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Class Meeting Time and Place
Class will be delivered via a hybrid format, and include both synchronous, in-class lectures and asynchronous online lectures and assignments. The course includes a minimum of 150 minutes of asynchronous learning activities. See course calendar for delivery methods. Clinical on campus days vary. See course calendar for clinical schedule. Clinical instructors will provide clinical rotation schedules for each group.

Mask requirements: Currently masks are not mandated in the classroom/simulation areas; however, the Covid response team at SFASU highly encourage wearing masks and being aware of social distance during this uncertain time.

Textbooks and Materials
Required
All textbooks and Evolve resources from previous semesters.


vSim for Nursing: Medical-Surgical

Recommended


Course Description
This course builds upon principles and theories from previous, concurrent, and pre-requisite courses. Students apply nursing theory and research in the provision of holistic nursing care to clients experiencing simple to complex disease processes. Emphasis will be on developing proficiency in the provision of nursing care to adults of diverse spiritual, ethno-cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds with a focus on medical-surgical problems in varied healthcare settings. Students will utilize the nursing process for health promotion and maintenance. Students are encouraged to think critically about bioethical and health issues and to communicate on a professional, interpersonal, and intrapersonal level as a member of the interdisciplinary health care team.

Number of Credit Hours
6 credit hours (3 lecture/9 hours clinical practicum)

NUR 3630 Nursing Care of the Young Adult to Elderly (6 credits; 3 hour didactic and 9 hours clinical per week) This course typically meets one day a week for course instruction in 3 hour segments for 15 weeks and has an additional final week. Students have significant weekly
reading assignments and are required to take major exams and a comprehensive final examination. Quizzes may also be given. The didactic preparation and activities average a minimum of 9 hours a week to prepare outside of classroom hours.

The clinical component is composed of a total of 135 hours. It consists of direct patient care, simulation lab, clinical assignments, virtual simulation assignments, and medication administration modules. Students typically meet for clinical 2-3 times a week for 8 hours per meeting. Students are required to successfully pass the clinical component to pass the course.

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites**

**Pre-requisites:** NURS 3205, NURS 3606/3006, NURS 3207/3007, NURS 3308  
**Co-requisites:** NURS 3431/3031, NURS 3232/3032, NURS 3030

**Program Learning Outcomes**

Graduates of the program will:

1. Apply knowledge of the physical, social, and behavioral sciences in the provision of nursing care based on theory 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. Assure 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. Value continuing competence, growth, and development in the profession of nursing.

**General Education Core Curriculum Objectives/Outcomes**

None

**Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Relate concepts and principles of the arts, sciences, humanities, and nursing as a source for making nursing practice decisions with clients and families experiencing simple to complex health stressors.
2. Demonstrate responsibility and accountability using consistent behavior patterns and professional communication.
3. Evaluate research for applicability of findings to provision of nursing care.
4. Incorporate the nursing process as a template to formulate and implement individualized plans of care for clients.
5. Utilize assessment and critical thinking skills to provide nursing care and teaching to severely ill clients and families.
6. Incorporate moral, ethical, economic, and legal issues in provision of nursing care to clients and families.
7. Collaborate with the interdisciplinary healthcare team respecting holistic, socio-economic, spiritual, and ethno-culturally diverse characteristics of clients.
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 further information about DECs: [https://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/differentiated_essential_competencies-2010.pdf](https://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/differentiated_essential_competencies-2010.pdf)

Course Requirements
Unit exams, HESI, quizzes, simulations, lab experiences, clinical experiences

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Total 600 (100%)

It is **mandatory** to make an appointment to see your clinical instructor for remediation for any exam grade below 75%.

Grading Policy
Evaluation is based on achievement of the objectives. Evaluation strategies include major exams, a comprehensive course final examination (HESI), quizzes, simulations, observation in clinical settings, patient care conferences, clinical paperwork documenting the nursing process, and clinical performance evaluations.

**In order to receive a C grade for the course, each student must first obtain a weighted mean exam score of 75% or better on the 4 unit exams and HESI computerized comprehensive final exam.** A weighted exam average below 75% or an overall weighted course average below 75% constitutes failure of N330 and will result in a grade of “F” on the transcript.

*N3630 exams are secure. Printing, copying, or writing questions down for outside use is prohibited.*

Faculty reserve the right to change any previously graded quiz, test, presentation, or any written work at any time in the semester until final course average is posted on mySFA.
Testing Expectations
Because of the testing classroom environment, if you need a larger font, you must seek accommodations through Disability Services. Changing the font size during an exam is not allowed. Changing the font size requires a two-click process; therefore, it is a blatant violation of testing expectations and this will result in a zero on the exam.

Testing is never a joint effort in this course. Students may only have earplugs and a pen/pencil. One piece of paper may be supplied by instructors only. NO hats, NO caps, No hoodies, NO calculators, NO sunglasses, NO apple or smart watches, NO electronics, NO note cards, with information on content are allowed. Personal belongings will be placed in designated area in testing room; cell phones will be turned off and left at the front of the room.

Please visit the restroom before the test. (An instructor will accompany the student if a restroom break is necessary. Only one student may leave the testing room at a time and no additional testing time is given.)

Students who arrive late will ONLY be allowed to take the exam if no other student has left the testing room, and they will complete the test without time extension within the allotted testing period.

Make-Up Exam
Make-up exams will be given at the discretion of faculty and in accordance with the policies and procedures of the School of Nursing and the university.

SON Rounding Policy:
Policy 1.7 for all courses:
1. Rounding is confined to the final course grade.
   Grades on individual exams (including comprehensive or HESI), assignments, quizzes, and projects are recorded in the gradebook in Brightspace in their original form without rounding.
2. 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).
3. The grading schedule for all Nursing Courses is as follows:
   90-100 = A
   80-89 = B
   75-79 = C
   Less than 75 = F

Clinical Pass/Fail
Clinical performance will be graded on a pass/fail basis. If a student fails to pass the clinical portion of the course, the student will fail the entire course.
Clinical assignments/experiences may vary based on clinical site availability and individual student needs. Clinical performance will be evaluated via clinical instructor and preceptors using the clinical evaluation forms found in the clinical forms section of Brightspace. Formative evaluations will be offered weekly or more, if necessary, throughout the clinical rotation. Formal summative evaluations will be done at the end of the clinical practicum. Students must demonstrate mastery on safe medication administration in order to successfully complete this course that is done in a final medication administration lab. **Students may be assigned extra clinical time when the instructor deems it necessary, at any clinical site, in order to meet the clinical objectives.**

**Attendance Policy (Exam and Attendance)**

**Classroom:** Attendance is not mandatory. However, students are expected to attend classes regularly. Roll may be taken at the beginning of each class.

**Exams:** (Policy 1.1) Students, applicable to all programs, are expected to be present for any exam. At the discretion of the instructor, students may be excused from attendance for reasons such as health, family emergencies, or student participation in an approved university-sponsored event(s). However, students are responsible for notifying their instructors in advance, when possible, for excusable absences. If so directed by the instructor, the student must bring a written excuse from the professional healthcare provider.

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. All final exams are mandatory. Any missed final exam will result in an incomplete grade until the final exam is taken.

**PROCEDURE:**

In the event of an imminent absence, the student will:

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 absence is not excused, a zero (0) will be received for the exam.

**Clinical:** (Policy 3.3) **Attendance is mandatory for all face-to-face clinical hours** (all clinical on campus experiences, facility orientation, and clinical rotations). At the discretion of the clinical instructor, students may be excused from clinical for reasons such as health, family emergencies, or student participation in approved university-sponsored events. If so directed by the instructor, the student must bring a written excuse by the healthcare provider.

An unexcused absence will result in a clinical “F” day for the BSN and RN-BSN students and places the MSN students at jeopardy to fail the course clinically.
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. In the event of an emergency preventing prior notification, the instructor should be notified within 24 hours of the missed clinical day.

PROCEDURE:

In the event of an imminent absence, the student will:

1. Notify the instructor according to his/her (the instructor’s) stated instructions in the syllabus.

2. Notify the clinical agency, if appropriate, at least one hour prior to scheduled clinical experience.

3. Absence of more than ten percent (10%) of clinical time will result in failure of the course.

4. A student may petition an adverse action pursuant to the ten percent (10%) absence rule to the Student Affairs Committee. The petition may be handled in an expedited manner if appropriate. Documentation supporting the reason for the absence will be required with the petition.

Clinical COVID Related Requirements
Students may be required to complete a COVID screening questionnaire and/or Covid testing prior to clinical experiences at some clinical sites. Some sites may require proof of vaccination. Additionally, students will be required to follow site specific masking rules. Requirements will be outlined by each clinical instructor prior to the first day of clinical.

Technology Requirements
All students are required to have access to a laptop or desktop computer for academic and testing purposes. You may view the complete list of technical requirements below for Windows and Mac computers. We do not currently support mobile devices for Examsoft or HESI exams (iPads, Androids, etc). We do not support any computer systems other than Windows or Mac (no Chromebooks, Linux devices, etc). For questions regarding laptop hardware or software, please contact The SFA Help Desk at https://help.sfasu.edu/TDClient/2027/Portal/Home/ or 936-468-HELP.

At all times, the computer should be capable of running the software below or contain the necessary hardware listed. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that his/her computer has the required software installed upon admission, and it is updated throughout his/her time as a student.

Upon admission, students will attend an orientation session. The orientation for each course provides instructions on how to access each of the software programs used in the DeWitt School of Nursing program.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS MAC LAPTOPS/DESKTOPS
- Operating System – OS 10.14 Mojave (or newer)
- Hard Drive – 250 GB hard drive or solid state drive
• RAM – 8 GB
• Battery Life – Minimum of 6 hours required (8 hours recommended).
• High Speed Internet Connection – We require a minimum connection speed of 20 Mbps.
• Safari Browser (free)
• Mozilla Firefox Browser (free)
• Chrome Browser (free)
• Microsoft Office 365 – Is provided to you through your My SFA account. Your Microsoft Office 365 can be installed on up to 5 additional devices.
• SFASU Duo Authentication – You will be required to verify your identity using dual authentication on a mobile device.
• SFASU Jacks Email – You will be required to read your SFASU Jacks email. It is recommended that you access your account daily and connect to a mobile device so you never miss any critical announcements.
• Examsoft Examplify – Software will be provided upon admission. All testing is completed using this software platform.
• Adobe Reader (free)
• Adobe Flash Player (free)
• Anti-Virus Solution – We support Sophos for MAC (free version). There is also a paid version, but this in not required or necessary. We only support Sophos at exams. If you choose to use another anti-virus solution and encounter problems, you will have to contact the vendor or general helpdesk for support.
• Scanning Capabilities – You may use a mobile app (such as Turbo Scan) or visit a store which provides scanning services (such as Fed Ex Office).
• Webcam
• Computer Microphone
• Computer Headset and/or Ear Buds

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS WINDOWS Laptops/Desktops
• Operating System – Windows 10. We do not support 7 or 8.
• Processor - Intel Core 2 Duo, i3,i5 or i7 processor
• Hard Drive – 250 GB hard drive or solid state drive
• RAM – 8 GB
• Battery Life – Minimum of 6 hours required (8 hours recommended).
• High Speed Internet Connection – We require a minimum connection speed of 20 Mbps.
• Internet Explorer Browser (free)
• Mozilla Firefox Browser (free)
• Chrome Browser (free)
• Edge Browser (for Windows 10 users only) free
• Microsoft Office 365 – Is provided to you through your My SFA account. Your Microsoft Office 365 can be installed on up to 5 additional devices.
• SFASU Duo Authentication – You will be required to verify your identity using dual authentication on a mobile device.
• SFASU Jacks Email – You will be required to read your SFASU Jacks email. It is recommended that you access your account daily and connect to a mobile device so you never miss any critical announcements.
• Examsoft Examplify – Software will be provided upon admission. All testing is completed using this software platform.
• Adobe Reader (free)
• Adobe Flash Player (free)
• Anti-Virus Solution – We only support Windows Defender (Windows 10). Before testing, disable any other anti-virus programs that you may have other than Windows Defender. We do not provide support for any anti-virus solution with exams other than Windows Defender. If you choose to use another anti-virus solution and encounter problems, you will have to contact the vendor or general helpdesk for support.
• Scanning Capabilities – You may use a mobile app (such as Turbo Scan) or visit a store, which provides scanning services (such as Fed Ex Office).
• Webcam
• Computer Microphone
• Computer Headset and/or Ear Buds

Academic Integrity
Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members must promote the components of academic integrity in their instruction, and course syllabi are required to provide information about penalties for cheating and plagiarism, as well as the appeal process.

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 on any class assignment or exam; (2) falsifying or inventing of any information, including citations, on an assignment; (3) helping or attempting to help other student(s) in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were one’s own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to: (1) submitting an assignment as one's own work when it is at least partly the work of another person; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from the Internet or another source; (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper or presentation without giving the author credit. Please read the complete student academic dishonesty policy at: https://www.sfasu.edu/policies/student-academic-dishonesty-4.1.pdf

Penalties for Academic Dishonesty
Penalties may include, but are not limited to, reprimand, no credit for the assignment or exam, resubmission of the work, make-up exam, failure of the course, or expulsion from the university.

Unacceptable Behavior includes:
• Turning in any portion of someone’s work without crediting the author.
• Writing for or with another student any course assignment not intended as a group activity.
• Receiving/using from another student any course assignment, quiz, or simulation information.
• Logging onto computer programs and/or signing for another student on computer or roster.
• In-class quizzes must be taken in the classroom and passwords are not shared with others outside of the classroom. IP addresses can be checked.

**Self-plagiarism:** As a student, self-plagiarism is the presentation of your own previously completed work as an original and is considered unethical (APA, 2021). In specific circumstances, students may wish to duplicate their written work; however, appropriate notation of previous work is required. Normally, if one is repeating a course in the nursing program and the student previously successfully completed the assignment, but is required to complete the assignment again as part of the course work, the vast majority of the assignment should constitute new work of the student. If the student needs to add a small segment of the work into any assignment, it should be noted in the new document. For example, "As discussed in the Spring 2021 assignment XYZ, COVID-19 vaccinations are essential for promoting public health (Name, 2021)." This clearly identifies the student's intent to point the reader to the previous document.

**References**


**Withheld Grades**

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. The circumstances precipitating the request must have occurred after the last day in which a student could withdraw from a course. Students requesting a WH must be passing the course with a minimum projected grade of C.

**Students with Disabilities**

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate 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/](http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/).
Acceptable Student Behavior
Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the I-Care: Early Alert Program. This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.

Mental Health Statement
SFASU values students’ mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. SFA provides a variety of resources to support students’ mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

On-campus Resources:
SFASU Counseling Services
www.sfasu.edu/counselingservies
3rd floor Rusk Building
936-468-2401

SFASU Human Services Counseling Clinic
www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp
Human Services Room 202
936-468-1041

Crisis Resources:
Burke 24-hour crisis line 1-800-932-8343
Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741

CLINICAL GUIDELINES

Clinical meeting times and places
N3630/3030 clinicals are every other week Monday-Friday. Floor clinical will be one-two days per week (Monday/Tuesday or Weekends). Off-floor assignments may include rotations to OR, wound care, ER and the simulation/skills lab. Throughout the semester, there will be various clinical on campus (COC) hours. See course calendar and clinical schedule.
Medical/Surgical Clinical Experience

PURPOSE: The purpose of the medical/surgical clinical experience is to provide the nursing student a total of 135 hours of clinical experience in order to utilize the nursing process as a framework for practice with medical/surgical clients requiring nursing care.

Designated Clinical Hours

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Note: This may change due to clinical site changes. See detailed course calendar.

Clinical Evaluation:
Students must achieve 75% of the clinical points shown on the Clinical Points Grading Rubric in Brightspace in order to pass clinically.

Required clinical materials
Scissors, pen light, hemostat, stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, two sets of uniforms, and professional white shoes. White lab jacket or coat with visible SFA School of Nursing patch is optional.

Direct Patient Care Clinical Assignments
Medication List
Completed at beginning of semester. Students are expected to have this list with them at all times in clinical and simulation lab.

**Med Surg Floor**

Complete Clinical Assignments (see SimChart Guidelines in Brightspace). For each offense of a direct patient care clinical assignment (i.e., patient documentation) not being submitted by the due date and time, students will lose clinical points for that assignment. If the assignment is not submitted within 24 hours of the due date and time, the student will receive a clinical F-day.

**Precepted Sites**

When in another site (OR, ER, Wound Care) complete the associated assignment found in Brightspace. In addition, you must turn in all Preceptor Evaluation forms in the sealed envelope provided. Failure to do so will result in an F day.

**Late Submission of Direct Patient Care Clinical Assignments**

*Clinical folders and clinical assignments are due on your assigned due date based on clinical group of your clinical week by 1700. See detailed course calendar. For each offense of a direct patient care clinical assignment (i.e., patient documentation) not being submitted by the due date and time, students will lose clinical points for that assignment. If the assignment is not submitted within 24 hours of the due date and time, the student will receive a clinical F-day.

**Non-direct Patient Care Clinical Assignments**

**Clinical on Campus Assignments**

Most clinical on campus experiences have an accompanying assignment. All are due by 2359 three days after the clinical on campus experience. See course calendar for all due dates.

**Virtual Clinical Assignments**

Virtual Clinical Assignments will be assigned throughout the semester. These assignments count toward your total clinical hours in this course. All virtual clinicals must be completed by the due dates listed on the course calendar. The following assignments are considered virtual clinical assignments:

- **Medication Administration Modules**
  Students will be assigned 3 medication administration modules in SimChart throughout the semester to help improve your medication administration skills. These count for 1 clinical hour each. See Brightspace for medication module instructions and the course calendar for due dates.

- **vSim**
  Students will be assigned 6 vSim scenarios throughout the semester. Students MUST get 90% on the scenario and the post-simulation quiz by the posted due date to successfully complete this assignment. These scenarios count for 1 clinical hour each. See Brightspace for vSim instructions. See course calendar for due dates.

- **Video Assessment**
  Students will perform a head-to-toe assessment that you record and upload to dropbox in Brightspace. There is also a charting assignment in SimChart that accompanies this. See Video Assessment assignment in Brightspace for instructions.
• Millie Case Study
Students will complete an unfolding case study caring for a hospitalized patient. See Millie Case Study in Brightspace.

Late Submission of Other Clinical Assignments

For each offense of a non-direct patient care clinical assignment (i.e., virtual simulation) not being submitted by the due date and time, students will lose clinical points for that assignment.

Clinical on Campus/Simulation
Student groups will complete simulations and skills practice in the lab setting for clinical hours. Groups and dates will be assigned by the instructors. Assignments concerning preparation for the labs will be posted on Brightspace. Students will be expected to complete the required assignments prior to clinical on campus rotations in addition to any post lab/simulation assignments.

Clinical on Campus Skills Labs
Students must demonstrate satisfactorily how to perform the assigned skills in the clinical on campus skills labs during the skills check-off day (see course calendar). Failure to perform any skill satisfactorily the first time will result in a prescription for remediation developed by the instructor. The student must re-demonstrate the skill with an instructor or preceptor either in the clinical setting or in the skills lab. Failure to complete the remediation or to satisfactorily complete the skill will result in an “F” clinical day.

Skills Assessment (Check-offs)
The student will participate in both formative and summative skills assessments as a part of this course. Students are required to demonstrate competency in all designated skills prior to course completion. Students will be given a chance to demonstrate competency in formative skills during the beginning or middle of the semester. On the first unsuccessful attempt, students will be counseled and given another attempt. On the second attempt, students will again be counseled and given a third attempt. Failure to successfully perform the skill on the third formative attempt will result in a clinical F-day. The clinical instructor and student will then formulate an action plan to prepare for a summative check-off of the skill prior to course completion. Summative skills will be assessed toward the end of the semester. On the first failed attempt of a summative assessment the student will be counseled and given another attempt. On the second unsuccessful attempt, students will again be counseled and given a third attempt. In the event that the student is unsuccessful on the third attempt of a summative course assessment, a clinical failure will occur. The skills assessments for this course are as follows:

Skills and Medication Evaluation Skills Labs
Students must demonstrate mastery on safe medication administration in order to successfully complete this course. The student will perform in the classroom and skills lab in two medication skills labs throughout the course of the semester.

• Formative Skill 1/ IV insertion and CVAD Dressing Change: This lab and checkoff occurs prior to outside clinical experience and is used as a learning activity to familiarize
students with IV insertion and central venous access device dressing change procedures. Re-evaluation of unsuccessful students will be scheduled by each individual instructor.

- **Formative Skill 2 /Medication Administration Lab:** This lab occurs prior to the outside clinical experience and used as a learning activity for the student. Students are provided feedback on areas needing improvement via the medication administration rubric. Students have 30 minutes per scenario to administer medications. Unsuccessful students will be re-evaluated on Clinical Practice Day. If further deficiencies are identified, the clinical instructor will schedule a third evaluation.

- **Summative Skills include any unsuccessful formative skill and Medication Administration Lab:** This lab occurs at the end of the clinical experience. This experience is graded as pass/fail based on the medication administration rubric. Students have up to three opportunities to successfully complete this experience. Failure to satisfactorily complete the lab by the 3rd attempt will result in a clinical failure.

**Clinical Evaluation (Policy 3.8)**

Students, applicable to all programs, will receive formative clinical evaluations throughout the semester and a written summative evaluation of clinical performance at the end of each semester.

The formative clinical performance evaluations completed throughout the semester may be verbal and/or written at the discretion of the course instructor.

Each student will receive a written clinical evaluation at the completion of each clinical course. This evaluation will be discussed with the student. The student will be asked to sign and date the evaluation before it is filed in his/her permanent record. If, for any reason, the student disagrees with the clinical evaluation, the student will be referred to the SON Student Affairs Committee.

If a student is in danger of failing clinically they should be notified in writing by their clinical instructor. They then should be evaluated by a different clinical instructor. Final clinical evaluation and grading should include feedback from both instructors.

See the last page of the syllabus for the clinical objectives.

**Clinical Tardies & Absences:**

Students are expected to arrive at all clinical experiences, including simulation and/or classroom experiences that count for clinical hours, on time and prepared to learn. A student is considered late if they arrive more than 5 minutes after the designated clinical start time. On the first late arrival, students will receive a written warning (tardy). Any subsequent late arrival to clinical experiences will result in a clinical F-Day. A situation in which the student misses the entire clinical experience or arrives more than one hour after the designated start time will be considered an unexcused clinical absence and receive an immediate clinical F-day. Unexcused absences will not be made up and if absence is more than 10% of total clinical hours students may petition to the Student Affairs Committee to request special consideration for make-up.
Clinical Failure
A. Equals more than two (2) failed clinical days (2 “Clinical F” days). The following represent one (1) failed day each:
   1. Failure to provide care for clients in accordance with the Texas Standards of Nursing Practice Act 217.11
   2. Failure to take advantage of opportunities at various clinical sites (i.e. being asked to follow doctors, studying instead of following nurse)
   3. Any complaint about student performance or professionalism from a clinical site.
   4. Failure to give satisfactory performance in all oral or written paper work and/or failure to complete all prescribed remediation.
   4. Failure to adhere to all SON policies.
   5. Missing report from the off-going nurse.
   6. Unexcused absence from clinical.
   7. Two failures to arrive at clinical site/clinical on campus on time. Tardiness is defined as being more than 5 minutes late to arrive at the appropriate clinical setting. Students will receive one warning for tardiness. Subsequent tardies will result in an F day.
   8. Second late submission of direct care clinical assignments will result in clinical F day.
   9. Failure to meet any/all of the clinical expectations listed below.

B. Failure to receive a passing grade on 2 formative weekly clinical evaluations during the semester. These evaluations are completed by the instructor and/or preceptor for each clinical experience.

C. Failure to receive a “Pass” rating on the formal summative final clinical evaluation form.

D. Missing more than 10% of total clinical hours (13.5 hours)

E. Failure to successfully pass summative Medication Administration Lab 2 by the 3rd attempt.

Clinical Expectations
All students are expected to be prepared for the clinical experience, as well as have all necessary clinical supplies to practice. The student is required to be prepared from the beginning of the shift to assume responsibility for complete care of the assigned client(s) (including all treatments and medications). The only exceptions are chemotherapeutic medications for cancer and blood/blood product administration. Students must be familiar with but will not administer these medications under any circumstances. The student is expected to be knowledgeable about the client’s disease processes and therapeutic interventions--both medical and nursing. All students are required to:

- Demonstrate continual development of critical thinking skills, in-depth application of nursing process and clinical expertise.
- Complete clinical hours. Missed clinical hours related to illness require a note from the health care provider.
- Arrange conferences with the instructor to discuss progression, processes, and clinical experiences as needed.
• Exercise punctuality to all clinical and agency assignments. (see clinical attendance policy 3.3).
• Make up missed clinical hours at discretion and timing of instructor.
• If unable to make clinical times please call instructor prior to clinical time. Do not call the SFA office phone number, your instructor is at the clinical site.
• Students are expected to adhere to the DeWitt School of Nursing Dress Code Policy. On the first violation of the policy, students will be given a written warning. Any subsequent violations of the dress code policy will result in a clinical F-Day. (See SON policy No. 3.6)
• Tobacco use of any kind is prohibited during clinical.
• No gum chewing, eating, or drinking in client care areas.
• Cell phones are not permitted in clinical care areas. Ask your clinical instructor if they may be permitted in a designated area.
• Do not wear perfume, cologne, aftershave when in the clinical setting.
• Discipline self to prohibit use of slang and expletives in the clinical setting.
• Submit work as directed in syllabus and on course calendar/clinical schedule.
• Arrive on time to appropriate area with all required supplies.
• Practice safe care according to the Nurse Practice Act and SFASU School of Nursing Policies and Procedures.
• Notify primary nurse and the instructor in the event of an emergency or change in patient condition.
• On the medical-surgical unit, verify all medications and procedures with the instructor prior to giving or performing procedures and follow-up with the instructor after completion of tasks. When attending outside clinical experiences verify all medications and procedures with the assigned preceptor prior to and follow-up with the preceptor after completion of tasks.
• On the medical-surgical unit, the direct supervision of the instructor is required. All procedures (IV insertion, catheter insertion, dressing changes…) are to be completed under the direct supervision of the assigned preceptor in the outside clinical experiences.
• Report off to primary nurse before leaving unit for break, lunch, and end of shift.
• Arrange for SFASU nursing student to monitor your patient at any time you will be away from the unit (for breaks, lunch, to see procedures…)
• Actively pursue skills and experiences with primary nurse. You should not be sitting with nothing to do or bored.
• Demonstrate safe medication administration in all clinical areas.

All students are responsible for the Policies and Procedures of the School of Nursing. These can be found online http://www.sfasu.edu/academics/colleges/sciences-math/nursing/student-resources/nursing-policies

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Unit Objectives

Unit I
Care of Client with IV Therapies

At the end of this unit the student will be able to:
1. Perform an assessment on various types of intravenous access devices including peripheral and central lines.
2. Perform an appropriate assessment for patients receiving intravenous therapy including parenteral therapy.
3. Plan nursing management for patients receiving intravenous therapy including parenteral therapy.
4. Discuss teaching plans for a patient receiving intravenous therapy including parenteral therapy.
5. Identify and prevent complications for a patient receiving intravenous therapy including parenteral therapy.

Units II & III
Care of the Client with Cardiovascular Disease and Vascular Disorders

At the end of this unit the student will be able to:
1. Assess clients with cardiovascular disease or vascular disorders.
2. Apply knowledge of cardiovascular medications to the care of patients with cardiovascular disorders.
3. Plan nursing management of a patient with a cardiovascular disease or vascular disorder.
4. Analyze lab and diagnostic data specific to the cardiovascular system.
5. Discuss teaching plans for clients with, or who are at risk for, cardiovascular disease or vascular disorders.

Unit IV
Care of the Client with Upper/Lower Pulmonary & Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases

At the end of this unit the student will be able to:
1. Assess the respiratory system.
2. Describe the pathophysiology of problems of the respiratory system.
4. Analyze lab and diagnostic data specific to the respiratory system.
5. Discuss teaching plans for a client with a respiratory disease.

Unit V
Nursing Care of the Client with Endocrine System Disorders

At the end of this unit the student will be able to:
1. Assess the endocrine system: Describe what hormones are and how they are produced.
2. Describe the pathophysiology of the endocrine system: Pituitary gland, Anterior Pituitary gland, Hypothalamus, Thyroid, Adrenal gland, and pancreas associated disorders to each gland.
3. Formulate a plan of care and nursing diagnoses for any client who has an endocrine disorder.
4. Evaluate diagnostic and laboratory testing, assessment data, and nursing interventions related to diabetes mellitus.
5. Evaluate and implement medical interventions, oral medications and insulin therapy to a client with diabetes mellitus.
6. Plan discharge teaching and explain chronic complications of diabetes mellitus to a client.
7. Evaluate diagnostic testing, nursing interventions, assessment data, and medical and surgical interventions related to hyperthyroidism (Grave’s disease).
8. Evaluate diagnostic testing, nursing interventions, assessment data, and medical interventions related to hypothyroidism.
9. Evaluate nursing interventions, assessment data, and medical and surgical interventions related to acromegaly an overproduction of growth hormone from the pituitary gland.
10. Evaluate diagnostic testing, nursing interventions, assessment data, and medical interventions related to Cushing’s and Adrenal Insufficiency (Addison’s disease).
11. Plan teaching and postoperative care for a client with hyperthyroidism and/or pituitary tumors.

Unit VI
Care of the Client with Neurological Problems
At the end of this unit the student will be able to:
1. Relate the role of the professional nurse in the care of clients with neurological problems in the acute and long-term health care settings.
2. Explain diagnostic testing related to selected neurological problems.
3. Apply knowledge of pathophysiology of Neurologic diseases to the plan of care for clients with neurological problems.
4. Formulate an appropriate nursing plan of care for clients with selected neurological problems.
5. Identify common medical and surgical modalities of care used in the care of clients with neurological problems.

Unit VII
Care of the Client with Urinary Disease and Male Reproductive Disorders
At the end of this unit the student will be able to:
1. Relate the role of the professional nurse in the care of clients with urinary problems in the acute and long-term health care settings.
2. Discuss factors that affect the planning of nursing care for clients with urinary diseases.
3. Explain diagnostic testing related to selected urinary diseases.
4. Apply knowledge of pathophysiology of urinary diseases to the plan of care for clients.
5. Formulate an appropriate nursing plan of care for clients with selected urinary system disorders.
6. Identify common medical and surgical modalities of care used in the care of clients with urinary system dysfunctions.

Male Reproductive System:
1. Identify the male reproductive issues and evaluate the meaning of Hypospadias, Hydrocele, Varicocele, and Cryptorchidism.
2. Evaluate the role of the professional nurse in the care of males with a Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia.
3. Formulate a plan of care and patient teaching for a male patient with benign prostatic hyperplasia.
4. Inventory diagnostic testing, nursing interventions, medical interventions, and patient teaching needs, related to Prostate Cancer.
5. Inventory diagnostic testing, nursing interventions, medical interventions, and patient teaching needs, related to Penile and Testicular Cancer.
6. Identify the penile disorders, evaluate the assessments and treatments of Priapism, Peyronie’s Disease, Phimosis, and Erectile Dysfunction.
   Evaluate patient teaching needs for male clients who have a Vasectomy.

Unit VIII
Nursing Care of the Client with Gastrointestinal System Diseases
At the end of this unit the student will be able to:
1. Identify abnormal assessment findings for patients with gastrointestinal and hepatic-biliary disorders.
2. Describe the pathophysiology of gastrointestinal and hepatic-biliary disorders.
3. Plan nursing interventions for clients with gastrointestinal and hepatic-biliary problems.
4. Analyze and interpret lab and diagnostic findings in clients with gastrointestinal and hepatic-biliary disorders.
5. Formulate teaching plans for patients with gastrointestinal and hepatic-biliary disorders.

Unit IX
Care of the Client with a Musculoskeletal Disorder
At the end of this unit the student will be able to:
1. Assess clients with musculoskeletal disorders.
2. Apply knowledge of medications to the care of clients with musculoskeletal disorders.
4. Analyze lab and diagnostic data specific to the musculoskeletal system.
5. Discuss teaching plans for a client with a musculoskeletal problem.

Unit X
Care of the Client with Hematologic Problems
At the end of this unit the student will be able to:
1. Describe the ways that self-care practices affect the health and care of a client with hematologic problems.
2. Relate the role of the professional nurse in the care of clients and hematologic problems in acute and long term health care settings.
3. Discuss the growth and developmental factors that affect the planning of nursing care for clients and hematologic problems.
4. Explain diagnostic testing related to selected cancer and hematologic problems.
5. Apply knowledge of pathophysiology and hematologic problems to the plan of care for clients with such.
6. Formulate an appropriate nursing plan of care for clients with selected and hematological disorders.
7. Discuss teaching plans for a client with hematologic problems.
Care of the Client with Cancer
At the end of this unit the student will be able to:
1. Assess clients with various types of cancer.
2. Analyze lab and diagnostic data specific to the client with cancer.
3. Examine and prioritize the nursing management of clients with cancer.
4. Discuss patient teaching required for the patient with cancer.
5. Integrate holistic nursing care to clients with cancer.

Unit XI
Care of the Client with Disorders of the Auditory, Visual, and Integumentary Systems
Care of the Client with Integumentary Disorders
At the end of this unit the student will be able to:
A/V System:
1. Evaluate the significant subjective and objective assessment data related to the visual and auditory systems obtained from the patient.
2. Examine the role of the professional nurse in the care of clients with auditory or visual disorders and their patient teaching needs.

Integumentary System:
3. Describe assessments to be made during examination of the skin (include Braden Scale).
4. Link age related changes in the integumentary system to assessment findings.
5. Compare and contrast benign and malignant critical components for describing primary and secondary lesions.
6. Explain the etiology, clinical manifestations, and nursing care for management of bacterial, viral and fungi infections of the integumentary system.
7. Compare the pathophysiology, clinical manifestations, complications and management throughout the three burn phases.
8. Prioritize nursing interventions in the management of the burn patient’s physiologic and psychosocial needs.
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Clinical Evaluation Tool  
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Student: _____________________________________  Date   Fall/Spring: __________

Instructor(s): ________________________________________________________________

**Evaluation Criteria:**  S = Satisfactory   U= Unsatisfactory

Ongoing clinical feedback will be provided in individual student-faculty conferences and with the weekly evaluation tool throughout the clinical rotation and will be documented on page 3.

Clinical objectives for evaluation are listed on page 2.

By the end of the clinical rotation, the student must satisfactorily demonstrate all behaviors described in the clinical objectives to pass the clinical portion of the course.

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### Clinical Objectives

**Clinical Outcomes**

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<td>1. Adhere to policies of the SON and facility as well as moral, legal and ethical standards of the profession while providing nursing care to clients and families.</td>
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<td>2. Assume responsibility and accountability for quality of nursing care.</td>
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<td>3. Identify own strengths and weaknesses and utilize feedback for professional growth.</td>
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<td>IIA</td>
<td>1. Relate applicable knowledge, concepts, and theories to clinical practice to assess persons and families with identified physical and or psychiatric problems.</td>
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<td>2. Utilize the nursing process and critical thinking in provision of care to individuals and families based on analysis of available data using theoretical knowledge in collaboration with the interdisciplinary health care team.</td>
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<td>3. Formulate goals, develop and implement plans of care for individual clients with health care needs using evidence-based practice as guidance.</td>
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<td>4. Communicate therapeutically with clients maintaining professional boundaries. Communicate assessment findings, facts and concepts clearly in writing, documenting appropriately.</td>
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<td>5. Evaluate and modify the plan of care for individual clients in collaboration with the interdisciplinary health care team.</td>
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<td><strong>C. PATIENT SAFETY ADVOCATE</strong></td>
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<td>1. Maintain strict infection control measures in clinical settings, adhering to isolation precautions when applicable and standard precautions for all clients.</td>
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<td>2. Safely administer medications according to the 8 rights and demonstrate knowledge of medications including applicable indication, interactions, and side effects.</td>
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<td>3. Provide for and maintain client safety at all times in regards to environment, mobility, transfers and use of equipment.</td>
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