



RNSG 1126 Professional Nursing Concepts

Course Syllabus: Spring 2025

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Mrs. Slider	Clinical Days: No office hours Non-Clinical Days: 7:30 am-2:30 pm	Via TEAMS	7:30 am-1:30 pm	7:30 am-10:30 am 12:30 pm-1:30 pm	Via TEAMS	N/A

(hours may vary and will be posted)

This syllabus serves as the documentation for all course policies and requirements, assignments, and instructor/student responsibilities.

Information relative to the delivery of the content contained in this syllabus is subject to change. Should that happen, the student will be notified.

Course Description: Introduction to professional nursing concepts and exemplars within the professional nursing roles: Member of Profession, Provider of Patient-Centered Care, Patient Safety Advocate, and Member of the Health Care Team. Content includes clinical judgment, communication, ethical-legal, evidence-based practice, health promotion, informatics, patient-centered care, patient education, professionalism, safety, and team/collaboration. Emphasizes role development of the professional nurse. This course lends itself to a concept-based approach. Spring

Credit hours: 1 credit hour.

Lecture/Lab/Clinical: 1-hour lecture each week

Prerequisite(s): Admission to the ADN Program

Corequisite(s): The student must pass all LEVEL I courses in order to be able to progress to Level II.

Student Learning Outcomes/Course Level Outcomes:

1. Describe the attributes and roles of the professional nurse. (DEC III.A)
2. Apply a systematic problem-solving process for the development of clinical judgment. (DEC I.A, I.C, II.A)
3. Identify National Academy of Medicine (NAM) competencies for improving healthcare quality. (DEC I.B, I.D)
4. Describe the legal-ethical parameters for professional nursing practice, including the Nurse Practice Act and the American Nurses Associate (ANA) code of ethics. (DEC I.D, III.A)
5. Utilize professional communication techniques in providing patient-centered care and collaborating with members of the health care team. (DEC IV.A, IV.B, IV.D)
6. Identify health promotion needs for diverse patients across the lifespan. (DEC II.B)

Evaluation/Grading Policy:

A minimum overall grade of “C” is required in all Academic and Nursing courses before using that course as a prerequisite for the next course in sequence. Academic courses (English, Ethics, etc.) typically work from a grade of 70 or higher for “C.” In preparation for the State Board examination, the letter grade assigned to all Nursing courses shall be determined as follows:

- A= 90 – 100
- B = 80 – 89
- C = 78– 79
- F = 77.9 and below

The average of the exam grades must be 78% or above to pass the course. Grades will not be rounded when calculating the average (77.5 – 77.9 is not rounded to 78%). If the student's exam average is below 78%, they will not be eligible to sit for the final exam. Students with an exam average of 78 percent or higher will have course grades calculated based on the weighted calculation of the exams and other required coursework. The grade earned in this course will be based on the following criteria:

Module Exams (7)	60%
Final Exam	15%
Pop-Quizzes, Discussion Board, & other Assignments	15%
ATI Proctored Exams	10%
Total	100%

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Posting of Grades: Exam grades will be posted within 72 hours of the exam. Assignment grades will be posted within 7 calendar days of the due date, or within 7 calendar days of submission if the assignment is turned in late.

Late work will be graded, then ten points will be deducted for each day the assignment is late, up to three days. After the third day, the grade will remain a zero; however, all assignments are required to be completed in order to proceed to the next level of the program.

Required Instructional Materials:

- ADN Nursing Faculty. (2024). *Syllabus and Nursing Handbook*. Northeast Texas Community College.
- *Nursing: A Concept-based Approach to Learning* (4th edition, Volume 2), (2023). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson.
- Yoder-Wise, P. (2019). *Leading and Managing in Nursing*. (7th Edition). St Louis, MO: Elsevier

Institutional/Course Policy: Any other institutional or course policy refer to the student handbook.

Classroom Expectations: Please see the student handbook.

Alternate Operations During Campus Closure and/or Alternate Course Delivery Requirements

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, it is necessary for Northeast Texas Community College to move to altered operations. During this time, Northeast Texas Community College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to, online through the Blackboard Learning Management System, online conferencing, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor NTCC's website (<http://www.ntcc.edu/>) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, Blackboard for each class for course-specific communication, and NTCC email for important general information.

Additionally, there may be instances where a course may not be able to be continued in the same delivery format as it originates (face-to-face, fully online, live remote, or hybrid). Should this be the case, every effort will be made to continue instruction in an alternative delivery format. Students will be informed of any changes of this nature through email messaging and/or the Blackboard course site.

Statement Regarding the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Technology:

Absent a clear statement from a course instructor, use of or consultation with generative AI shall be treated analogously to assistance from another person (collusion). Generative AI is a subset of AI that utilizes machine learning models to create new, original content, such as images, text, or music, based on patterns and structures learned from existing data (Cornell, Center for Teaching Innovation). Unauthorized use of generative AI tools to complete an assignment or exam is not permitted. Students should acknowledge the use of generative AI and default to disclosing such assistance when in doubt. Individual course instructors may set their own policies regulating the use of generative AI tools in their courses, including allowing or disallowing some or all uses of such tools. Students who are unsure of policies regarding generative AI tools are encouraged to ask their instructors for clarification. (Adapted from the Stanford University Office of Community Standards-- accessed August 31, 2023)

NTCC Academic Honesty/Ethics Statement:

NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. The college expects all students to engage in their academic pursuits in an honest manner that is beyond reproach using their intellect and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. Academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, and collusion is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty and Academic Ethics policies stated in the Student Handbook. Refer to the student handbook for more information on these subjects.

ADA Statement:

It is the policy of NTCC to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to request accommodations. An appointment can be made with the Academic Advisor/Coordinator of Special Populations located in Student Services and can be reached at 903-434-8264. For more information and to obtain a copy of the Request for Accommodations, please refer to the special populations page on the NTCC website.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered "eligible students." In essence, a

parent has no legal right to obtain information concerning the child's college records without the written consent of the student. In compliance with FERPA, information classified as "directory information" may be released to the general public without the written consent of the student unless the student makes a request in writing. Directory information is defined as: the student's name, permanent address and/or local address, telephone listing, dates of attendance, most recent previous education institution attended, other information including major, field of study, degrees, awards received, and participation in officially recognized activities/sports.