

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

Course Syllabus

RNSG 1060: Clinical – Nursing – Registered Nurse Training  
VNSG 1060: Clinical – Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training  
72 hours Clinical / Preceptorship

**Description:** A health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills, and concepts. This course provides the student who is currently enrolled in (or has completed) RNSG 1006 Re-Entry Nursing Update or VNSG 2033 LVN Refresher Theory, 72 hours of supervised clinical experience in a healthcare/skill lab setting. Direct supervision is provided by a licensed clinical professional for the purpose of practicing basic nursing skills reviewed in RNSG 1006 and VNSG 2033.

**Rationale:** The Texas Board of Nurse Examiners requires an RN supervised clinical component for any “nursing refresher” course. This course is designed to meet the educational needs of nurses who have been out of the clinical setting for some time, desire to re-enter the workplace, and as part of the Board’s requirement for reinstatement of licensure are required to complete a refresher course.

**Prerequisites:** Students in this course must hold a current or pending renewal nursing (RN/LVN) license. Current enrollment in RNSG 1006 or VNSG 2033 (or completion of RNSG 1006 or VNSG 2033) is required for entry into this course

**WECM Learning Outcomes:** 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.

**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. Describe and demonstrate current nursing roles in the healthcare setting.
2. Describe and demonstrate proper nursing process for safe patient care.
3. Describe and demonstrate safe medication administration.
4. Describe and demonstrate effective documentation of patient care.
5. Describe pertinent issues related to quality assurance and legal implications for nursing practice.
6. Complete total of 72 hours of clinical/skills practice time without incident.

**Course Schedule:** The student will be paired with a preceptor to complete the 72 hours of clinical work and will follow the schedule of the assigned preceptor. It is the student’s responsibility to call and notify (ahead of time if possible) the preceptor, the institution where the student is precepting and the course coordinator when shifts are missed or canceled (either by the student or the preceptor). It is also the student’s responsibility to make up any missed shifts so that completion of 72 hours is accomplished.

**Required Materials:**

- Text:** 1. *Medical – Surgical Nursing Critical Thinking in Client Care* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.), 2004. Lemone, P. & Burke, K. Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishers.  
ISBN #: 0130990752
2. *Clinical Nursing Skills Basic to Advanced skills* (6<sup>th</sup> Ed.), 2004. Smith, S., Duell, D. & Martin, B. Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishers.  
ISBN #: 0130493716
3. *Pharmacology A Nursing Process Approach* (4<sup>th</sup> ed.), 2003. Kee, J. & Hayes, E. Saunders/Elsevier Science Publishers.  
ISBN #: 0721693458

**Method of Instruction:** The student will actively participate in the completion of 72 hours in a clinical setting or in a clinical setting combined with a skills lab under the direct supervision of an RN. The student will participate in the delivery of safe appropriate patient care utilizing the nursing process (assessment, planning, implementation, evaluation and documentation) and will be expected to demonstrate successful performance on all skills listed on the “Skills Competency Checklist.”

**Evaluation:** The student’s successful completion of the course is defined as:

1. Completing the clinical objectives and the total 72 clinical/skills hours without incident by 100%. The full 72 hours must be completed between the start and ending dates of the course as advertised (within 16 weeks of registration). Credit will only be given for completion of all the objectives and time associated with the course.
2. Completing the skill’s checklist (either demonstration in a clinical setting and/or skill’s lab) by 80% (i.e. completing 18 skills of 23).
3. Evaluation of skills demonstration and clinical performance includes both self-evaluation by the student, as well as input from the instructor and clinical preceptor. Patient safety and self-safety is of optimal concern. Any student who jeopardizes the safety of a patient may be dismissed from the clinical setting and possibly the course (without refund or tuition/fees).
4. Students will discuss progress in this clinical course with the instructor and/or preceptor on an on-going basis throughout the course. The instructor and/or preceptor will make recommendations for areas of practice needing improvement and suggest methods to accomplish this improvement.
5. The instructor and/or preceptor in the clinical setting will provide evaluation and feedback to the student regarding the student’s performance in a final written evaluation.
6. If a student is found to lack the clinical skills to function safely in the clinical setting, the instructor along with the student will formulate a development plan for meeting those learning needs. This plan may include additional time for study (i.e. extra time in a nursing lab or extended time with a licensed professional practicing skills).

**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.

**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. NOTE: Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) cannot be awarded because this course is considered basic nursing by the Board of Nurse Examiners.

**Course and Instructor Evaluations:** Students will be asked to complete an evaluation of the course, instructor, and/or the preceptor.

**Course Contacts:**  
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