

VNSG 1162 – Clinical Maternal/Newborn Nursing

Course Syllabus: Spring 2026

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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:

Detailed education training and work-based experience and direct patient/client care. On-site clinical instruction supervision evaluation and placement. Focus is on care of the mother during pregnancy labor delivery and postpartum experience and care of the newborn child.

Credit hours: 1 credit hour.

Lecture/Lab/Clinical: Four hours of clinical experience each week (for a total of 64 hours)

Prerequisite(s): HPRS 1210, VNSG 1260, VNSG 1304, VNSG 1429, VNSG 1502

Corequisite(s): VNSG 1163, VNSG 1330, VNSG 1334, VNSG 1432, VNSG 1261

Student Learning Outcomes/Course Level Outcomes:

1. Use resource person in the clinical areas to add to own knowledge to function within the legal scope of practice as well as in accordance with the policies and procedures of the clinical agency (DECs I.A)
2. Apply concepts of pharmacology, nutrition, health promotion care and rehabilitation for women, families, and newborns (DECs II.H.)
3. Implement teaching plans for patients and families in the antepartum, postpartum, and newborn settings. (DECs II.G)
4. Communicate and collaborate with patients, their families, and the interdisciplinary healthcare team to assist in the planning, delivery, and coordination of patient-centered to care. (DECs I.A)
5. Demonstrate technical skills commensurate with knowledge in caring for patients with maternal/ newborn needs (DECs I.D)
6. Provide safe, compassionate, basic nursing care to assigned patients in the maternal/ newborn settings with predictable health care needs through a supervised, directed scope of practice (DECs I.A)

Evaluation/Grading Policy:

The students are assigned clinical paperwork that aligns with their clinical experience for the day. Each assignment will be graded and the average of these assignments, minus any clinical point deductions will determine the student's final course average.

Lectures & Discussions:

Direct patient care in the clinical setting under the supervision of the faculty instructor or a preceptor. Teaching methodologies include client assessments, clinical critical thinking exercises, face to face clinical pre-post conference, role playing/modeling, simulation scenarios using high fidelity simulation will be used as clinical supplementation with case studies, EMR documentation in the clinical setting, evaluation of student's clinical performance is ongoing by the clinical instructor along with a student self-evaluation of clinical performance and a student evaluation of the clinical preceptor.

Grades are awarded as follows:

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| Clinical Assignments | 50% |
| Discussion Board | 50% |
| Total | 100% |

Tests/Exams: No test or exams are given in this course.

Clinical Points:

The clinical points are deducted based on behavioral infractions and clinical written/electronic submissions. Clinical coaching sheets are used for written documentation. Please refer to the clinical points deductions list

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).

Posting of grades: Exam grades will be posted within 72 hours after sitting for the exam and assignments within 7 calendar days from when the student turned in the assignment.

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:

Leifer, G. (2026). Introduction to Maternity and Pediatric Nursing (10th Edition). Elsevier: Saint Louis, Missouri. Publisher: Elsevier
ISBN Number: 9780323830973

Leifer, G. (2026). Study Guide for Leifer's Introduction to Maternity and Pediatric Nursing Elsevier: Saint Louis, Missouri. Publisher: Elsevier

ISBN Number: 9780443249587

ATI PN Content Mastery Series Review Modules Book Bundle (all books)

Jarvis, C. (2020). Pocket Companion for Physical Examination and Health Assessment (8th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier. ISBN:978-0-3235-3202-0

NURSE'S DRUG HANDBOOK

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

Classroom Expectations: Please see student handbook.

Communications:

The student is expected to communicate with classmates, instructors, various campus and clinical personnel and campus administration in a professional and respectful manner, upholding the highest degree of consideration and ethical practice in an effort to mirror expectations of the profession of nursing.

Email: The student is required to utilize their NTCC-provided student email account for all formal written communication. Please check your NTCC email every day. Email is the official form of communication used at NTCC. All emailed questions to the instructor will be responded to within 24 hours, but usually within a few hours when possible.

Teams messaging notifications: Communication with the instructor through teams messaging is permissible during daytime hour. Instructor will be responded to within 24 hours, but usually within a few hours when possible.

Computer requirements:

Minimum Technology Requirements: Students are required to have access to a working laptop computer with at least 8 GB free space for use during class sessions and for online testing. Tablets and “Chromebook” computers are not compatible with testing platforms and are not recommended. Students are also required to have access to internet service and not rely on “hot spot” internet as this is also not compatible with testing platforms used.

Minimum Technology Requirements:

- Daily high-speed internet access
- Microsoft Word
- Power point

Required Computer Literacy Skills:

- Word Processing skills
- Email skills

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's 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.