NUR 202
INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL NURSING CONCEPTS and PRACTICE

COURSE SYLLABUS
Fall 2003

Credits: 2

Theory: Tuesday 3:00-3:50 pm
Location: E109 East Fee Hall

Lab
Janice Thompson Granger Nursing Learning Center
Tuesday 8:00-10:50am or
Thursday 1:50-4:40pm

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WELCOME TO THE NURSING PROFESSION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Congratulations, you are about to begin your career as a professional student nurse. Nursing is both a science and an art. The science of nursing is based on theoretical frameworks and the art is concerned with the caring skills of individual nurses. You will be learning both, as it relates to patient's physical, psychological, sociological, cultural, and spiritual concerns. As you enter this professional school of nursing, you will have to study hard and build upon the knowledge from your other classes. You will be actively seeking solutions to patient problems through critical thinking rather than passively assimilating or memorizing knowledge. Using the nursing process, which incorporates an interactive/interpersonal approach with a problem-solving and decision-making process, you will make the transition from a college classroom student to a professional student nurse in the clinical setting. This will take a strong commitment to the nursing profession and a never-ending thirst for knowledge. My goal is to assist students in becoming exceptional nurses. I hope you enjoy your journey as a student nurse here at Michigan State University.
COURSE DESCRIPTION AND INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL:

NUR 202 introduces the beginning nursing student to the concepts and skills related to health assessment including history taking, interviewing techniques, bio/psycho/social/spiritual assessment, medical terminology/abbreviations and safety of the client and nurse. Primary assessment focuses on the healthy adult with key concepts related to the healthy child, adolescent and adult.

NUR 202 is a two (2)credit course. One hour per week is designated for theory content. Theory content will be taught through didactic presentation, independent reading, class discussion and independent viewing of media.

Three hours per week are designated for clinical study in the media and simulation laboratories. Laboratory content will be taught through seminars, student participation in discussion, independent student practice of skills in the simulation lab, classroom written assignments, demonstration - return demonstration techniques, independent viewing of media, completion of assigned exercises and varied assignments prepared by individual lab faculty.

In addition to the above specific class times, it is expected that students will spend sufficient independent, self-scheduled time in the media and simulation laboratories. This is mandatory for successful learning and completion of NUR 202.

The completion of assigned readings, assigned paperwork/workbook exercises, media review and skills practice will be done PRIOR to each class in order to facilitate comprehension, understanding and integration of content vital to this course.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Define the concepts of health, illness, and health promotion.
2. Demonstrate assessment skills.
3. Demonstrate beginning documentation of health assessment.
4. Identify safety needs for clients in the health care setting.
5. Employ interviewing techniques in taking a health history.
6. Describe the general assessment of the well child, adolescent, and adult for normal function and risk factors.
7. Discuss culture and ethnicity as they relate to health assessment.
**GRADING AND EVALUATION:**

A grade of 2.0 must be achieved in order to pass NUR 202 and progress in the nursing program. The MSU 4.0 grading system will be utilized to report final course grades. Points will be rounded to whole numbers using the 0.5 rule. Points at $\geq 0.5$ will be rounded up while those $< 0.5$ will be rounded down to the nearest whole number.

The following point scale will be used for final grade determination:

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<td>Medical Terminology Quiz #1 in Lab</td>
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<td>Health History Documentation</td>
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<td>Laboratory Final</td>
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**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS** 720
WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT POLICY:

This policy will be enforced at all times unless prior arrangements are made with the Course Chairperson.

Graded:

All students are expected to turn their assigned work in on the dates specified on the Course Calendar, by the Course Chairperson or individual Lab Faculty unless prior arrangements have been made with the COURSE CHAIRPERSON. A health care provider’s statement may be requested for an illness excuse. TEN (10) POINTS WILL BE SUBTRACTED FOR EACH DAY THAT PAPERWORK IS LATE. POINTS OFF START WITH THE DUE DATE AND INCLUDE WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS. These points will be subtracted from the total number of points being awarded for the specific written assignment. ASSIGNMENTS ARE NOT OPTIONAL - MINUS POINTS FOR AN ASSIGNMENT MAY BE AWARDED AND CAN BE ACCUMULATED.

Pass-Fail:

Each student must successfully complete ALL pass - fail experiences, including return demonstrations, assigned paperwork to receive credit for NUR 202. TEN (10) points will be deducted from the total course accumulation of points for each return demonstration skill that is failed and failure to show up for a return demonstration. Further information is presented in the Simulation Laboratory portion of the course pack. Students failing to follow class protocol for missing scheduled lab time, more than once, will be reported to the Director of Student Affairs and disciplinary action may occur.

Physical Examination Performance:

Each student must successfully demonstrate a physical examination to a lab instructor and receive at least 161 points out of the total 200 points. Receiving less than 161 points will result in failure of the course. There are no repeat demonstrations.

ATTENDANCE:

ATTENDANCE AT ORIENTATION TO NUR 202, SIMULATION LAB AND TUESDAY LECTURE IS MANDATORY. If you are unable to attend related to an emergency or serious illness, notification of the COURSE CHAIRPERSON or LAB FACULTY must be made PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED TIME.
REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

NUR 202 Course Pack


Mosby’s *medical, nursing & allied health dictionary* (5th ed.). (1998). St. Louis: Mosby. (If you already have a medical dictionary check with the course chair to see if it is acceptable)


RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS


EXAMINATION POLICY:

All students are expected to take examinations on the designated date, and at the designated time, unless PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE COURSE CHAIRPERSON. A health care provider’s statement may be requested for an illness excuse. Alternate examinations, usually an essay, must be taken within seven (7) calendar days of the scheduled examination. It is the student’s responsibility to set up the alternative examination date with the Course Chairperson. Failure to make arrangements for make-up exams, within seven (7) calendar days of the scheduled exam, will result in 0 points being awarded for that exam.

Students must report for all examinations ON TIME. No additional time will be given for students coming late to the exam; all exams will be collected at the end of the designated exam period. No hats may be worn during examinations. Students will have assigned seats. All books and notebooks must be placed in the front of the room. Faculty monitors will be present and available at all exams to answer questions and help to provide an atmosphere conducive to academic integrity. A student will not be allowed to take more than one examination at an alternative time.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

It is expected that a professional, courteous, positive demeanor will be exhibited to peers, faculty and College of Nursing staff with each encounter. It is expected that you will be on time to theory and lab. If for some reason you have to be late or leave early, the course chair or your lab instructor should be notified and plans will be made so you will not disturb the entire class. Talking, reading the newspaper and sleeping are considered disrespectful during lecture. Asking questions and requesting clarification of information is highly encouraged as student input is valued and worthwhile. Timeliness, honesty and integrity, a positive attitude, assertive communication skills and motivation are some of the personal skills that one should be developing, or refining, during nursing school. These positive skills will be utilized in your three years at the College of Nursing and in your chosen profession.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Honesty and integrity are two professional and personal characteristics that are highly valued in the profession of nursing. Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. Copying written material or papers from classmates or other college students, submitting verbatim material from client medical records or any written source, or plagiarizing from any textbook, journal, newspaper, Internet source or article will be considered academic dishonesty and will not be tolerated. Students are expected to properly document any references utilized in APA format. At any time, faculty may request of students that they present the actual book, article, Internet address or other resource within 12 hours of the request. Failure to produce referenced materials will result in report to the Course Chairperson. The importance of this policy cannot be overemphasized.

If cheating is observed and documented by any faculty member, or plagiarism is suspected, the student will be reported to the Course Chairperson who will report the incident to the College of Nursing Student Affairs Committee and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. A grade of 0.0 may be issued for NUR 202.

For further clarification of this Michigan State University policy, consult your College of Nursing Undergraduate Handbook and Spartan Life booklet.

PLAGIARISM:

Taking or representing something as one’s own ideas or utilizing the writings of another is dishonest and offensive. Plagiarism undermines an important aim of education - the responsible use of recorded knowledge.
Plagiarism is present when an individual:

1. copies verbatim from an author without quotation marks, a footnote or paraphrases from an author without naming the source in the text of the paper;
2. turns in written material which has been wholly or partially written by someone else
3. generally utilizes quotations or references in writing with very little of their own thoughts or ideas documented

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

1. Penlight (if possible look for one with the pupil sizes on it)
2. Stethoscope
3. Bandage Scissors
4. Watch with second hand or second hand function
5. Official MSU College of Nursing name tag (will be provided by the College & will have your official MSU ID picture placed on it)
6. Black pen
7. China Marker (skin pencil).
8. One glass oral thermometer

COURSE CHAIRPERSON:

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CLASS CANCELLATION RELATED TO WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Michigan State University does not have a standing policy related to cancellation of class due to adverse weather conditions, such as above normal snow accumulation or frigid temperatures. It is the responsibility of the individual student to listen to the MSU radio station or some other public/community radio or television station for announcements and closings. A telephone calling tree will be established in each lab section for emergency use. It is prudent to always be prepared for adverse weather. Timeliness is a professional trait and characteristic that is expected of all nursing students and faculty.

TAPING OF CLASS SESSIONS:

Permission of the lecturing instructor must be obtained prior to taping any class sessions.

NUR 202 THEORY INFORMATION:

The theory portion of this course meets on Tuesday of each week for one hour from 3:00 to 3:50 p.m.

The course will be held in room E 109 East Fee Hall

NUR 202 LAB INFORMATION:

The lab portion of this course meets in the Janice Thompson Granger Nursing Learning Center on the 1st Floor B-Wing LSB.

Sections 1-5 meet on Tuesdays from 8:00-10:50 a.m. Simulation Lab 1st Floor B-Wing LSB
Sections 6-9 meet on Thursdays from 1:50 -4:40 p.m. Simulation Lab 1st Floor B-Wing LSB

Simulation Lab will be open for independent practice and study. Please check the schedule posted.