

**Midland College
Syllabus
RNSG 1215
Health Assessment (1-3-0)**

Covid-19 Addendum:

Classes at Midland College are face to face with an online component.

Course Description:

Development of skills and techniques required for a comprehensive nursing health assessment 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 1105, RNSG 1413.

Text, References and Supplies:

Text

- ATI Materials
- Wilkinson, J. and Treas, L. (2020). *Fundamentals of Nursing Volume 1-2* (4th ed.), Philadelphia: A. Davis.

References

- Jones & Bartlett Nurse's Drug Handbook (18th ed.).
- Mosby's Manual of Diagnostic and Laboratory Tests (6th ed.).

Supplies

- First semester Skills Kit
- Stethoscope / Blood pressure cuff
- Bandage scissors
- Watch with a second hand
- Penlight

WECM End-of-Course Outcomes:

Describe the components of a comprehensive nursing health assessment; and demonstrate professional nursing roles in a systematic process of health assessment.

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. Identify rationale for performing a health assessment in a variety of settings. (PPCC-A, B, C)
2. Identify normal vs. abnormal adult health assessment findings. (PPCC-A, B, C, F; MHCT-D)
3. Perform a thorough basic health assessment safely and accurately. (MOP-B; PPCC-B, E; PSA-B)
4. Adapt assessment to the client's developmental needs. (PPCC-A, B)
5. Utilize communication skills that illicit accurate and complete health assessment data. (PPCC- B; MHCT-A, D).
6. Differentiate pathological findings from normal signs of aging in the older adult. (PPCC-B, C)

Course Outline:

Unit I

- Types of Assessments
- Assessment Components
- Assessment Equipment
- Taking a Health History
- Interviewing Patients
- Therapeutic Communication
- Shift Assessment
- HEENT
- Sensory Perception

Unit II

- Thorax and Lungs
- Heart and Peripheral Vascular System
- Gastrointestinal

Unit III

- Integumentary
- Musculoskeletal
- Neurosensory
- Admissions, Transfers, and Discharge

Unit IV

- Assessing the Older Adult

Skills Taught in this Course

- Vital Signs
- Basic Nursing Assessment (Shift assessment)
- Complete Head-to-Toe Assessment

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 class 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 (ADN) 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 **≥75%** or better is necessary to pass RNSG 1215. 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 = 89.9 - 80

C = 79.9 - 75

D = 74.9 - 60

F = 59.9 or below

Note: To qualify to take the final exam in RNSG 1215, the student must have a passing **average \geq 75%** on the major exams as listed:

- Unit I exam
- Unit II exam
- Unit III exam
- Unit IV exam (average of all medical terminology quizzes throughout semester)

Students are required to schedule a conference with the instructor if a unit exam score is \leq 75%. Scheduling the conference with the instructor is the student's responsibility.

Note: If the average of the major exams is **less than 75%** at the time the final exam is given, the student will not be allowed to take the final exam and will receive a grade of "D" in the course. The Readmission policy found in the Nursing Student Handbook applies to students seeking to repeat the course.

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

Assignments	5%
System Assessment Check Offs (4)	10%
Unit Exam Average (4)*	40%
Final Exam	25%
Head to Toe Assessment Checkoff	20%
Total	100%

*The fourth unit exam grade is an average of all medical terminology quizzes throughout the semester.

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.

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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) Statement:

Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. In order to receive accommodations, students must visit www.midland.edu/accommodation and complete the Application for Accommodation Services located under the Apply for Accommodations tab. Services or accommodations are not automatic, each student must apply and be approved to receive them. All documentation submitted will be reviewed and a "Notice of Accommodations" letter will be sent to instructors outlining any reasonable accommodations.

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:

Midland College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following individual has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Wendy Kane
Title IX Coordinator/Compliance Officer
3600 N. Garfield, SSC 123
Midland, Texas 79705
(432) 685-4695

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit the ED.gov Office of Civil Rights website, or call 1 (800) 421-3481.

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