foley Check Off Grade	25%
Medication Administration Check Off Grade	25%

Final Exam	30%
Total	100%

- b. A minimum grade of 90 is required for all skills check offs, and all check offs must be passed within 2 attempts. Failure to meet these standards will result in a maximum grade of “D” in the course.

**Assignments**

Students will participate in assignments as designated by the instructor. Assignments are to assist the student in preparation for class and for the unit and final exams. Late assignments will receive zero “0” points. Refer to course calendar.

**Attendance Policy:**

Refer to Midland College Student Handbook.

**Withdrawal Policy:**

Students who have enrolled in a Texas public institution of higher education as a first-time freshman in fall 2007 or later are permitted to drop no more than six courses during the entire undergraduate career. This limit includes all transfer work taken at a Texas institution of higher education and to second baccalaureate degrees. This statute was enacted by the State of Texas in Spring 2007 (Texas Education Code 51.907). Any course that a student drops after Census Day is counted toward the six course limit if “(1) the student was able to drop the course without receiving a grade or incurring an academic penalty (2) the student’s transfer indicates or will indicate that the student was enrolled in the course; and (3) the student is not dropping the course in order to withdraw from the institution.” Refer to Midland College Student Handbook.

**Scholastic Dishonesty:**

Midland College does not tolerate scholastic dishonesty or academic misconduct in any form. Please read the Midland College Student Handbook on this subject.

**Course Schedule:**

A detailed course schedule will be provided to students at the start of the class through Canvas. This class meets two hours per week.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):**

Any student who, because of a disabling condition, may require some special arrangements in order to meet course requirements should contact Shep Grinnan as soon as possible. Mr. Grinnan’s office is located in the Scharbauer Student Center Building. These conditions may include documented physical or educational disabilities. Please be aware that services or accommodations are not automatic. Each student must request them and secure the proper authorizations, / documentation.

**Licensure Eligibility Notification:**

Completion of Midland College degrees and/or certificates does not guarantee eligibility to take a certification/registry/licensure examination. The eligibility of each person is determined on an individual basis by the regulatory body of the specific discipline. If you have a conviction of a crime other than a minor traffic violation, physical or mental disability/illness, hospitalization/treatment for chemical dependency within the past five years, current intemperate use of drugs or alcohol or a previous denial of a licensure or action by a licensing authority, you will need to contact the specific regulatory body for an individual ruling. Some programs require a criminal background check and urine and drug screen.

**Inclement Weather:**

Refer to Midland College Inclement Weather Policy.

**Title IX:**

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