

Midland College
Syllabus
RNSG 1140
Professional Nursing Skills for Articulating Students (0-3-0)

Covid-19 Addendum:

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

Course Description

This course is a demonstration of professional nursing skills and procedures; and utilizes critical thinking skills in a systematic problem-solving process. Content includes knowledge, judgment, skills, and professional values within a legal/ethical framework.

Prerequisite: Admission to the program.

Corequisite courses: RNSG 1160, RNSG 1201 and RNSG 1517.

Text, References, and Supplies

Text

- ATI (Assessment Technologies Institute) books, available online, as well as hard copies will sent to the school and distributed shortly after the semester beings. ATI products are paid with course fees. Title: Fundamentals for Nursing
- ATI Skills Modules – ATI online learning system in the section “Tutorials”
- Purchased Supply Kit from bookstore
- Midland College Associate Degree Nursing Program Student Handbook for Summer will be provided.

WECM End-of-Course Outcomes

Explain the principles underlying nursing skills and procedures; and demonstrate mastery of professional nursing skills and procedures.

Student Learning Outcomes

The following student learning outcomes (SLO)s are based on the Differentiated Essential Competencies of Graduates of Texas Professional Nursing Programs (DECs) identified by the Texas Board of Nursing for the professional 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 be able to:

1. Utilize technical skills, clinical reasoning, pharmacological principles, and current literature/evidence-based practice to support decision making and provide safe, patient-centered care, obtaining instruction, supervision, or training as needed. (PPCC- A, C; PSA-D; MHCT-A)
2. Use scientific principles as a basis for performing nursing skills. (PPCC-A)
3. Perform skills in an organized and efficient manner. (PPCC-D; PSA-B)

4. Integrate appropriate client assessment data before and after implementation of designated skills. (PPCC-B, C)
5. Document accurate and relevant data related to implemented skills. (MHCT-D; MOP-A)
6. Demonstrate competence in the performance of selected nursing skills in the laboratory setting. (MOP-B, D)
7. Utilize therapeutic and professional communication techniques to develop and maintain effective collaborative relationships. (MHCT-A, C, D)
8. Accept responsibility for self-directed professional development and learning. (MOP-C, D)

Student Contributions, Responsibilities and Class Policies

1. Students are expected to be familiar with content covered in class. ATI skill module assignments, as well as reading assignments, are essential for successful completion of the course. Bring textbooks and requested materials to lab as specified on the calendar. If an absence is unavoidable, the student is responsible for obtaining information covered.
2. Students must make every effort to attend class and laboratory learning experiences. This course is rigorous and moves quickly. Making up missed work will be difficult. A calendar, content outline, objectives and assignments will be provided throughout the course. The calendar may change with notification to the students.
3. The student must make prior arrangements with the instructor before a due date for an assignment or test if for any reason the deadline cannot be met. With prior notification, arrangements can be coordinated with the instructor for late work or for a missed exam. If an emergency exists, the student must, at a minimum, call the instructor regarding the situation. If the student does not provide prior notification, the assignment or test will receive a grade of zero. Notifying a student peer and asking the peer to inform the instructor is not sufficient notification.
4. All skills must receive a passing score in order to be successful in this course. All skills modules or other assignments must be submitted on time, unless other arrangements have been made prior to the due date. An average score of 80% or higher must be achieved on skill module post exams. Students are allowed one opportunity on each post-test. Students will not take the pretest.
5. Students are not allowed to access the internet during any computer-based exam, including instructor-made exams and those provided by ATI. The penalty for doing so will be a grade of zero on the exam. There will be no copying of any part of an exam to the clip board, a Word document or email. Doing so will not only result in a grade of zero on the exam, but may jeopardize the student's standing in the nursing program.
6. Students requiring modification to testing procedures must discuss their needs with the instructor(s) by the second week of class. Accommodations for students with disabilities are provided by the Student Life Department located in the Scharbauer Student Center. An application is required for each term. Medical documentation must be on file to qualify for services. Students with disabilities are encouraged to apply and submit documentation as soon as possible so accommodations are in place at the beginning of each semester. Accommodations may include, but are not limited to, accommodations in class, interpreting for the deaf, readers, scribes, note takers and taped texts.

7. Students are not permitted to share answers on in-class assignments or outside assignments unless specific instructions have been provided by the instructor to do so.
8. Students, faculty and staff are notified of hazardous or inclement weather affecting class, lab, or clinical scheduling through text message and email alerts. Students should contact their instructor for instructions or questions regarding this course and weather concerns. See Inclement Weather policy in Associate Degree Nursing Student Handbook for further information.
9. Students are responsible for knowing and adhering to the Midland College Catalog and the Midland College Nursing Student Handbook.
10. Many assignments, class announcements and other information will be communicated via the college's distance learning platform, Canvas. Students can access this at any computer with internet access, including at the Health Sciences computer lab, or on personal computers and electronic devices. Students are responsible for posted material. Students are responsible for maintaining current e-mail address via Canvas. Students are responsible for being aware of the announcements posted on Canvas. Canvas announcements are the primary method for instructors in all courses to communicate with students, especially between class days. You are required to set-up Canvas notifications on your electronic device(s). A short video on setting up Canvas notifications is available from the Canvas help icon once the student logs-in to any course. Select the option to receive immediate notification.
11. No electronic recording of any kind is permitted during this class without expressed permission from the instructor.
12. Respect for others and the display of professional, courteous behaviors are expected in the learning environment. This includes being attentive to the instructor, or anyone who is presenting information. Students should not converse with peers in a manner that is disruptive to the goals and purposes of the class. Do not text while the instructor or peers are presenting/speaking. Adequate breaks will be provided during the scheduled class time to allow for use of cell phones. Cell phones must be put on vibrate during class.
13. Cell phones are not allowed on your person during testing. Instructors will provide a gathering place for phones. Phones must be turned off, not simply put on vibrate. Watches must be removed during testing. Hoodies and outerwear (such as jackets) are not permitted in the testing environment. When testing in the computer lab, students must adhere to the rules and regulations of the lab.
14. Training manikins must be treated with care and respect. These are our patients in the laboratory setting. When working with a student peer as a nurse/patient, maintain professionalism, privacy and courtesy.
15. The laboratory training environment is to be kept orderly and neat. Pick up after yourself. Some supplies will be re-used for cost effectiveness. When in doubt, do not throw out used supplies without asking an instructor.
16. Instructors will rotate among students during skill practice to observe and teach. During skill competency check-off procedures, do not chat with the instructor or peers.
17. Skills that have been identified by the instructors for competency check-off must be practiced by each student. Each student is required to do the selected skills three times with a peer reviewer giving input and signing-off. Only after the identified skills have had three practices

with peer reviewers will the student be allowed to do the final check-off with an instructor. Your instructors will provide additional information on these requirements, including the specific skills that are managed in this manner.

18. Demonstration of competence in the performance of nursing procedures is essential for nursing practice. Nursing skills are graded as PASS or FAIL. All skills in this course must be completed satisfactorily in order to pass the course. Students will be given two (2) attempts to successfully complete the nursing skills evaluation. Remediation and practice are encouraged between attempts. During skill competency check-off procedures, the instructor will give minimal clues or input. If the competency is not done according to the grading rubric(s), the student repeats the procedure after practice and review of the skill(s). Note that two-thirds of the points for the skill are earned if satisfactory performance is satisfactory on the second attempt. Exception: Students in the Summer 2022 cohort will be allowed three (3) attempts. No points are given on the third attempt.

Attendance Policy

Adhering to the course calendar is important because of the compacted summer schedule. It is difficult to arrange make-up experiences for students and instructors. Students will complete most of this course before attending clinical rotations in hospitals and healthcare facilities. *Be present. Be on-time. Be prepared.*

Notify your course instructor by phone or text if you must be absent. It is the student's responsibility to arrange for make-up work. If the student is absent for an in-class graded assignment, or skills check-off, the student must make it up the day of the next scheduled class time unless the instructor specifies otherwise. Missing the deadline for make-up results in a grade of zero for the assignment.

Withdrawal Policy

Students who have enrolled in a Texas public institution of higher education as a first-time freshman in Fall 2007 or later are permitted to drop no more than six (6) courses during the entire undergraduate career. This limit includes all transfer work taken at a Texas institution of higher education and to second baccalaureate degrees. This statute was enacted by the State of Texas in Spring 2007 (Texas Education Code 51.907). Any course that a student drops after Census Day is counted toward the six-course limit if "(1) the student was able to drop the course without receiving a grade or incurring an academic penalty (2) the student's transfer indicates or will indicate that the student was enrolled in the course; and (3) the student is not dropping the course in order to withdraw from the institution."

Scholastic Dishonesty

Midland College does not tolerate scholastic dishonesty or academic misconduct in any form. See the Professional Conduct policy in the Associate Degree Nursing Student Handbook for further information.

Evaluation of Students

Grading Criteria

No assignment is optional. All assignments must be completed to receive a course grade in RNSG 1140. Skills identified as competency check-off procedures must be completed satisfactorily (whether or not points are earned) to receive a course grade in RNSG 1140.

Final course grades will be computed according to the following criteria:

- Average of Proctored Exams for all assigned ATI Skills Modules (14 modules) = 36% (36 points). Required minimum average of the 14 post-tests to pass this course: 80%
- Health Assessment Skill Competency = 27% (27 points)
- Documentation of Health Assessment Competency = 9% (9 points)
- Foley Catheterization Competency = 9% (9 points include documentation)
- Medication Administration Competency = 15% (15 points include documentation)
 - Pass on the first attempt earn all the points allocated; pass on the second attempt and earn two-thirds (2/3) the points allocated. No student will be allowed more than three attempts on skill competency check-offs.
- Pain Management ATI Post-test = 4% (4 points) score of 90% or above; 2 points score of 80-90%; 1 point score 70-80%; 0 points for score below 70%.
- ATI Nurse Logic (4 modules) and ATI Critical Thinking Assessment must be completed to receive credit for this course.
- **Total: 100%**

The final course average must be 75% or greater to pass this course. *There will be no rounding up of the final course grade.* Letter grades will be assigned according to the follow table:

A = 90 - 100
B = 89.9 - 80
C = 79.9 - 75
D = 74.9 - 60
F = 59.9 or below

No extra credit/extra work will be allowed in this course.

Instructional Modalities May Include:

Role Play, assessment(s), simulation, skills demonstrations, skills practice, computer assisted instruction, NCLEX style questions, case studies, hands-on activities (simulation), and computerized learning modules may be used. Lecture, presentations by students, PowerPoint, discussion, role play, instructional videos, hand-on activities, case studies, music, and physical engagement in the laboratory setting.

Progression Policy

The LVN to A.D.N. Transition student who fails a first semester course will need to reapply to the program since these courses are taught annually. All RNSG courses must be repeated with the exception of RNSG 1201 Pharmacology if a grade of "C" or better is earned. Credit for RNSG 1201 Pharmacology is retained for a future program admission.

If taking RNSG 1201 Pharmacology in the summer, the course must be completed in the summer with a grade of "C" or above. If the grade is lower than a "C" or the student drops the course, the student cannot progress to the second semester of the Transition Track even if the other courses are passed.

It is important to do well in the summer courses. Please contact the instructor or the Program Director if there are concerns or issues affecting program success. The director and instructors are here to help you succeed in nursing school.

Course Schedule

A detailed course schedule will be provided to students at the start of the class and posted in Canvas. This schedule is subject to change at the instructor's discretion. Changes will be posted on Canvas course announcements. The schedule is variable because students have out-of-class activities in addition to the skills taught and checked-off on in the simulation center.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):

Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. In order to receive accommodations, students must visit www.midland.edu/accommodation and complete the Application for Accommodation Services located under the Apply for Accommodations tab. Services or accommodations are not automatic, each student must apply and be approved to receive them. All documentation submitted will be reviewed and a "Notice of Accommodations" letter will be sent to instructors outlining any reasonable accommodations.

Continuity of Instruction Statement:

In the event that on campus activities are suspended due to extenuating circumstances, such as weather or quarantine, the instructor will continue instruction in a manner that best supports the course content and student engagement. In this event, your instructor will notify students of the change via canvas. At that time, they will provide details how instruction and communication will continue, how academic integrity will be ensured, and what students may expect during the time that on campus activities are suspended. If a student becomes unable to continue class participation due to extenuating circumstances, (e.g., health and safety, loss of power, etc.) the student should contact their instructor and advisor for guidance.

Resources are available to students via the SOS program. Information can be found at <https://www.midland.edu/services-resources/student-services/sos.php>.

Grievances or complaints:

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

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

Non-Discrimination Statement:

Midland College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Wendy Kane
Title IX Coordinator/Compliance Officer
3600 N. Garfield, SSC 123
Midland, Texas 79705
(432) 685-4695

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit ED.gov Office of Civil Rights website, or call 1 (800) 421-3481.

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 drug screen.

Students are encouraged to contact the instructor at any time; however, making an appointment will guarantee the instructor's availability a specific time.

Health Sciences Division Information:

Division Dean:
Program Chair:
Division Secretary:
Instructor Information: