

# **Course Syllabus**

## **NURS 4823 - Concepts in Community Health**

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### **Course Description**

The focus is on application of holistic nursing principles in the community. The focus is on the nurse in the community, putting prevention into practice and the promotion of wellness. Assessment and planning care to families, groups, and communities and application of the nursing process will be explored. Utilization of epidemiological data, local, state and national resources for community health, health promotion, disease prevention, health planning/teaching, cultural awareness and issues of diversity will be emphasized at the local, state, national, and global levels.

### **Pre-requisites**

NURS 3853 Concepts in Caring for the Adult Client, NURS 3863 Concepts in Caring for the Pediatric Client, and NURS 3873 Concepts in Mental Health Care.

### **Co-requisites**

NURS 4803 Concepts in caring for the acutely ill client; NURS 4813 Concepts in Leadership in nursing; NURS 4833 Concepts in caring for the child-bearing family; NURS 4842 Concepts in clinical reasoning and judgment.

### **Credit Hours: Three lecture hours (3-0)**

### **Textbook & Instructional Materials**

Stanhope, M. & Lancaster, J. (2018). Foundations for Population Health in Community/Public Health Nursing (4th or 5<sup>th</sup> ed). St Louis: Mosby/Elsevier. ISBN 978-0-323-10094-6 or 978-0-323-44383-8

Milestones in Public Health pdf at [pfizer.com](http://pfizer.com)

Midwestern State University [BSN Handbook](#)

## **Learning Experiences**

Students are expected to be self-directed in the acquisition of basic nursing knowledge. Learning activities available to students include:

1. Classroom activities: Information relevant to each unit of study will be presented in class either by the instructor or by guest lecturers. Students should come to class promptly prepared to participate.
2. Readings: Readings from the textbook are recommended for each unit.
3. Community Assessment / Windshield Survey / Photonovella: team project to evaluate a census tract within the community.
4. Risk Assessment / Behavior Change Project: This project will assess personal health risks and initiate a behavior change to reduce a risk.
5. ProMED-Mail:  
This assignment will track global disease outbreaks.
6. Field Trip: A field trip to tour Hospice is included in the learning experiences.
7. Photonovella: Team presentation of a public health issue OR a vulnerable population.
8. Desire 2 Learn (D2L) is available for announcements (News), course materials, e-mail, testing and grade book. Students are expected to check D2L daily for course announcements.

## **Grading Components**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Value</b>
Exams (3 @ 25% each)	75%
Community Assessment/Windshield Survey	5%
Behavior Change Project	10%
Photonovella	5%
Attendance/Participation	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

## **Grading Scale**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Percent Grade</b>
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	74-79
D	65-73
F	64 & below

## **Grading Policy**

Grades will be based on whole number scores generated by D2L. Grades are NOT rounded up. Students must have passing scores in order to pass the course.

## **Exams**

There will be three (3) unit exams each comprising 25% of the course grade. **The exam average must be at least 74% for the student to pass the course, regardless of the grades on the other course requirements.** Should the student be absent from an exam, arrangements must be made according to the procedure found in the B.S.N. Student Handbook. Specifically, it is the student's responsibility to notify the course coordinator at least two hours prior to the exam. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a "0" for the exam missed. Any make-up exam may be different from the original exam and may include multiple choice, essay, short answer, true/false, and/or matching questions.

Students who do not achieve a passing score (74%) on an exam may schedule a meeting with Brent Walker, Retention Specialist for additional study resources. His office is located in BH 308.

## **Attendance and Participation**

Students are encouraged to attend all lectures. Students may be dropped from the course for excessive absences per University policy. Class attendance and participation count 5% of the course grade.

### **1. Community Assessment / Windshield Survey / Photonovella**

Students will self-select teams of three to complete a Windshield Survey and Community Assessment based on an assigned census tract. Instructions are given in detail under the Orientation module on D2L. That assignment counts 5% of your grade.

### **2. ProMED-Mail**

In teams of three you will select a global disease outbreak and follow its development on [ProMED-Mail](#). The first report will include information about the disease, method of transmission, symptoms and global outbreaks, with follow up reports on global outbreaks of the disease in subsequent reports. Each student in the team is expected to give a report. You will be given a form to keep track of the reports. This form will be turned in after the last report. Completion of these reports will count as class participation.

### **3. Risk Assessment / Behavior Change Project**

This project has required assignments in assessing a health risk, and planning, implementing and evaluating a behavior change to reduce that risk. This semester-long assignment is worth 10% of the course grade.

### **4. Photonovella**

This 10 minute group presentation on a vulnerable population or public health issue will be presented on the last class day and is worth 5% of your course grade. Examples from previous semesters will be shown in class.

### **Extra Credit**

Opportunities for optional extra credit may be announced to the class from time to time. No individual extra credit will be assigned.

### **Desire-to-Learn (D2L)**

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into D2L through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

### **Computer Requirements for Testing**

Taking a class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments and exams. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be a considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments or tests. Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline! If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations, however, they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into D2L.

### **Cell Phone/Smart Watch**

All cell phones or Smart Watches should be deactivated (OFF) during class. No text messaging or instant messaging during class. Cell phones or Smart Watches cannot be used during tests, test reviews, or at any other time faculty deem inappropriate.

### **Electronics Policy**

No electronics are permitted in the classroom setting without permission from the faculty. If an electronic device is allowed, the student must maintain the integrity of the classroom setting and refrain from using the electronic device for anything other than the task at hand (i.e. recording of faculty, social media, personal emails, playing games, or doing work for another class, etc.). This prevents the device from becoming a distraction in the classroom.

## **Board of Nursing (BON) Requirements**

Students are expected to be compliant with current CPR certification, immunizations, TB testing, health and liability insurance, drug screen and criminal background checks, throughout the semester. Contact the school secretary at 397-2808 if you have questions about your compliance. TB testing needs to be repeated every 12 months.

## **Failure Policy**

Students must meet all course requirements or a grade of "F" will be assigned. A student who receives a "D" or an "F" in two nursing courses must seek reentry to the nursing program and will be readmitted if he can complete the program within 36 months of initial entry into the program. The faculty reserve the right to recommend to the program chair, Graduate Coordinator, Department Chair, and College Dean withdrawal of a student from the nursing program for health, legal, or academic reasons, particularly if patient care is jeopardized. In addition, the student must perform within the ANA standards of practice and code of ethics, The ANA standards of practice and code of ethics are posted in the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Handbooks.

Behaviors that detract from the learning process will not be tolerated. Tardiness will not be tolerated. Children are not to be brought to class per University policy. Students who demonstrate distracting behaviors will be asked to leave the classroom. If a student demonstrates continuing behaviors that are distracting to his/her classmates, he student will be administratively dropped from the course. An instructor may drop a student any time during the semester for excessive absences, for consistently failing to meet class assignments, for an indifferent attitude, or for disruptive conduct. The instructor must give the student a verbal or written warning prior to being dropped from the class. An instructor's drop of a student takes precedence over the student-initiated course drop of a later date. The instructor will assign a grade of either WF or F through the 8<sup>th</sup> week of a long semester, the 6<sup>th</sup> week of a 10 week summer term, or the 11<sup>th</sup> class day of a 4-5 week summer term consisting of 20 days. After these periods of the grade will be an F. The date the instructor drop form is received in the Office of the Registrar is the official drop date.

## **Cheating Policy**

The B.S.N. Program does not condone cheating in any form and considers it as a serious offense that could result in removal from the program. Dishonesty on examinations, falsifying any paperwork, using other student's work, and plagiarism define cheating. Plagiarism is further defined as "the act of using source materials of other persons (either published or unpublished) without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given." (MSU Student Handbook, Standards of Conduct, Item 10). Offending material that may constitute plagiarism includes, but is not limited to bibliography cards, formal papers, book reports, written nursing care plans, etc. For further information regarding

cheating and any subsequent actions to be taken please refer to the policy statement in the B.S.N. Student Handbook.

### **Plagiarism Statement**

By enrolling in this course, the student expressly grants MSU a "limited right" to all intellectual property created by the student for the purpose of this course. The "limited right" shall include but shall not be limited to the right to reproduce the student's work product in order to verify originality, and for educational purposes.

### **MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT HONOR CREED**

"As an MSU Student, I pledge not to lie, cheat, steal, or help anyone else to do so."

As students at MSU, we recognize that any great society must be composed of empowered, responsible citizens. We also recognize universities play an important role in helping mold these responsible citizens. We believe students themselves play an important part in developing responsible citizenship by maintaining a community where integrity and honorable character are the norm, not the exception.

Thus, we, the Students of Midwestern State University, resolve to uphold the honor of the University by affirming our commitment to complete academic honesty. We resolve not only to be honest but also to hold our peers accountable for complete honesty in all university matters.

We consider it dishonest to ask for, give, or receive help in examinations or quizzes, to use any unauthorized material in examinations, or to present, as one's own work, work or ideas which are not entirely one's own. We recognize that any instructor has the right to expect that all student work is honest, original work. We accept and acknowledge that responsibility for lying, cheating, stealing, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty fundamentally rests within each individual student.

We expect of ourselves academic integrity, personal professionalism, and ethical character. We appreciate steps taken by University officials to protect the honor of the University against any who would disgrace the MSU student body by violating the spirit of this creed.

Written and adopted by the 2002-2003 MSU Student Senate

### **Academic Support and Advising**

The student is advised to review the resources found on the Academic Support home page <http://academics.mwsu.edu/supportcenter/> . Further information may be located by contacting the offices of each department found listed on this page. The student is expected to effectively utilize the resources found at Moffitt

library on campus. Distance policies for library usage are located by asking at the resource desk. Review the library home page <http://library.mwsu.edu/> for further information.

### **Services for Students with Disabilities**

Midwestern State University does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's disability and complies with Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act in its admission, accessibility, and employment of individuals in programs and activities. MSU provides academic accommodations and auxiliary aids to individuals with disabilities, as defined by law, who are otherwise qualified to meet academic employment requirements. For assistance call (940) 397-4618 or (940) 397-4515. **It is the student's responsibility to declare any disabilities. After declaration, preferably at the beginning of each semester, the student needs to contact individual instructors to determine any reasonable accommodations that may be required.**

### **Campus Carry Policy**

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at <http://mwsu.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies>. If you have questions or concerns, please contact MSU Chief of Police Patrick Coggins at [patrick.coggins@mwsu.edu](mailto:patrick.coggins@mwsu.edu).

### **Concealed Carry Statements for the Robert D. & Carol Gunn College of Health Sciences & Human Services**

#### Concealed Carry in Laboratories:

Participation in nursing laboratory classes often require students to wear "scrubs" which are thin garments which may make concealed carry of a firearm difficult if not impossible. In addition, students are often required to palpitate other students while simulating medical examinations or procedures. This required physical contact may also make concealment of a firearm difficult. While concealed carry is not prohibited in any nursing laboratory, students are reminded that intentional display of a firearm may result in criminal and/or civil penalties and unintentional display of a firearm is a violation of university policies and may result in disciplinary actions up to and including expulsion from the program and university. Students should factor the above in their decision as to whether or not to conceal carry in nursing laboratories.

#### Concealed Carry at Clinical/Affiliate Sites:

Students must follow any rules or policies established at the clinical/affiliate site they attend. If the clinical/affiliate site does not prohibit the concealed carry of firearms, the university and nursing department do not prohibit concealed carry at the clinical/affiliate site. However, students are reminded that at their

clinical/affiliate sites the students are often required to wear “scrubs” which are thin garments which may make concealed carry of a firearm difficult if not impossible. Students may have to engage in activities such as moving patients or performing examinations which may make the concealment of a firearm difficult. Students are also reminded that intentional display of a firearm may result in criminal and/or civil penalties and unintentional display of a firearm is a violation of university policies and may result in disciplinary actions up to and including expulsion from the program and university. Students should factor the above in their decision as to whether or not to conceal carry at clinical/affiliate sites if those sites do not prohibit concealed carry.

### **MSU Writing Center**

Begin drafting papers as early as possible and take advantage of the MSU Writing Center, located off the 2nd floor atrium of Prothro-Yeager! Tutoring is available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; you can also find a tutor at the satellite location in Moffett Library Honors Lounge, Sunday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Writing tutors will not edit your papers for you, but they will provide support and feedback at every stage of the writing process, from brainstorming to drafting, revising to proofreading.

### **Research and Creative Activity Opportunities at MSU**

Enhancing Undergraduate Research Endeavors and Creative Activities (EURECA) is a program that provides opportunities for undergraduates to engage in high-quality research and creative activities with faculty. EURECA provides incentives and funding through a system that supports faculty and students in a cooperative research process. For more information contact the Office of Undergraduate Research, (940) 397-6275 or by sending a message to [eureca@mwsu.edu](mailto:eureca@mwsu.edu) or better yet, stop by the UGR office located in the atrium of the Clark Student Center, room 161. Information and resources are available at [www.mwsu.edu/eureca](http://www.mwsu.edu/eureca).

### **Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)**

To support undergraduate research and creative activities, Midwestern State University holds an enhanced institutional membership with the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR). This institutional membership includes unlimited memberships for any interested faculty, staff, and students. Students may find information on benefits and resources at [www.cur.org/resources/for\\_students](http://www.cur.org/resources/for_students) and may sign up at [members.cur.org/members](http://members.cur.org/members) online/[members/newmember.asp](http://members.cur.org/members). The CUR Undergraduate Resources Webpage contains:

- Research Opportunities;
- Presentation Opportunities;
- Undergraduate Research Journals;
- CUR-Sponsored Student Events;
- The Registry of Undergraduate Researchers;
- And more!

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### **Alcohol and Drug Policy**

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Please note: This is the official course syllabus for the student use this semester, and students enrolled in this course will be held accountable for its contents. The Community faculty reserves the right to make additions or changes to this syllabus on D2L at any time. If a change is made, it will be announced in the "News" on D2L.