



**Course Syllabus**  
**NURS 3243/ 3253 Basic Nursing Care**

Robert D. & Carol Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services  
Spring 2023

**Meeting Times:** Wednesdays from 9-12:00 in the Centennial Building Room 101; Clinical 6:30 am – 3:00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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## **Course Description**

The course emphasizes the application of beginning theories and concepts fundamental to patient care through the life cycle. In both the Skills laboratory and clinical experiences the student acquires basic cognitive and psychomotor skills. Students are introduced to the impact cultural diversity has on the outcome through demonstration of theory-based patient care.

## **Pre-requisites:**

NURS 3103, NURS 3203, NURS 3211

**Credit hours:** 6 credit hours with 3 lecture hours and 9 clinical hours per week

## **Learning Experiences:**

- Students are expected to be self-directed in the acquisition of basic nursing knowledge.
- Regular, active, and meaningful participation in the face-to-face class meetings is a critically important component of this course and is essential to your success.
- Class attendance is expected.
- Class will consist of lecture, case studies, activities, and interactive quizzing.
- Read the assigned readings, listen to the prerecorded lectures, and come to class prepared.
- Desire-to-Learn (D2L) is an extensive 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 technical support through the Distance Learning office.
- Check your email and course news regularly.

**This syllabus is subject to change. All students will receive a D2L message should there be changes to the syllabus or calendar.**

MSU Student

Handbook Refer to: [MSU Student Handbook](#)

## **Course Objectives**

Objectives	AACN	DEC
1. Apply the nursing process in the care of individuals.	II, VI, VII	I: A, B II: A, B, C, D, E, F, G III: A, B, C, D IV: A, B, C, D
2. Demonstrate competence in performing basic nursing skills throughout the lifespan.	II, VII	I: A, B II: A, B, C, D, E, G III: A, B, C, D IV: A, B, D
3. Integrate knowledge of research and higher education concepts when planning nursing care for individuals of diverse cultures.	III, VIII, IX	II: A III: A
4. Integrate teaching-learning concepts when planning nursing care for individuals from diverse cultures.	VII, IX	I: B II: D, F, G
5. Apply verbal, non-verbal and written communication skills when providing nursing care for individuals from diverse cultures.	IV, VI, IX	I: B II: D, F, G

**AACN Essentials:** For further information regarding the AACN Essentials identified for each course objective, refer to [AACN BSN Essentials 2008](#)

**DEC Competencies:** In the DEC Competencies below the following designations apply: I: Provider of Patient Centered Care, ii: Coordinator of Care, III: Patient Safety Advocate and IV: Member of the Health Care Team. For further information regarding the competencies identified in each course, refer to [Texas Board of Nursing DECs 2021](#)

### Required Textbooks & Recourses:

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Fundamentals of Nursing Bundle Spring 23:  
Fundamentals, Adaptive Quizzing, Shadow Health (available at the University Bookstore)  
ISBN: 9780443174001  
Author: Elsevier  
Publisher: ELSEVIER HEALTH SCIENCES

Kee, J., Marshall, S., Woods K., Forrester, M. (2023). Clinical Calculations (10<sup>th</sup> ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier. ISBN: 9780323809832

Application: Nursing Central/Unbound medicine access.

You should have purchased this in FHA, however, if not you WILL need access this semester.

Application: Examssoft

Application: DocuCare

Lippincott DocuCare. ISBN: 9781451176698

Purchase website is <https://lippincottdirect.lww.com/NursingEducation-MidwesternStateUniversityWichitaFalls->

(DocuCare class code will be distributed in Clinical Orientation class day.)

**Do not attempt to Join a Class or Group in Docucare, until you are given your sections code during orientation.**

Students are required to have reliable access to the internet and easy access to a printer.

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Skill Lab Supply Bag: Purchase from the bookstore. These bags have specific supplies we will be using. Skill bags need to be purchased prior to January 27, 2023. If you are repeating this course you are required to purchase a recharge nursing kit at the University Bookstore by January 27, 2023.

Students are Responsible for the following – 15 Surgical Mask for Skills Labs and Clinical. Student may be required to wear face shields or goggles per facility requirements. Clinical facility may require K-N95 Mask and Face Shield or Goggles.

### Evaluation Methods:

Table 1: Course Grade

Assignments	Percentage
*Exams (4 module exams and a comprehensive final)	70
*Class assignments	10
**Clinical Assignments	20
Total	100
***Competency Evaluations – Math for Nurses Exam Practicum 135 clinical hours completed	Pass/Fail

## Course Grade Calculation

The final course grade will be calculated in the following manner:
*There will be <b>no rounding of grades</b>
*Students must score at least a <b>74%</b> average on exams to successfully complete the course. <i>If a student scores less than a 74% average on the five objective exams, the average of the five objective exams will be the grade recorded for both the classroom and clinical sections of the course.</i>
**Students who score at least a 74% average on the five objective exams, then other course grades will be added to the final course grade.
***Students must receive at least a grade of 74% on the Math for Nurses Exam, pass Lab practicum, and complete the 135 hours to successfully complete the course. Students who do not meet these requirements will receive a "F" as the course and clinical grade for the semester.

## Grading Scale

Grade	Points
A	90-100
B	89-80
C	74-79
D	65-73
F	Less than 65

## Exams

Exams are listed on the course calendar, and all exams will be given in CE 101 unless noted on calendar.

1. Exam Soft requires loading Examplify application for taking course exams. Exam Soft is purchased online each semester.
2. There are no electrical outlet for use by the student during exam administration, make sure your battery is 100% charged.
3. Students are responsible for having a compatible computer or tablet on which to take the exams.

4. Module exams will be comprised of 50 multiple-choice questions. The testing period is the 80 minutes of assigned class time. The unit exams may also cover material covered in skills lab, Health Assessment course and/or Pathophysiology course.

5. The final exam will be comprised of 75 multiple-choice questions. The testing period is the 110 minutes of the assigned testing time.

6. Presence of a device capable of calling or texting in the classroom during an exam will result in an automatic zero (0) on the exam. It is advised to leave cell phones and smart watches at home.

7. If a student is suspected of cheating in any way, a zero (0) will automatically be given for the exam.

7. Students will have 5 business days following the published results of an exam to contact the course coordinator via email for any test concerns.

8. Exam Soft will provide students with user identity codes, initial passwords, and instructions on how to load Exemplify. Students must maintain ready access to user identity codes and passwords on exam days. If these access codes are not available for use, the student runs the risk of not taking an exam and earning a grade of zero (0).

### **Missed Exams**

Should the student be absent from an exam, it is the student's responsibility to notify the course coordinator at least two hours prior to the exam or as soon as possible if an emergency is the cause of missing the exam. All medical emergencies will require a release to return to the clinical course from a licensed medical provider. Students may make-up exams on the make-up exam date as documented on the course calendar.

Failure to comply with this policy will result in a zero for the exam(s) 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. Make-up exams will be on the scheduled make-up date in the course calendar.

### **Nursing Program Failure Policy**

1. Students must meet all course requirements or a grade of F will be assigned.

2. Students are expected to pass both clinical and classroom components of the course. Failure in either clinical or classroom will result in failure in both. Clinical failure results in a course and clinical grade of F. Classroom failure results in the grade earned in the classroom for both course and clinical.

3. A student who withdraws/drops or receives a D or an F in two nursing courses must seek reentry to the nursing program to be eligible to continue in the program.

4. The faculty reserves the right to recommend to the School of Nursing Chair and College of Human Services and Health Sciences withdrawal of a student from the nursing program for health, legal, or academic reasons, particularly if client care is jeopardized. In addition, the student must perform within the ANA Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics.

## **University Policies**

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

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to <http://www.mwsu.edu/student-life/disability>.

### **Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures**

NURS 3243 and 3253 adheres to the MSU Code of Conduct. In particular, academic dishonesty, however small, creates a breach in academic integrity. A student's participation in this course comes with the expectation that his or her work will be completed in full observance of the MSU Code of Student Conduct. A student should consult the current Student Handbook for answers to any questions about the code.

Students are encouraged to take full advantage of many resources available including online Desire 2 Learn course resources, Internet sites, other textbooks and journals, faculty, and peers when accomplishing objectives. This interactive collegial learning environment is conducive for life-long learning.

However, all components of NURS 3243 and 3453 are designed to represent the efforts of each student individually and are not to be shared, copied, or plagiarized from other sources. When students submit their efforts for grading, they are attesting they abided by this rule.

Academic dishonesty includes cheating, collusion, plagiarism or the acquisition of tests or test questions and other academic materials such as test banks without the permission of the faculty. Cheating, collusion, or plagiarism is defined as: (1)

cheating - intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, equipment, or study aids in any academic exercise; (2) collusion - the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit; (3) plagiarism - intentionally representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise.

Academic dishonesty (cheating, collusion, plagiarism, etc.) will not be tolerated in this class. Whenever a student is unsure of whether a particular situation will be interpreted as academic dishonesty, he or she should ask the instructor for clarification.

Any student found to be academically dishonest as defined above and under each assignment will automatically receive a grade of "0" on the assignment.

### **Student Drop**

A student who chooses to drop this course will need to email the course coordinator in order to be eligible to re-enroll in the course the following semester.

### **Instructor Drop**

An instructor may drop a student at 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 students 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 8th week of a long 45 hours semester, the 6th week of a 10 week summer term, or the 11th class day of a 4 or 5 week summer term consisting of 20 days. After these periods, 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. Refer to page 28 at <https://mwsu.edu/Assets/documents/student-life/student-handbook-2017-18.pdf>.

### **Campus Carry Rules/Policies**

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: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

### **Active Shooter Policy**

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more



information, visit [Safety / Emergency Procedures](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled "Run. Hide. Fight." which may be electronically accessed via the University police department's webpage: "[Run. Hide. Fight.](#)"

### **Smoking/Tobacco Policy**

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

### **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.

### **Grade Appeal Process**

Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [Undergraduate Catalog](#)

### **Notice**

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, schedule, and calendar may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

### **Clinical Requirements**

Clinical Hours Breakdown

*Clinical orientation - 8 hours*

*Skills Lab experiences - 29 hours*

Six 3 hour experiences -	18 hours
Six pre-skills lab assignments -	5 hours
Practice sessions -	5 hours
Practicum Exam -	1 hour

*Patient care experiences - 73 hours*

Six eight-hour experiences -	48 hours
Six pre-clinical assignments -	10 hours
Three Docucare assignments -	15 hours

*Virtual simulations (vSims) - 20 hours*

Eight virtual simulations -	20 hours
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*Math for Nurses - 6 hours*

Five MFN sessions and Exam -

6 hours

### Clinical Compliance Requirements

Students are required to be compliant with immunizations, health insurance, liability insurance, and CPR via Castlebranch by clinical orientation, January 17, 2023, and maintain compliance for the entire semester. Failure to maintain compliance will result in a failure of the clinical and the course.

### Clinical Orientation

1. Each student is to complete 8 hours of clinical orientation at Sikes Lake Center from 0800 to 1700. **All Students** enrolled in NURS 3243 & 3253, will be required to attend Tuesday's clinical orientation on, January 17, 2023. This is a **MANDATORY** orientation.
2. Students are to wear the approved dress code attire, and bring a pen, paper, watch with second hand.
3. An hour for lunch on the students' own time is scheduled during this time frame.

### Skills Lab Experiences

1. Each student is scheduled for six 3 hour Skills Lab experiences.
2. Prior to each Skills Lab experience, the student is to complete a pre-skills lab assignment located on D2L under Pre-Lab Assignments.
3. Students are to wear the approved dress code attire, and bring a pen, paper, watch with second hand, blood pressure cuff, stethoscope, penlight and tape measure. Students must wear a surgical mask during lab experiences.
4. Each student is to schedule one practice hour for three experiences. Sign-up will be through email to the simulation/skills lab. Email information will be provided during orientation.
5. The student is to notify the Skills Lab prior to the experience if the student needs to cancel an appointment or reschedule the experience. Students will only be allowed to reschedule a scheduled lab and/or practice lab twice.
6. Scheduling of Skills Lab experiences is on an available basis, there will be no option for the clinical instructor to provide the experience, the student will receive a failing grade in the clinical and classroom components of the course due to not having completed all the required clinical hours. Every effort will be made to assist students in rescheduling Skills Lab experiences missed due to legitimate reasons; however, the student should make every effort to attend Skills Lab experiences as they are scheduled.
7. Practicum date and time will be announced. During the practicum the student may verbalize no more than twice that they broke sterile field, to be eligible to pass.

## **Patient-care experiences**

Clinical compliance is required prior to all clinical experiences. If a student is not compliant in CastleBranch by January 17, 2023, they WILL NOT BE ALLOWED to attend clinical.

1. Each student is scheduled for six patient-care experiences.
2. Prior to each patient-care experience, the student is to complete the pre-clinical assignment emailed to them on D2L. The student is to bring the completed pre-clinical experience to the clinical rotation.
3. Once a clinical experience is completed, the post-clinical DocuCare documentation is due by 1700 on Friday of the experience for the Tuesday groups and by 1700 the Monday after the experience for the Thursday groups.
4. Students are to report to the clinical agency per clinical instructor's time frame, wearing the approved dress code attire and in possession of the required supplies (stethoscope, penlight, watch with a second hand, tape measure, and a pen. It is highly recommended each students wear a mask.
5. The patient-care experiences include post-conference time with the student's clinical instructor. The location will be announced.
6. A thirty-minute lunch time will be provided during the clinical day. Students may bring their lunch or purchase one at the clinical facility. Students may not leave the facility during the lunch break.
7. The student is to notify the clinical instructor prior to the experience if the student cannot attend the clinical day for any reason. The clinical day must be rescheduled, at the discretion of the instructor.
8. Scheduling of clinical experiences is on an available basis, should there be no option for the clinical instructor to provide the experience, the student will receive a failing grade in the clinical and classroom components of the course due to not having completed all the required clinical hours. Every effort will be made to assist students in rescheduling clinical experiences missed due to legitimate reasons; however, the student should make every effort to attend clinical experiences as they are scheduled.
9. Due to the availability of clinical sites, clinical experiences may be scheduled on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

## **Virtual Simulations**

1. Each student will complete eight virtual simulations from the Shadow Health resources.
2. The virtual simulations are listed on the course calendar throughout the weeks in order of the content being presented with the content covered on the case study.
3. The student must complete the pre-test, the simulation, and the post-test for each simulation. The documentation and reflection assignment is not required.
4. The due date and time is listed on the course calendar.
5. The student must score at least a 74% on Shadow Health and Post-quiz for it to be considered successfully completed.

6. If an assignment is not completed by due date a grade of zero (0) will be placed in the gradebook for the late assignment.
7. The virtual simulations include:
  1. Pre-Test
  2. Orientation
  3. Postoperative
  4. Infection Control
  5. Bowel Diversion
  6. Pressure Injury
  7. Post Test
  8. Complex Post-op Care

### **Math for Nurses**

1. Each student is scheduled at 0800 on five separate dates to complete one hour of Math for Nurses preparation. The dates are listed on the Course Calendar.
2. There is no dress code for these experiences.
3. Prior to attending the scheduled session, the student is to complete the Clinical Calculations textbook assignment as listed below:
  - MFN #1: Chapter 3, 4 Reading Medication Labels  
Chapter 5,6 Methods of Dosage Calculation  
Chapter 8 Oral Medications  
Chapter 8 Parenteral Medications
  - MFN #2 Chapter 10 Insulin  
Chapter 21 Intravenous Solutions and Equipment  
Chapter 11 Intravenous Calculations
  - MFN #3: Chapter 12 Heparin Calculations  
Chapter 13 Pediatric and Adult Dosage Calculations Based on Weight
  - MFN #4: Chapter 14 Critical Care Calculations
  - MRN #5: 2<sup>nd</sup> Practice quiz on ExamSoft.
4. There are two practice quizzes posted in D2L. Each student must complete both of the practice quizzes. The 1<sup>st</sup> practice quizzes will be made available after the fourth Math for Nurses' meeting. The 2<sup>nd</sup> practice quiz will be taken in MFN #5.
6. Each student will have two attempts to score at least a 74% on the Math for Nurses Exam.

### **Evaluation**

1. Clinical Evaluation are pass or fail. Failure of either will result in an F for the course and the clinical.

## **Infractions Constituting Clinical Failure**

Failure of the clinical component of the course occurs when the student receives an unsatisfactory rating in any area of the evaluation tool or does not complete 135 hours of clinical. Absences will be rescheduled at the discretion of the course coordinator.

Certain behaviors result in an unsatisfactory rating in the professional behavior section of the evaluation rubric.

Three incidents of infractions to the standard of professional behavior to include but not limited to:

- Arriving to a clinical experience without bringing a completed pre-clinical assignment or the pre-simulation assignment even if allowed to stay in the clinical
- Not conforming to the dress code even if allowed to stay in the clinical
- Not bringing appropriate supplies to the clinical experience even if allowed to stay in the clinical
- Unprofessional/inappropriate language or gestures
- Unprofessional/inappropriate behavior such as disrespectful behavior, chewing gum, using tobacco products in non-smoking areas, disruptive behavior, or failure to comply with a written or verbal instruction
- Arriving late to any clinical site even if allowed to stay in the clinical
- Non-compliance with the policy to notify the instructor and the agency of a clinical absence prior to the absence or as soon as possible if immediate notification is not possible
- Non-compliance with the policy to receive written prior approval before attending the clinical and/or the policy to notify the clinical instructor of absences prior to missing the clinical or as soon as the student realizes he/she must leave the clinical experience
- Leaving the premises without permission from the clinical instructor
- Failure to complete assignments by the due dates
- Failure to return from meals or breaks at the assigned time
- Use of a cell phone for calling, texting, e-mailing, or receiving calls, texts, or e-mails in the clinical area unless given permission by the clinical instructor

Two incidents of infractions to the standard of professional behavior to include but not limited to:

- Disregarding patient confidentiality without malice or intent to disclose

- Patient negligence that does not result in patient injury
- An error in care that does not result in patient injury
- Cheating, collusion, plagiarism, or stealing. Cheating/collusion/plagiarism - cheating means intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise; collusion means the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit; plagiarism means intentionally representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise
- Committing two infractions from the list above as well as one in this list

Infractions to the standard of professional behavior that results in immediate failure of the clinical component of the course to include but not limited to:

- Administering medications or implementing sterile or invasive procedures without the direct supervision of a faculty member or preceptor
- Failing to check two patient identifiers prior to administering medications or implementing sterile or invasive procedures
- Failing to maintain compliance with clinical requirements
- Testing positive for illicit drugs or alcohol
- An error in care or patient negligence that harms a patient
- Falsification, omissions or lying
- Intentionally revealing confidential information
- Placing self, staff, or patient at risk of harm due to abandonment of duties and/or sleeping during clinical experiences
- Failure to report a patient care error or incident
- Physical or verbal abuse of patients, patient's family members, faculty or staff

Communication: Communication with faculty for this course should be through D2L emails or MSUtxas.edu email. MSU emails are listed on the first page of this syllabus. Students are welcome to leave a voicemail on office phones, however be advised that faculty members office hours vary and are subject to change due to COVID restrictions.

### **Dress Code**

The goal of the dress code is to present a professional appearance that does not compromise communication, safety, or infection control. Appearance that presents less than a professional appearance will not be allowed.

### **Clinical Uniform**

- School uniform of matching maroon pants or skirt and maroon tunic top is

the required uniform.

- Undershirts, if worn should be plain (solid, no adornments or logos, no patterns) and white, black, gray, or maroon that matches the uniform.
- Pants cannot touch the floor and must be hemmed properly. Pants cannot have a cuffed hem (no joggers).
- When sitting down, bending over or squatting down, or raising arms there can be no gap at the waist between the uniform pant and the top showing skin or underwear.
- No cleavage can be showing.
- Uniform must be well-laundered, without wrinkles, beyond what occurs during typical wear, and fit appropriately.
- Skirts must be knee length or longer, but may not touch the floor, must be properly hemmed and allow for ease of movement.
- Clean and closed toe and heel shoes that are black, gray, white, or maroon that matches the uniform are to be worn.
- Socks and hosiery must match either skin color, uniform or shoes.
- Proper MSU identification (MSU or approved clinical agency name tag and MSU patch). The MSU patch is obtainable at the bookstore and is to be sewn on left sleeve, centered and 1" from shoulder seam.
- MSU nametag must contain the name of the university, name of the student, designation of student, and a photograph of the student. The nametag is obtained through Card Services at the Clark Student Center.
- If a student desires a cover, he/she may wear a matching maroon scrub jacket with the appropriate name tag and MSU patch sewn on left sleeve, centered and 1" from shoulder seam.
- Hair must be self-contained and unadorned and must be a natural hair color. Any containing articles such as head wraps, barrettes, bands, or clips must be plain (solid, no jewels, adornments, patterns, or logos) and same color as hair, or white, black, gray, silver, gold, or maroon that matches the uniform.
- Hair may not fall forward past shoulder/neck area or fall over eyes when leaning over at the waist.
- Sideburns, beards, and mustaches must be clean and neatly trimmed.
- Hats or caps are not allowed.
- Short natural and clean fingernails are required. Nail enhancements are not allowed to include polish, dips, tips, overlays, acrylics, or gels. Tips of nails may not be seen when looking at the hands from the palm side up.
- Hygiene must include being clean without fragrances or strong odors.
- No jewelry other than a plain wedding ring (band) and a watch with an analog second hand are allowed.
- Visible body piercings may not contain any jewelry, gauges or spacers.
- If a clinical requires "professional dress" other than the Nursing Uniform, the student will be asked to wear a maroon polo shirt and pants or a skirt that is black, gray, khaki, or maroon that matches the maroon polo shirt with the appropriate name tag.

- Clinical agencies retain the right to refuse access to any student whose appearance is deemed inappropriate. For this reason, visible tattoos should not contain symbols, drawings or wording likely to be deemed offensive.
- The nursing uniform may not be worn when working outside of clinical experiences.

COVID-19 (SARS-COV-2) Announcement  
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Fall 2021

All students will need to monitor their health and if they believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 or are exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19, they will need to self-report on the [MSU Texas Report COVID-19 Website](#). Students will then need to follow any instructions regarding quarantine or isolation as given to them by the Vinson Health Center.

Students at clinical facilities will be required to observe any personal protective equipment (PPE) and vaccination policies of the facility. Students unable or unwilling to comply may request relocation to another facility subject to the above conditions. Relocation is never guaranteed, and students unable to be relocated will have to withdraw from the clinical course.

**Masks** are required in the simulation center during the time the student is with the simulated patient.

Students are encouraged to visit the [MSU Texas Coronavirus Update page](#). If students have any questions about the COVID-19 policy for their program, they should contact their department chair.



# Acknowledgment and Understanding of Basics Syllabus Spring 2023

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