

**Midland College**  
**Syllabus**  
**RNSG 1413**  
**Foundations for Nursing Practice (3-3-0)**

**Covid-19 Addendum:**

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

**Course Description:**

Introduction to the role of the professional nurse as a provider of patient-centered care, patient safety advocate, member of health care team and member of the profession. Content includes fundamental concept of nursing practice, history of professional nursing, and a systematic framework for decision-making and critical thinking. The mechanisms of disease and the needs and problems that can arise are discussed and how the nursing process helps manage the patient through these issues. Emphasis will be on 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 1105, RNSG 1162, RNSG 1171, RNSG 1215.

**Text, References and Supplies:**

Text

- ATI Materials (purchased through course fees, includes drug book).
- Curren, A. (2020). *Dimensional Analysis for Meds*. (5th ed.), New York: Delmar.
- Wilkinson, J. and Treas, L. (2020). *Fundamentals of Nursing, Vols. 1-2*. (4th ed.), Philadelphia: F. A. Davis.
- Silvestri, Linda A. (2020). *Saunders Comprehensive Review for the NCLEX-RN Examination* (8th ed.), Philadelphia: Elsevier.
- Mosby's Manual of Diagnostic and Laboratory Tests (6<sup>th</sup> ed.).
- Harding, Kweng, Roberts, Hagler, & Reinisch. (2020) *Lewis' Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical Companion*, (11<sup>th</sup> ed.), Philadelphia: Elsevier.

Supplies

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

**WECM End-of-Course Outcomes**

Describe the roles of the nurse in the delivery of health care; use basic nursing skills; apply basic systematic problem-solving skills using critical thinking for clinical decision-making.

## **Student Learning Outcomes:**

The following course student learning outcomes (SLO)s are based on the Differentiated Essential Competencies (DECs) identified by the Texas Board of Nursing for the professional nursing roles of Members of a 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. Apply knowledge of basic nursing care practices to promote patient and staff safety. (PSA-B)
2. Explain cultural and developmental considerations as they impact basic patient care. (PPCC-B)
3. Differentiate the roles of the health care team within legal and ethical frameworks. (MHCT-A)
4. Apply principles of basic communication to promote safe patient care. (MHCT-A, D)
5. Plan evidence-based nursing interventions that promote and support basic human needs. (PPCC-A, C)

## **Course Outline**

### Unit I

- Vital Sign Theory
- History of Nursing
- Evidence-Based Practice
- Concepts of Sterility
- Nursing Process
- Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs
- Urinary Elimination
- Bowel Elimination
- Intake and Output

### Unit II

- Medication Administration
- Using a Drug and Lab Book
- Introduction to Pharmacology
- Medication Administration
- Delegation, Prioritization, and Supervision
- Documentation and Reporting
- Electronic Health Record
- Oxygenation and Specimen Collection
- Teaching and Learning

- Therapeutic Communication

#### Unit III

- Legal/Ethical Issues
- Board of Nursing Information
- Skin Integrity
- Wound Care
- Mobility, Transfers, Restraints
- Home Safety
- Client Safety

#### Unit IV

- Pain
- Sleep and Rest
- Infection Control
- Nutrition
- Coping, Self-Concept, and Sexuality
- Culture and Spirituality
- Complementary and Alternative Therapies
- Healthy People 2030

#### Final Exam

- Content covered in Unit Exams 1-5 in addition to:
- Grief
- End of Life Care

#### **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 outlines in the Midland College Catalogue 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 determine what they need to study and to solicit 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 a "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.
10. Students are responsible for maintaining a current e-mail address via Canvas. Students are responsible for checking Canvas daily for announcements on changes in the course by the instructor. It is the student's responsibility to make sure that the e-mail address is correct and updated with a name change.
11. All written work must be in black ink. Assignments turned in with any ink color other than black will not be graded and returned to the student to rewrite using black ink.

### **Testing:**

Course exams in the Associate Degree Nursing program will adhere to the Testing policy found in the Nursing Student Handbook. All exams will be taken online on the ATI Platform.

### **Evaluation of Students:**

A course grade of **≥75%** or better is necessary to pass RNSG 1413. 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 1413, the student must have a passing **average ≥ 75%** on the major exams as listed:

- Unit 1 exam
- Unit 2 exam
- Unit 3 exam
- Unit 4 exam

Students are required to schedule a conference with the instructor for any unit exam score  $\leq 75\%$ . 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:

1. Unit Exams – Total 50%
  - Unit 1 exam 12.5%
  - Unit 2 exam 12.5%
  - Unit 3 exam 12.5%
  - Unit 4 exam 12.5%
2. Final Exam 25%
3. Practicum 10%
4. Daily Grades 5%
5. Pharmacology Quizzes and Dosage Calculation Tests 10%
  - Total 100%

### **Dosage Calculation Tests:**

A score of 90% or greater is required on the dosage calculation tests. If the student does not score a 90% or greater, remediation will be assigned by the instructor and the student will be required to take additional dosage calculation tests until a score of 90% or higher is achieved on two tests.

### **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. No assignment is optional. Refer to the course calendar.

### **Attendance Policy:**

Refer to Midland College Associate Degree Nursing Student Handbook.  
Covid-19 addendum: 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.

**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](http://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.

**Continuity of Instruction Statement:**

In the event that on campus activities are suspended due to extenuating circumstances, such as weather or quarantine, the instructor will continue instruction in a manner that best supports the course content and student engagement. In this event, your instructor will notify students of the change via canvas. At that time, they will provide details how instruction and communication will continue, how academic integrity will be ensured, and what students may expect during the time that on campus activities are suspended. If a student becomes unable to continue class participation due to extenuating circumstances, (e.g., health and safety, loss of power, etc.) the student should contact their instructor and advisor for guidance. Resources are available to students via the SOS program. Information can be found at <https://www.midland.edu/services-resources/student-services/sos.php>.

**Grievances or complaints:**

Concerns should be expressed as soon as possible to allow for early resolution. Midland College encourages students to discuss their concerns with their instructor first. If you feel uncomfortable discussing your situation with your instructor, students should discuss their concerns with the Chair of the appropriate department (Associate Degree Nursing Chair - Dian White 432-685-4594), then the Dean of Health Sciences and Math and Science - Dr. Miranda Poage (432-685-6745). If a resolution is still not possible, students may proceed with the formal complaint process.

<http://catalog.midland.edu/content.php?catoid=14&navoid=2579#grievances-and-complaints>

**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.

**Non-Discrimination Statement:**

Midland College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following individuals have 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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