Stephen F. Austin State University  
DeWitt School of Nursing  
Nursing Capstone Course  
Course Number: NUR 433  
Clinical Sections: 010-013

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Please call in advance as times may vary due to committee obligations, lecture time, and clinical.
Calendar

All Capstone time is considered clinical; therefore, **attendance is mandatory for all activities.** Clinical absences policy #21 applies for all capstone activities.

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<td>Aug. 28 (Tues): 1100-1300, Rm 115</td>
<td>Orientation: Syllabus review. Bring a copy of syllabus to class. Bring receipt for HURST CODE from bookstore.</td>
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<td>Aug. 29-31 (Wed-Friday) 0800-1700, Rm 107, Lunch break included</td>
<td>HURST live on-campus review: Mandatory attendance. Attendance points given. Bring a valid ID this day for Hurst to receive a review book.</td>
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<td>Sept. 4 (Tues): 1300-1530, Rm 115 ***1530 Pinning meeting immediately following class with Ms. Hunt</td>
<td>Hurst Specialty Videos: Pediatric Nursing Class; Med Calc. Quiz on D2L.</td>
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<td>Sept. 7 (Fri): 0900-1100, SIM lab– All Groups- (See specific schedule on D2L for your date/time)</td>
<td>Admission Assessment Lab; Review admission assessment documentation. Print out admission assessment form from D2L and bring to lab. Wear scrubs, bring stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, watch, pen, and admission assess form. You will be completing an admission assessment on a patient (faculty member). Also (Friday): 1300 - 1500, SIM lab– All Groups- (See specific schedule on D2L for your date/time) Standardized patient/ mentor N330 students Wear street clothes (you will be the patient) Review and know S &amp; S and meds for your assigned disease.</td>
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<td>Sept. 11 (Tues): 1300–1530, Rm115</td>
<td>Hurst Specialty Videos: Maternity Nursing I &amp; II. Complications of Maternity.</td>
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<td>Sept. 14 (Fri.): 0830-1500, SIM lab –All Groups- (See specific schedule on D2L for your date/time)</td>
<td>Venipuncture &amp; Home Health skill lab View Venipuncture Video on D2L. Complete assignment on D2L for Home Health. Wear scrubs; bring stethoscope, watch, pen, med book, and venipuncture supplies (KIT), etc. Be ready for Calc. Quiz/Clinical decision quiz at the SIM.</td>
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<td>Sept. 18 (Tues): 1300–1530, Rm115</td>
<td>Hurst Specialty Videos: RN Management and Delegation. Oncology II Class; Med Calc. Quiz on D2L.</td>
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<td>Sept. 21 (Fri): 0900-1600, SIM lab Group B. (See specific schedule on D2L for your date/time)</td>
<td>Skills SIM Watch videos on D2L as listed on the pre-SIM student instruction sheet located on D2L. Wear scrubs, bring stethoscope, watch, pen, med book, etc.</td>
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<td>Sept. 25 (Tues): 1200–1600, Rm115</td>
<td><strong>Comprehensive HESI #1,</strong> 160 questions <strong>BRING EARBU D S/HEADPHONES TO EXAM</strong> Study all Live Hurst review information. Make sure to review the uncommon words/test/meds on old HESI located on D2L under Resources.</td>
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| Dec. 11 (Tues.) | 1200–1600  | Rm115    | ***HESI Comprehensive Exam #2  ****  
BRING EARBUDS/HEADPHONES TO EXAM
Review all Elevate module information and quizzes. Make sure to review the uncommon words/test/meds on old HESI located on D2L under Resources. |
Textbooks and Materials

**Required:** Purchase of *Hurst Code for Capstone N433* from the bookstore. Receipt proving purchase must be shown to instructor the first day of class to receive code.

    All textbooks, CD’s, and other required learning materials from previous semesters.

    An NCLEX-RN review book of choice

Course Description

This course builds upon previous, concurrent, and prerequisite courses. This practicum provides students with the opportunity to apply critical thinking, nursing theory, research, and practice to clinical decision-making with clients of diverse spiritual, ethno-cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds. The course is designed to evaluate and strengthen student readiness to practice as an entry-level nurse. Emphasis is placed on meeting client and family needs, providing holistic nursing care across the life span, and the nurse’s role in addressing associate legal, ethical and economic issues in conjunction with the interdisciplinary healthcare team.

Placement/Rationale

Second Semester Senior Year
Builds on previous nursing courses

Credit Hour Distribution

2 credit hours (6 clinical practicum)

    84 total clinical hours
        24 hours NCLEX-RN review
        21 hours Elevate learning module
        24.75 hours precepted clinical and evaluation
        14.25 hours Lab/simulation (pre and post activity included)

Pre/Co-Requisites

Pre-requisites: NURS 406, 407, 408
Co-requisites: NURS 430, 431, 432
Program Learning Outcomes

Upon graduation from our program, the student is expected to:
1. Apply knowledge of the physician, social and behavioral sciences in the provision of nursing care based on theory, research and evidence-based practice.
2. Deliver nursing care within established legal and ethical parameters in collaboration with clients and members of the interdisciplinary health care team.
3. Provide holistic nursing care to clients while respecting individual and cultural diversity.
4. Demonstrate effective leadership that fosters independent thinking, use of informatics, and collaborative communication in the management of nursing care.
5. Assume responsibility and accountability for quality improvement and delivery of safe and effective nursing care.
6. Serve as an advocate for clients and for the profession of nursing.
7. Demonstrate continuing competence, growth, and development in the profession.

General Education Core Curriculum Objectives/Outcomes
None

Student Learning Outcomes - Course

At the end of the course, the student will:
1. Apply concepts and knowledge to successfully pass a Standardized Comprehensive Exam with a pre-determined benchmark.
2. Apply knowledge of the physical, social and behavioral sciences in the provision of nursing care based on theory, research and evidence-based practice.
3. Deliver nursing care within established legal and ethical parameters in collaboration with clients and members of the interdisciplinary health care team.
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Student Learning Outcomes - Elevate Module

At the end of the Elevate module the student will:
1. Acquire additional strategies to understand and apply the Hurst core content knowledge and testing skills necessary to pass the NCLEX®-RN on their first attempt.
2. Develop and refine critical thinking skills and clinical reasoning.
4. Employ an understanding related to the provision of safe, client-centered care in the health care arena.
5. Understand the role of entry level RN’s into practice.
6. Utilize the use of technology for individual learning and content mastery.

Differentiated Essential Competencies (DEC’s)

The Richard and Lucille DeWitt School of Nursing prepares graduates to demonstrate the Differentiated Essential Competencies of Graduates of Texas Nursing Programs Evidenced by Knowledge, Clinical Judgments, and Behaviors (DECs). The competencies are based upon the preparation in the program of study. In nursing education, the DEC’s serve as a guideline and tool for curriculum development and revision, a tool for benchmarking and evaluation of the program, and statewide standard to ensure graduates will enter practice as safe and competent nurses. The DECs are incorporated into every course in the SON to ensure uniformity and continuity of standards. Please refer to the Texas BON website for additional information http://www.bon.texas.gov

Course Requirements
A course average of 75 is required to pass the course.

Course Calendar
See pages above for Clinical on Campus dates and time. Clinical with preceptor will be individualized.

Grading Policy
Students will receive a letter grade for this course as follows:

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<td>Med Calc. quizzes, Elevate module quizzes, pre-SIM/SIM quizzes and Q-cards.</td>
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Grading Scale
A=90 – 100
B=80-89
C=75-79
F=less than 75

Rounding of grades is confined to the final course grade.
• Grades on individual exams (including comprehensive or HESI), assignments, quizzes, and projects are recorded in the gradebook (D2L) in their original form without rounding.
• Final course grades are rounded to the closest whole number using the 0.5 math rule and using one decimal point to the right of the whole number. If the final course grade is not a whole number, the following rounding rules apply:
  a. If the decimal attached to a whole number is 0.5 or greater, then round up to the next whole number (equal to or greater than 85.50 = 86)
  b. If the decimal attached to a whole number is less than 0.5, then round down to the previous whole number (equal to or less than 85.49 = 85).

Late work will not be accepted without prior approval from instructors.

Quizzes and assignments – medication Calculation quizzes and other graded quizzes/assignments; no make-up allowed unless approved by instructor in advance.

Attendance

Attendance will follow the School of Nursing Student Policy 21. As a clinical course, all assigned hours are required.

Exams

Attendance is mandatory. The only excused absence is one related to illness of self, death of immediate family member or significant other, the result of a catastrophic event, or any event approved by the instructor. If so directed by the instructor, the student must send a written excuse from the professional health care provider. If the absence is not excused, a zero (0) will be received for the exam. See School of Nursing Policy # 20.

In the event that a student must be absent for an exam, the student must:
1. Notify the instructor prior to the exam;
2. Contact the instructor within two (2) days following the exam, in order to make arrangements to take the exam. If the student has an excused absence from an exam, the instructor has the option of requiring a make-up exam or increasing the percentage of the points of another test.

Academic Integrity (A-9.1)

Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a
component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on
an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or
plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your
own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one’s own work
then, in fact, it is least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased
or otherwise obtained from an internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words
or ideas of an author into one’s paper without giving the author due credit.

Please read the complete policy at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/

Withheld Grades (Semester Grades Policy: A-54)

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic
chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course
work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one
calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade
automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will
automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of
computing the grade point average.

Students with Disabilities

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternated formats and/or auxiliary aids, students
with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building,
and Room 325, 468-3004/ 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified,
ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be
provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For
additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

All students are responsible for the Policies and Procedures of the School of Nursing.
These can be found online at www.nursing.sfasu.edu, Policies and Procedures link.

Clinical Supervision Limit

This course uses the preceptor model of twenty four students per clinical instructor. Each
student will be assigned to an RN preceptor in the clinical area.

Clinical Evaluation Tool

The preceptor will complete the Preceptor Clinical Evaluation Tool at the end of each clinical
day. The forms will be turned in to your instructor at the completed of clinical and will be added
to your permanent file.

The Preceptor Clinical Evaluation Tool is available on D2L. It is the responsibility of the
students to have the tool completed.
Clinical Expectations

1. All students are expected to be present at each clinical and are responsible for all materials presented there. Social conflicts and work are inexcusable.

2. Demonstrate continual development of critical thinking skills, in-depth application of nursing process and clinical expertise.

3. Complete clinical hours (Clinical hours are those hours spent with clients assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating in the health-care setting, those in case studies, in the simulation lab and other assignments given clinical credit). Total clinical absences not to exceed 10%. Absences for any reason over 10% (1 clinical day) must be petitioned with the Student Affairs Committee using the Petition form found online. See Policy and Procedure # 21 for more details.

4. Missed clinical hours related to illness require a visit to the SFA clinic or your private provider and a note from the health care provider. Please, do not come to clinical with fever.

5. Arrange conferences with the instructor to discuss progression, processes, and clinical experiences as needed.

6. Exercise punctuality to all clinical and agency assignments.

7. Make up missed clinical hours at discretion and timing of instructor and preceptor.

8. If unable to make clinical times please call instructor and clinical site at least one hour prior to clinical time.

9. Provide care for clients in accordance with Texas Standards of Nursing Practice Act 217.11.

10. Wear SFASU nursing uniform with name pin and maintain SFA nursing dress code policy #18 in clinical setting.

11. Wear hair off collar, contained, and in a moderate style.

12. Wear makeup only in moderate amounts.

13. Do not wear perfume, cologne, aftershave at clinicals.

14. Discipline self to prohibit use of slang and expletives in the clinical setting.

15. Do not use cell phones is clinical setting.

Additional Responsibilities:

1. Arrive at the clinical site on time with all needed supplies/equipment and paperwork.

2. Apply safe care according to the Nurse Practice Act and SFASU School of Nursing Policies and Procedures.

3. Notify primary nurse immediately in the event of an emergency or change in patient condition.

4. Verify all medications and procedures with your clinical preceptor prior to giving all medications or performing procedures and follow-up with same nurse/instructor after completion of task.

5. All procedures (such as IV insertion, catheter insertion and dressing changes) must be completed under the direct supervision of the clinical preceptor.
6. Actively pursue skills and experiences with primary nurse/preceptor. You should not be sitting with nothing to do or bored.
7. Turn in all work as directed in this syllabus.
8. You are to remain at the clinical site during normal operation hours.

Clinical Absences:

In case of illness or emergency it is the RESPONSIBILITY of the students to notify the instructor and the agency if unable to attend clinical. For clinical sites, please phone as soon as they open. Phone numbers are available on provider information sheets on D2L.

To be an excused absence, the student must also be excused directly by the clinical instructor.

Unexcused absences will result in a clinical F day. Unexcused absences are defined as any absence that was not cleared with the instructor prior to the clinical experience, or any absence not directly related to illness of self or death of immediate family member or significant other. All course meetings, tests, skills, and simulations are considered clinical.

Absence from the clinical area exceeding 10% will result in a clinical failure. However, if the absences are excused, the student may be able to petition to remain in the course. See School of Nursing Policy #21.

Clinical Failure –

Receiving more than two (2) failed days (2 “F” days) in the clinical component of the course. The following represent one (1) failed day each:
1. Failure to provide care for clients and families in accordance with the Texas Standards of Nursing Practice Article 217.11.
2. Failure on each clinical day of each week to be prepared for assigned area and to be able to discuss the assigned client(s)/family(ies) in a holistic manner.
3. Failure to successfully complete any clinical assignment by the assigned date/time.
4. Substantiated complaints or unsatisfactory preceptor evaluation from a preceptor or agency can be a clinical failure.
5. Failure to take advantage of opportunities at various clinical sites (i.e. having to be asked to go with doctors or nurses, studying instead of being attentive to patient care, including not keeping up with the nurse etc.).

Requirements for passing clinical:

To receive a satisfactory clinical grade, the nursing student must:

1. Adhere to the policies stated in the student handbook, SON policies, and this syllabus.
2. Receive a grade of “S” (satisfactory) on all behaviors outlined on the clinical summative evaluation form.
3. Give a satisfactory demonstration of all selected clinical skills.
4. Give satisfactory performance in all oral and written work and complete any prescribed remediation. 

Reminder: Students may not receive more than 2 clinical “F” days and receive a passing grade in the course.