

**Midland College**  
**Syllabus**  
**RNSG 1163**  
**Clinical – Mental Health (0-0-3)**

**Course Description:**

This course is a health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills, and concepts. The clinical professional provides direct supervision. Clinical education is an unpaid learning experience.

Prerequisite: Completion of semester I courses or approval of program chair.

Co-requisite courses for this course are RNSG 1341, RNSG 1360, RNSG 2213 and PSYC 2314

**WECM End-of-Course Outcomes:**

As outlined in the learning plan, apply the theory, concepts, and skills involving specialized materials, tools, equipment, procedures, regulations, laws, and interactions within and among political, economic, environmental, social, and legal systems associated with the occupation and the business/industry, and will demonstrate legal and ethical behavior, safety practices, interpersonal and teamwork skills, and appropriate written and verbal communication skills using the terminology of the occupation and the business/industry.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

The following course student learning outcomes (SLO)s are based on the Differentiated Essential Competencies (DECs) identified by the Texas Board of Nursing for the professional nursing roles of Members of a Profession (MOP), Provider of Patient-Centered Care (PPCC), Patient Safety Advocate (PSA), and Member of the Health Care Team (MHCT). Upon successful completion of the course, the student will:

1. Apply a systematic problem solving approach, current literature and critical thinking to provide safe and effective care to patients with mental health alterations. (PPCC-A)
2. Utilize appropriate data collection tools to assess patients with alterations in mental health. (PPCC-C)
3. Demonstrate appropriate therapeutic communications techniques in an acute mental health and differentiated between therapeutic and non-therapeutic communications. (MHCT-A; PPCC-B; PSA-B)
4. Discuss observations with members of the interdisciplinary health care team relevant to the care, learning needs, and patient/family discharge planning for patient with mental health alterations. (PPCC-B, F, G; MHCT-A, D)
5. Identify community resources that promote optimal patient and family adaptations to internal and external stressors. (PPCC-H; MHCT-C)
6. Identify and demonstrate accountability and responsibility for nursing care, which follows legal/ethical guidelines and utilizes professional mental health standards. (PPCC-E; MOP-A)

**Clinical Attendance:**

To meet the goals of RNSG 1163, the student must attend **all** clinical activities. Attendance the clinical orientation at Big Spring State Hospital and any other clinical sites requiring student orientation is **mandatory**. If you do not attend the full orientation, the student will not be allowed to continue in the course. This requirement is non-negotiable.

On-time attendance at all clinical assignments is **mandatory** for successful completion of this course. On-time attendance is also required at all scheduled pre-clinical and post-clinical conferences as well as any seminars or agency events scheduled as a part of clinical. Refer to the Midland College Associate Degree Nursing Handbook Policy: Clinical Attendance

**Professional/Clinical Attire/Image:** Refer to the Midland College Associate Degree Nursing Handbook Policy: Professional Image.

**Electronic Devices:**

Cell phones, cameras or other recording devices are **not** allowed during orientation or the clinical rotation. Under no circumstances will a patient be recorded or photographed. Violation of patient privacy or confidentiality is grounds for immediate disciplinary action up to and including program dismissal. Refer to the Associate Degree Nursing Handbook: Electronic Communication Equipment.

**Maintain Confidentiality:**

Do not talk about any type of patient interactions or communication outside of the hospital. Do not use patient's names or other identifying information in written work.

**Evaluation of Students:**

This course is graded as "Pass" or "Fail" using a clinical evaluation tool with formative and summative evaluations. A final grade of "Pass" is mandatory to pass RNSG 1163.

*Completion of daily objectives for clinical site.* Students will submit written daily objectives as soon as the clinical experience is complete. Students should prepare prior to the clinical experience as required by the clinical instructor. This may include additional reading, writing, research assignments; i.e. reading ahead in textbook regarding specific clinical issues, mental health disorders, and so forth. Any demonstrated lack of preparation for clinical, as judged by either the clinical instructor or agency staff, is grounds for immediate dismissal from the clinical experience.

The student will:

1. Create and direct his or her clinical learning experiences in collaboration with staff and the clinical instructor.
2. Demonstrate active involvement in activities working together with staff in the clinical setting.
3. Actively collaborate with the patient, facility staff, and instructor to achieve clinical goals.
4. Evaluate the clinical experience together with staff and instructor.

**Attendance Policy:**

Attendance is required. It is the responsibility of the student to know the policies and procedures associated with absences. Refer to the Associate Degree Student Nurse Handbook: Clinical Attendance

**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 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.” [Midland College Student Handbook](#)

**Scholastic Dishonesty:**

Midland College does not tolerate scholastic dishonesty or academic misconduct in any form. Please refer to the [Midland College Student Handbook](#). L. Scholastic Dishonesty and Academic Misconduct

**Course Schedule:**

Instructors provide a clinical schedule to students at the start of the class. The instructor may make changes or adjustments in scheduling at any time.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):**

Any student who, because of a disabling condition, may require some special arrangements in order to meet course requirements should contact Shep Grinnan as soon as possible. Mr. Grinnan’s office is located in the Scharbauer Student Center Building. These conditions may include documented physical or educational disabilities. Please be aware that services or accommodations are not automatic. Each student must request them and secure the proper authorizations, / documentation.

**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>

**Licensure Eligibility Notification:**

Completion of Midland College degrees and/or certificates does not guarantee eligibility to take a certification/registry/licensure examination. The eligibility of each person is determined on an individual basis by the regulatory body of the specific discipline. If you have a conviction of a crime other than a minor traffic violation, physical or mental disability/illness, hospitalization/treatment for chemical dependency within the past five years, current intemperate use of drugs or alcohol or a previous denial of a licensure or action by a licensing authority, you will need to contact the specific regulatory body for an individual ruling. Some programs require a criminal background check and urine and drug screen.

**Inclement Weather:**

Refer to Midland College Inclement Weather Policy.

**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 individual has 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 the ED.gov Office of Civil Rights website, or call 1 (800) 421-3481.

**Health Sciences Division Information:**

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