

Midland College
Course Syllabus
VNSG 1260 Clinical I (0-0-8)

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General Course Information

Course Description

VNSG1260 is a health related work based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills, and concepts in the critical care setting. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional.

WECM End of Course Outcomes

Provide quality nursing care to patients in the clinical setting demonstrating responsibility, accountability, and competence in accordance with policies and procedures of the practice setting or health care institution.

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 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. Function within the nurse's legal scope of practice to provide quality nursing care to patients in the clinical setting demonstrating responsibility, accountability and competence in accordance with policies and procedures of the practice setting or health care institution. (MOP) DEC #1 A,B,C,D PO #1,2
2. Demonstrate clinical reasoning and understanding and application of evidence based policies to provide physical, psychological, ethical, and spiritual care for socially diverse patients. (PPCC) DEC #2 A-H PO #3
3. Provide safe and caring nursing care to assigned patients with predictable health care needs within a supervised and directed scope of practice. (PPCC) DEC #2 A-H PO #5
4. Implement measures to promote a safe environment for patients, self and others within the clinical setting. (PSA) DEC #3 A-F PO #8,9
5. Communicates, collaborates, and advocates with patients, their families, and the healthcare team to deliver coordinated care to assigned patients. (MHCT) DEC #4 A-H PO #10
6. Uses appropriate decision making in the clinical setting using appropriate resources. (MHCT) DEC #4 A-H PO #10,11,12,13

Course Outline/Schedule

Detailed course outline/schedule will be provided to the students at the start of class.

Course Competencies

A = (100-90)

B = (89.9-80)

C = (79.9-75)

D = (74.9-60)

F = (59.9 or below)

- Passing grade for this course is 75%. There are no rounding of grades. Students who fail this course may not progress in the VN program.

Summative Grading Tool: 35%

ATI: 15%

Assignments: 35%

Assignments: grade includes OSHA assignment, weekly clinical objectives, and patient case scenarios (if assigned)

Simulation: 15%

Student Contributions and Class Policies

Student Contributions

1. Students must provide and keep current with certain documentation in order to participate in clinical activities. Students will not be allowed to attend clinical without documentation, and absence will be documented
2. Student is required to be certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) before entering the program, and keeping it current throughout the Vocational Nursing program. Health Provider CPR certification must be obtained from the American Heart Association indicating training for adults, children, and infants.
3. Students enrolled in clinical nursing courses must purchase professional liability insurance. Student liability insurance is incorporated in the registration fees.
4. Students must maintain health insurance coverage while enrolled in clinical courses, this must be obtained by the student.
5. Although all these immunizations/immunity are required for entrance into the VN program, students must be current on documentation showing immunizations or immunity to:
 - Tetanus (TD) Tdap
 - Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) – 2 doses
 - Varicella
 - Hepatitis B – 3 doses
 - Tuberculosis (TB)
 - Meningitis

Class Policies

1. VNSG1260 meets for a 6 hour clinical rotation per week, plus an 8 hour high fidelity Simulation. In order to meet the goals of VNSG1260, the student must attend and participate in all learning activities, and the clinical component associated with the course.
2. In order to progress in the vocational nursing program, the student must pass both the theoretical and clinical components of the course.
3. The student is responsible for knowing and adhering to the Midland College Vocational Nursing Student Handbook. The student must contact the instructor prior to class to report an absence or tardy.
4. No assignment is optional. No late work will be accepted. The grade will be recorded as a zero (0). All work must be original. Please refer to the Student Handbook on policies regarding Cheating/Plagiarism.
5. The instructor will dismiss a student from class for disruptive and inappropriate conduct.
6. All cell phones are to be turned off during clinical. Any use of cell phones during clinical is considered disruptive behavior, and student will be dismissed from class. Watches with internet access are not permitted during exams, quizzes, or review.
7. There is a zero tolerance for academic dishonesty. Penalty for academic dishonesty is an automatic failing grade of "F" in the course and dismissal from the program.
8. Clinical rotations will require student to travel to facility. Each student is expected to provide his/her own transportation and expenses.
9. Students are not allowed to perform skills that haven't been checked off. See Vocational Nursing Student handbook.
10. Faculty/students will not be allowed to leave clinical facility during scheduled clinical hours, unless issue permits that the class as a whole must leave clinical for the day. Faculty must be on site as long as students are there. No leaving during lunch and/or breaks.
11. Students deemed unsafe or incompetent will fail the course and receive a course grade of "F". The behaviors constituting clinical failure include, but are not limited to:
 - *Demonstrates unsafe performance and makes questionable decisions.*
 - *Cannot perform mastered skills in the clinical setting.*
 - *Lacks insight and understanding of own behaviors and behavior of others.*
 - *Needs continuous specific and detailed supervision.*
 - *Has difficulty in adapting to new ideas and roles.*
 - *Fails to submit required written clinical assignments.*
 - *Falsifies clinical hours.*
12. This is a health science clinical, discussions may involve actual experiences or knowledge students and the instructors would discuss as it relates to the topics involved in nursing. Please keep personal identification information confidential as it relates to others and use discretions in sharing personal experience. This includes via phone, text, and social media.

Students with Disabilities

Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. In order to receive accommodations, students must place documentation on file with the Counselor/Disability Services. Students with disabilities should notify Midland College prior to the beginning of each semester. Student Services will provide each student with a letter outlining acceptable accommodations. The student must present the letter to Director of VN at the beginning of semester to keep on file. Please contact Shep Grinnan, located in the Scharbauer Student Center.

Title IX

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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.

Health Science Division Information

Students are encouraged to contact the instructor anytime. Making an appointment will guarantee availability at a specific time.

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