



Nursing the Childbearing Family

College of Health Sciences and Human Services

NURS 4013/4003 Section 201

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Communication

All communications may be through email, text, or cell phone. If texting or phoning, please give your name and cell number. I will return your communication as soon as possible if I am unavailable. In your email please identify the course in the subject line.

Course Description

This course applies concepts used by the nurse to assist childbearing families achieve their maximum potential. A focus on patient/family education is integrated throughout the course. Lifestyle and cultural diversity within individual, families, and communities is emphasized. Reliable information drawn from a variety of sources including nursing research assists the student to develop an evidence-based practice. Reproductive processes and women's health issues within the context of a variety of healthcare settings are explored through use of the nursing process, critical thinking and problem solving.

Weather Closure Practices

Student safety is the number one consideration in regards to travel for bad weather. If it is icy or snowing in your area, e-mail your faculty to explain the situation. Use common sense in regards to travel.

The MSU Nursing Program will follow the MSU campus practices for closure. If the campus closes, classes will go on-line using Zoom via D2L or another platform designated by your professor. Clinicals will be cancelled if the MSU campus is closed.

Due to the start of inpatient clinical shifts at 0630 to 0645, faculty will post information or make the call for clinical cancellations via D2L, "News Items". For guidance of weather closure practices for MSU campus see guidance via the MSU webpage.

Course objectives:

AACN Essentials: For further information regarding the AACN Essentials identified for each course objective, refer to

<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/education-resources/bacessentials08.pdf>

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

<http://www.bon.texas.gov/about/pdfs/delc-2010.pdf>

Objectives	AACN Essentials	DEC Competencies
1.Explore nursing roles relevant to the care of child-bearing families	I	IIII:A, III:B, III:C,
2. Integrate patient and family education into the plan of care.	II, VII	IV:A, IV;D, IV:G
3. Apply findings from current professional literature in planning nursing care for child-bearing families.	I, III	IV: G
4. Integrate understanding of variations in lifestyle and culture in planning health care to members of child-bearing families.	I, II, IV, VII, VIII	IV:C
5. Plan nursing care that assists	II, IV, V, VI	II:A; IIC, II:F

child-bearing families to achieve optimal health.		
6. Practice critical thinking and problem-solving skill in planning care for child-bearing families.	IV, VI, VIII	II:A; II:B; II:C; II:F; III:C; III:F; IV:B; IV:C; IV:E; IV:F

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Students (90%) will score 80 or higher on their discharge instruction pamphlet
2. Students (90%) will score 80 or higher on their mock code (spring only)

Textbook & Instructional Materials

McKinney, Murray, and Mau, Maternal-Child Nursing, 6th Ed.

Study Hours and Tutoring Assistance

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Student Handbook

<https://msutexas.edu/academics/hs2/nursing/bsn/bsn-handbook-2019-2020-final.pdf>

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material 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). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

[Office of Student Conduct](#)

Moffett Library

Moffett Library provides resources and services to support student's studies and assignments, including books, peer-reviewed journals, databases, and multimedia materials accessible both on campus and remotely. The library offers media equipment checkout, reservable study rooms, and research assistance from librarians to help students effectively find, evaluate, and use information. Get started on this [Moffett Library webpage](#) to explore these resources and learn how to best utilize the library.

Grading

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment

Assignments	Points
Exams (4 at 17.5% each)	70%
Discharge Project	5%
Shadow Health	10%
Clinical/Simulation Lab	10%
Weekly Class Quizzes	5%
Total Points	100%

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Points
A	90-100
B	80 to 89
C	74 to 79
D	70-73
F	69 06 less

Grades will not be rounded. In order to pass the course, the exam average must be at least 74%, regardless of the overall grade average.

Table 3: Clinical Rotations

Unit	Hours	Time
Labor and Delivery	12	0620-1900
OBED	12	0620-1900
Nursery	12	0620-1900
Postpartum	12	0620-1900
Simulation Lab	24	TBA
Shadow Health	18	TBA
Total Hours	90	

Scenarios

Scenarios will not be graded but presented to the students at the beginning of each unit(s) and discussed at the end of the unit(s) by the students

Exams

- Exams will be given at the end of each unit (4). They will be on Examsoft and timed (80 minutes). Grades will be released after test statistics are reviewed by the faculty. Exams are given on Wednesdays at 1300 (9/23/26; 10/21/26; 11/18/26; 12/4/26 (Friday).
- No earbuds or cell phone present. Also, you must show under your laptop to make sure no paper is there.
- You will be given a piece of scratch paper which must be turned in at completion of exam
- No food or drink allowed during exams.
- You must keep your face toward the computer screen
- You will not be allowed to leave the test area until you have finished the exam unless a severe emergency exists.
- When you are finished, upload your exam. We will **NOT** discuss the answers until the item analysis is completed and all exams have been taken.

Projects Required

The discharged instruction pamphlet will be in a PowerPoint format and will be due by 1159 on December 4, 2026. This is group work. A high-risk problem will be chosen to work with. The groups will be determined by a draw. This is a project of creativity, critical thinking, and the application of knowledge learned in class. More information will be given at the first of the semester. A copy of the discharge instructions project in Power Point format will be sent to Dropbox.

Mid-Term Exam

There will be no mid-term exam. Those failing will be referred to Navigate.

Final Exam

There will be no final exam.

Extra Credit

Extra credit will not be given.

Late Work

Late work will be accepted under exceptional circumstances, subject to a penalty. Students must communicate with the instructor in advance or as soon as possible afterwards to discuss the situation. The penalty for late submissions will be a deduction of 5% per day. Late work will not be accepted after four days

Make Up Work/Tests

Students are expected to take exams on the day they are scheduled. If you are ill or cannot take the exam on the scheduled day, please notify the course instructor 2 hours before the scheduled exam to arrange an exam make-up on the allotted day. **All make-up exams must be taken prior to the next scheduled exam.** This must be scheduled with the instructor prior to this date.

Important Dates

- Last day for term schedule changes: August 24-27, 2026
- Deadline to file for graduation: September 21, 2026
- Last Day to drop with a grade of "W": October 7, 2026

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.

Course Requirements

1. Students must complete all the components of the course to pass.
2. Classroom and clinical performances (on campus, the Simulation Center and/or patient clinical experiences) will be evaluated. Students are expected to pass both clinical and classroom components of the course. Failure in either one will constitute failure in the course.

Clinical Attendance

Students are expected to attend all clinical experiences that are scheduled. Students are responsible for notifying their clinical instructor if they must be absent from clinical. Students are also to notify the agency of the absence as

well. Unless it is an emergency, the notification must be *prior to the scheduled clinical experience*. All clinical time missed must be made up to pass the class. Any clinical absences will be made up at the discretion of the faculty member and will be scheduled by the faculty.

Clinical Paperwork

Completion of worksheets, signature page, student's evaluation of preceptor, and skills checklist will be turned in to the instructor at the end of your clinical rotations. These will turn as hard copies to your instructor.

Please place in this order:

1. Signature page
2. Evaluation of your Preceptor
3. Skills Checklist
4. Report sheets from each clinical rotation

Do not place in a folder. Simply use either a paperclip or a type of clip that will hold the papers together

Online Computer Requirements

Taking an online class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. 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 considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.***

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!!*** There are many places to access your class! Our online classes can be accessed from any computer in the world which is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. 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](#).

Instructor Class Policies

Dress Code

Please adhere to the dress code in both the clinical setting, simulation lab, and any event when you are expected to wear your clinical clothes. A mask will not hide a nose ring nor will your hair cover a row of earrings. You may only wear a lab jacket with your uniform when you are in the clinical unit or simulation lab. Refer to the student handbook

BSN Student Handbook

<https://msutexas.edu/academics/hs2/nursing/bsn/bsn-handbook-2019-2020-final.pdf>

Professional Image

Students are to present a professional image **at all times**.

1. Behaviors that detract from the learning process or disruptive behavior will NOT be tolerated. Professional appearance and behavior is expected in class and clinical.
2. Students must be prompt to clinical. In the event of an emergency that might necessitate your tardiness, you are to contact the **clinical instructor and agency representative**. A re-assignment of a make-up clinical will be done if deemed more appropriate.
3. Beepers and cellular phones are to be muted during all class sessions and clinical experiences so that others will not be disturbed. You are only allowed to use cell phones during breaks away from the clinical setting or after the clinical experience is over.

Clinical Infractions

See Handbook

Clinical Failure

Clinical failures are earned by students who fail to meet the objectives of the clinical experience, students who fail to uphold the ANA Practice Standards and the ANA Code of Ethics, students who fail to maintain patient safety, and students who fail to complete all of their clinical hours and in the simulation lab.

Immunizations and Insurance

All students must present documentation that they are following state and program-mandated immunization requirements. Failure to do so will prevent the student from attending clinical laboratory experience until they are complying.

All students must show documentation of current liability insurance prior to attending clinical laboratory experience. Please speak with the Clinical Coordinator with any questions you may have in this regard.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exist in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

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 Student Wellness Center, (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 [Disability Support Services](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

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.

Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

Active Shooter

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 [MSUReady – Active Shooter](#). 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."](#)

Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

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

Course Schedule:

Week or Module	Activities/Assignments/Exams	Due Date
	Refer to the calendar and clinical schedule on D2L	

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