

Austin Community College, Health Professions Institute
5930 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, TX 78752

Course Syllabus
RNSG 1006/VNSG 2033: Re-Entry Nursing Update
128 hours (104 didactic, 16 - 24 optional skill lab)

Description: Current nursing practice as related to the clinical area of medical-surgical nursing care. Designed for inactive nurses (RN and LVN) returning to active practice. The focus of the course is to expand the nurse's knowledge, skills and attitudes by applying information related to new technology, equipment, current nursing trends, and legalities to previously acquired formal education and skills competency.

Rationale: This course is designed to meet the educational needs of nurses who have been out of the clinical setting for some time and desire to re-enter the workplace and as part of the Board's requirement for reinstatement of licensure (required to complete a refresher course). Content is based on the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) recommendations for "nursing refresher" courses.

Prerequisites: Students in this course must hold a current or pending renewal nursing (RN/LVN) license. Current enrollment in RNSG 1060/VNSG 1060 Clinical – Nursing – RN/LVN Training is required for successful completion of this course.

WECM Learning Outcomes: Summarize the Nursing Practice Act of Texas; differentiate and support holistic nursing care for clients and families utilizing appropriate nursing knowledge, experience, and legal/ethical standards of care; compare and contrast the different roles of professional nurse and their contributions to the profession; and utilize critical thinking principles to develop a holistic plan of care for clients with health care needs.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course the student will meet minimum educational preparation for re-entry into the practice of nursing which is consistent with the standards and protocols outlined in the nursing literature. Specifically, the student will be able to:

1. Utilize the nursing process to provide individualized nursing care to persons experiencing a functional deficit which compromises their ability to perform required activities of daily living.
2. Establish priorities in the delivery of individualized nursing care.
3. Demonstrate knowledge and safe appropriate administration of pharmacological agents.
4. Utilize the communication process as a major nursing action with all members of the healthcare team, including appropriate patient documentation.
5. Integrate teaching/learning into the nursing process to promote individualized nursing care.
6. Demonstrate utilization of additional learning resources to maintain personal and professional growth.
7. Demonstrate the application of legal/ethical principles of nursing practice.

Course Overview: This self-paced course consists of a total of 8 units and within each unit are topical modules. The course must be completed within 16 weeks of registration. Students will

begin with Unit 1 and proceed through each unit in numerical order. Each unit must be completed before moving on to the next.

- Orientation
- Unit 1- Professional Nursing Practice
- Unit 2- Pharmacology Review
- Unit 3- Systems Review
- Unit 4- Care of the Client
- Unit 5- IV Therapy
- Unit 6- Communication and Documentation
- Unit 7- Care of the Terminally Ill

Required Materials:

- Text:** 1. *Medical – Surgical Nursing Critical Thinking in Client Care* (3rd ed.), 2004. Lemone, P. & Burke, K. Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishers. ISBN #: 0130990752
2. *Clinical Nursing Skills Basic to Advanced skills* (6th Ed.), 2004. Smith, S., Duell, D. & Martin, B. Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishers. ISBN #: 0130493716
3. *Pharmacology: A Nursing Process Approach* (5th edition) 2006. Kee, Hayes and McCuiston. Saunders/Elsevier Publishers, ISBN #: 0721639275.

Computer Requirements:

PC Windows

- Minimum:
- 300 MHz Pentium II processor
 - 64 MB RAM
 - Internet connection: 56K modem
 - Audio sound card/external speakers
 - Video card (2 MB)
 - Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.1 or later or Netscape 6.2
 - [RealOne Player Plugin](#)
 - [Adobe Reader Plugin](#)
 - [Macromedia Flash Player Plugin](#)
 - [QuickTime Player Plugin](#)
 - Shockwave Plugin
 - Microsoft Windows Media Player

- Recommended:
- 600 MHz processor
 - 128 MB RAM
 - High speed Internet connection (cable modem or DSL)
 - Audio sound card/external speakers
 - Video card (4 MB)
 - Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0

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NOTE: This course features streaming video. A high-speed Internet connection, such as DSL or cable modem is recommended for watching streaming video. Streaming video may be viewed over a 56K modem connection however, the video quality will be noticeably lower and the window during playback will generally be smaller. This frequently reduces the watchability of the content. If a student does not have a high speed Internet connection and is having difficulty viewing the streaming video within the course, a CD-Rom with the same video will be provided to the student.

Method of Instruction: The primary components of the program will be disseminated on-line via the World Wide Web utilizing a variety of delivery media formats including streaming video, on-line testing, on-line activities, on-line student discussion forums, and links to other resource material on the World Wide Web. Students will have access to an instructor and other students via email and on-line discussion boards.

Evaluation: The student's successful completion will be determined by a grade of 80 points or more on the unit post-tests and the medication dosage calculation examination and active participation in all assigned on-line activities including discussion forums.

Determination of Final Grade: Student's will receive either credit or non-credit for the entire course based on the successful completion of the activities described above. No partial credit will be offered. An overall 80% performance in this course is considered successful completion.

Certificate of Completion: Upon successful completion of all course requirements, the student will be given a certificate of completion as verification of receiving credit for this course. For individuals who need this course as a requirement for receiving a permanent Texas nursing license to practice nursing, the college will send the required state form (provided by the student) to the Texas Board of Nursing upon successful completion of the course. NOTE: Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) cannot be awarded because this course is considered basic nursing by the Board of Nurse Examiners. Some CNE may be awarded for identified continuing education topics within the re-entry nursing update.

Course and Instructor Evaluations: Students will be asked to complete an on-line evaluation of both the course and the instructor.

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