



**Family Health Assessment Syllabus
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Course Description

The focus of this course is on the assessment of the holistic person as an individual, and as a member of families, groups, communities, ethnic communities, and society. The role of the nurse in health promotion throughout the life cycle is explored by identifying normal and abnormal findings. Emphasis will be placed on acquiring skills to record client histories, perform physical assessments, and communicate specific findings.

Three (3) credit hours: three hours lecture and two clinical hours per week

Prerequisites: BIOL 1134 & 1234; NURS 3103 & 3203 taken concurrently

Course Objectives & Competencies

AACN Essentials: For further information regarding the coded AACN Essentials identified for each Course Objective, refer to the [BSN Handbook](#). The information is also available from the table of contents in the course D2L.

Differentiated Essential Competencies: Differentiated Essential Competencies of the Texas State Board of Nursing include the categories of (I) Member of the Profession, (II) Provider of Patient-Centered Care, (III) Patient Safety Advocacy, and (IV) Member of the Health Care Team. For further information on DEC's refer to [Texas Board of Nursing Website](#). For further information regarding the competencies identified for each Course Objective, refer to the [BSN Handbook](#)

Course Objectives	AACN Essentials	DECs
Upon completion of this course the student should be able to:		
1. Utilize the assessment phase of health of persons and families throughout the life cycle.	III.C-1, 2, 3 IV.C-2	I: A II: B, D, E, F
2. Identify factors and research related to health promotion and screening for persons throughout the life cycle	IV.A-1,2; .B-4	I: A II: A, B, D,E, F

3. Identify norms and deviations in health status.	III.D-1	I: A II: A, B, D, E, F
4. Utilize verbal, non-verbal, and written communication skills for obtaining and documenting assessment data	III.B-1, 6	I: B II: B, C, E IV: B
5. Develop a personal strategy for performing a head-to-toe physical assessment	V.A-1, C-2	I. B, D II. A, B III. D

Required Textbooks and Supplies

Jarvis, C. & Eckhardt, A. [2024] Physical Examination and Health Assessment. [9th ed]. St. Louis, MO. Elsevier

Nursing Central [Unbound Medicine] application

Evolve/Elsevier Sherpath Vantage. This can be accessed through the MSU Bookstore.

Exemplify: ExamSoft is a software program that Wilson School of Nursing uses for quizzes and exams. You will receive an introductory email with instructions and a link for obtaining the program.

Strongly Suggested [Guidance for how to pass NCLEX]

Silvestri, L.A. & Silvestri, A. E. [2022] Clinical judgment and test-taking strategies. [7th ed]. St. Louis, MO. Elsevier

Required Assessment Equipment & Supplies

Sphygmomanometer [BP Cuff]	Binder for Lab Forms
Stethoscope	Tape Measure (retractable)
Percussion hammer [Reflex Hammer]	
Penlight	** Optional: Pulse Oximeter
A bag to carry your supplies	** Optional: Day Planner
Watch with a sweeping second hand	

A piece of equipment that is not required, but that you might find useful is a **pulse oximeter** of your own.

These items are available at the MSU bookstore, but it is not necessary for you to purchase them there.

Maroon scrubs with sleeve patch (patches available at the MSU bookstore). Maroon scrub jacket and patch, if you want to have a jacket. Other jackets or sweaters are not allowed during clinical. White, Black, Grey or Maroon shoes [which match the maroon uniform] (plain, i.e. – no bright colored shoestrings or designs); No Crocs. The shoes must be professional, healthcare type shoes that provide comfort with standing. [They must be kept clean]

The Dress Code is provided in this syllabus

****You will wear your scrubs to every simulation lab, practice times, and final practicum.**

Name tag

State law requires health care providers to wear identification with name and role at all times when providing care. You will receive instructions for obtaining a picture ID during orientation. It is to be purchased at the Clark Student Center Information Desk.

Learning Experiences

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 the primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through your “my.msutexas.edu” Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact helpdesk@msutexas.edu. The helpdesk technicians are not able to personally work on your computer but will be able to help you with getting internet access and navigating the MSU portal and D2L. It is your responsibility to make sure your computer receives all of its updates and that you maintain security updates. Be sure you know how to clear your cookies and browser, and turn on and off your firewall.

Class activities include face-to-face class sessions, Virtual Classroom, PowerPoints, videos, Medical Terminology, in-class quizzes, case studies, group discussions, required readings, unit exams and final exam, and skills and simulation clinicals in the skills lab.

Castlebranch for Clinical Compliance

Castlebranch is an online program for storing information, and is used to help students stay in compliance with state, clinical agencies, and university requirements. Failure to maintain compliance with all of these regulations will result in ineligibility to attend clinicals, simulations, or service learning. Castlebranch sends email notifications to students about any documents that need to be submitted or updated, so it is not possible for a student to be unaware of any missing requirements.

First semester students must have full compliance with all the items listed in the documents you received prior to the beginning of the semester. Students who have not achieved full compliance will not be eligible to begin second semester.

Two Hepatitis B vaccination regimens are available. One requires less time than the other. Proof of completion (not just beginning them, but completing them) of the injections must be submitted prior to being allowed to attend clinical practicum in second semester. This is a state law requirement and we have no leeway with this

Online Computer Requirements

Taking a class where many assignments and activities are online requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to take exams and to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have a working (and charged) computer to bring to class and to complete assignments outside of class. We recommend that you obtain a portable charger to use if needed during an exam.

Chromebooks **are not compatible** with the ExamSoft program used for nursing exams.

Your computer being down is not an acceptable reason for missing a deadline for an assignment or an exam. Computers, printers and scanners are available on campus in the library, the Computer lab in Clark Student Center, and computer lab in Centennial Hall, as well as in various buildings on campus. There are many places to access your on-line materials for class.

Technical information is available on the MSUTexas portal and your D2L home page. If you have technical difficulties in a course, there is

a student helpdesk available to you at helpdesk@msutexas.edu. The helpdesk cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations however they are able to help you with information and ideas, and to learn to access the internet and D2L.

Midterm Progress

To help students keep track of their progress toward course objectives, the instructor for this course will provide a Midterm Progress Report through each student's WebWorld account. Midterm grades will not be reported on the student's transcript; nor will they be calculated in the cumulative GPA. They simply give students an idea of where they stand at midpoint of the semester. Students earning below a C at the midway point will be required to schedule a meeting with the professor and seek out tutoring through the Tutoring & Academic Support Programs (link to the website <https://msutexas.edu/academics/tasp/>).

Assignment and exam weights

Assignments	Grading
Exams (4)	65%
Quizzes	5%
Clinical Requirements	30%
P/P Points	(10%)
Shadowhealth	(10%)
Practicum	(80%)
Total Percentage	100%

WSO Grading Scale:

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

IMPORTANT: AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER, THE LECTURE GRADE AND THE CLINICAL GRADE ARE THE SAME, Clinical is a Pass/Fail course so the grade recorded is the same as the lecture grade.

*The final course grade will be calculated in the following manner:
*There will be no rounding of grades. If a student earns a 73.9%, then the grade recorded is a D. The grade will not be rounded.
**Students must score at least a 74% average on all exams (4 module and final exam) to pass the course. This is called the exam average.
**Students that do not achieve a 74% exam average will receive a final grade that reflects the exam average earned.
***Students who earn at least a 74% exam average will have the remaining assignment grades calculated as weighted in the table above as the course grade.

Clinical GRADE CLARIFICATION:

To pass the clinical portion of the course, the clinical average (P&P, Shadowhealth, and practicum) must average 85%. If the clinical average is not at least 85%, the final grade for the course and clinical will be a 'D'.

Practicum:

The **PIT [Putting It Together]** is the final Lab demonstration of Vital Sign Competency and a Head to Toe Assessment. The student must score at least 85% on the assessment. ** Please Note: You must pass the PIT to pass the clinical portion of the course.

If a student fails on the practicum, a second attempt may be allowed. The average of the two attempts will be placed in the gradebook. The average must be at least 85% to pass the practicum.

P/P grades are worth 4 points for each clinical/lab day.

*1 point for being present and on time, ready to start on time [A point is deducted if the student fails to notify the instructor of an absence at least 1 hour prior to lab time]

*1 point for being prepared and has all tools/items needed [Skills binder is up to date]

*1 point for presentation [Demonstration] of the skill. Skills videos will be shown class prior to the lab week and are available for review in Elsevier.

*1 point for professionalism [appropriate clinical attire, behavior, cooperation with lab partner and faculty/instructors]

Shadow Health Module Assignments are due at specified times which are listed on your schedule as well as on the assignment list within each program. The assignments are graded, and must be completed before the deadline. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Exams

1. There are four unit exams covering the content in the textbook, assigned readings, and assigned activities. Each unit exam will include 50 questions. Each exam will be scheduled for 75 minutes.
2. All exams are comprehensive. Students are expected to bring all knowledge forward.
3. Unit objectives are found at the beginning of each assigned chapter. These objectives will help you focus on what to study for each exam. Required readings are found on the course calendar.
4. All exams are required. If notice of missing an exam is not given prior to the start of the scheduled exam, a zero (0) will be given.

Exam Policy

1. Exam Soft requires loading Exemplify application for taking course exams. Exam Soft is purchased online each semester.
2. There are not enough electrical outlets for use by all students 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. The unit exams may cover material covered in previous or concurrent courses, the textbooks readings, classroom activities, and assignments.
5. 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. If in the room, smart watches must be removed and placed at the front of the room and

phones must be turned OFF. If a phone rings or makes noise more than once during an exam the owner will receive a zero (0) on the exam.

6. 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 faculty 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).
9. No food or drinks will be allowed during the exam.
10. Hats and hoodies may not be worn during the exam.
11. All backpacks/bags will be placed at the front of the room and may be retrieved once the exam is complete, uploaded, and the test code page has been turned into the instructor.
12. Students will not be permitted to leave the room during the exam until it is uploaded. No bathroom breaks are allowed during an exam. If students must leave, their exam must be uploaded with the confirmation screen shown to the instructor and exam access code/scratch paper turned in.

Make Up Work

In class quizzes and activities will not be made up. If a graded quiz or activity is missed, a grade of zero (0) will be placed in the gradebook.

Late Work and Absences

If you are going to be late with an assignment, due to a legitimate excuse, you must notify the instructor prior to the due date/time.

Attendance

Attendance is required for face-to-face sessions of this course. If you are going to be absent, you must notify the instructor by email or text

prior to the class. The instructor may ask for documentation for the given reason such as illness or doctor's appointment. You should return to class after a mid—morning break. Attendance is recorded and four [4] absences will result in Administrative dismissal from the course.

Absences and Remediation:

Attendance will be taken each class day. Attendance is important because the Simulation/Lab demonstrations are conducted the last 30 minutes of class; these demonstrations will be presented by the students at the next SIM/Lab class.

Missed labs will be made up at the instructor's discretion. Missed labs hinder your learning and your partner's learning.

Clinical

For clinical absences, Contact your Simulation/clinical Instructor [Not the Sim Lab staff] by email or phone at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled Sim Lab. Your instructor will notify the Sim Lab Staff.

Clinical experiences will consist of clinical lab experiences with manikins and assigned partners.

Students are required to wear the clinical/scrub attire to each clinical/simulation experience. There may be some lab experiences that also require you wear Sports Bras, shorts, or other garments that will allow for skin inspection, palpation, auscultation or percussion. You will be told in advance which labs require this attire.

Clinical lab experiences consist of history-taking, physical assessment, and communication skills, practice with supervision and check-off in the Skills Lab section (3rd floor) of the Simulation Center. Supervised and independent hands-on practice of assessment skills will be performed on a classmate or manikin representing a variety of clients.

Lab assignments are graded by Pass/Fail, and clinical attendance is mandatory. All absences **must** be made up. In case of an emergency, students should notify the Clinical Instructor or Simulation Center of the absence (see MSU Sim Center webpage link on page 1 of this syllabus), and make arrangements to make up the lab. Make-up hours are subject to the Sim Center staffing, schedule, and instructor discretion.

Clinical Log [or Binder]: You need to keep all your learning materials and clinical evaluation forms from the simulation lab as well as any practice nursing notes completed during clinical lab experiences in a binder. These will be checked by your clinical instructor at each clinical/lab session.

Check Point Practicum:

If time allows, you may be required to perform random check point demonstrations of skills previously mastered. Your instructor will advise you when these could occur.

Final Clinical Practicum: This is also called PIT [Putting It Together]. Students will perform a head-to-toe assessment utilizing the interviewing and physical exam skills you have learned through the semester. This will include all body systems you have previously assessed. Students must wear their clinical uniform and bring all their own personal supplies and equipment to the examination. The assessment is graded according to a clinical rubric which you will have available for practice, and the passing grade is 85%. Anyone who does not pass on the initial attempt of the practicum may retest one time. If passed, an average of the first and second attempt grades will be placed in the gradebook. Further information about the practicum will be provided during clinical throughout the semester.

It is important for students to practice history-taking and physical exam skills each week to the point of mastery. I recommend that you practice all your skills on your family members and roommates.

Vital Signs Assessment: Learners will practice Vital Signs assessments on a SIM partner. The learning may or may not be evaluated using a clinical scenario. **Extreme competence in measuring and assessing vital signs must be demonstrated to pass the course.**

Failure Policy: You must **pass both clinical and classroom** components of the course. **Failure in either clinical performance or didactic components will result in failure of the course.** A clinical failure is recorded as an F on the transcript for both clinical and the classroom grade, regardless of the percentage grade. A student who receives a "D" or "F" in two nursing courses will not be eligible for readmission to the nursing program.

Student Responsibilities

Lab Requirements: You need to bring your own lab equipment to assessment lab each week, including a watch for every clinical. Wear appropriate clinical attire – scrubs with nametag. Bring your lab binder which will contain the current Preclinical Assignments.

Absences from Lab: Assigned lab time in the simulation center is required and attendance is mandatory. Students who do have an unavoidable absence remain responsible for performing the skills, and making up all hours missed. Students who need to miss a lab session due to illness or compelling family situations should contact the clinical faculty prior to the absence, and must arrange to attend another section of the lab. **Do not arrive more than 15 minutes early, but do be on time.**

Absence from Final Practicum: Students must notify the Simulation Center at least two hours before their scheduled practicum time if they will not be in attendance. Failure to do so will result in a grade of 0 (zero) for the practicum except under the most emergent conditions. When proper notification has occurred, the practicum may be rescheduled.

Clinical Infractions

Clinical infractions may be given for various behaviors or activities that disregard professional decorum or student rules and guidelines. The infraction list can be found in your BSN Handbook and includes disregard of the dress code, arriving late to clinical, being unprepared for clinical, as well as items related to conduct during clinical or class.

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, the submission for credit of work not the individual to whom credit is given, or submission of work that has been submitted in another class). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

Important Dates

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W" is Wednesday, November 23rd by 4:00 PM; Drops after this date will receive grades of "F".

Citizenship and Professionalism

As a nursing student, you should always practice behaving as a professional nurse. That means treating others in a professional, respectful manner. Being late to class, leaving in the middle of class unless an emergency exists, failing to silence your cell phone, texting or surfing the web, talking in class instead of listening – these are behaviors that detract from your responsibility as a student, and from your classmates' ability to obtain the optimal benefit from the class. Children may not be brought to class per University policy.

As a nursing student, you need to be in class and participating in order to get the most from your education. You will only be taking Family Health Assessment one time (hopefully), and anything you miss out on now will be a problem for you in future nursing courses.

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, the student may be administratively dropped from the course. Disregard for the attendance policy may also result in being dropped from the course.

Also, if you have an appointment for office hours with an instructor you must keep that appointment, or give notice to cancel. Come prepared with questions and concerns you need to discuss. The instructor will be prepared to visit with you about any concerns he/she may have. If you are asked to visit your instructor or to go to the Academic Center for tutoring or counseling, I expect you will do this in a timely manner.

Cheating and Plagiarism

The work, and the reputation, of the nursing profession requires that members demonstrate the utmost in trustworthiness and credibility. Nurses are expected to be honest. A lot depends on a nurse being straightforward with his or her communication – that means always telling the truth. A lot also depends on your ability to do your own

work. It's true that nurses work in teams; however, **every** member of the team has to know what to do. If you "borrow" someone else's work to turn in for a grade, you haven't learned the material for yourself. If you are not fully informed and knowledgeable, you will be the nurse that nobody wants to work with and the one that patients hope they don't have to depend on. It is scary to work with a nurse who is dishonest, or misrepresents his or her abilities (what others can depend on from you), and if you think that scares other nurses, just think about how a patient feels after realizing that the nurse she or he should depend on is not trustworthy. When the responsibility of patient care is on you, you won't get away with bluffing or cheating.

Therefore, the BSN program does not condone dishonesty, cheating, collusion, or plagiarism in any form, and considers it a serious offense that may result in being expelled from the nursing program.

"Cheating" means intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any exam or academic exercise; "collusion" means collaborating with another person in preparing an assignment that is meant to be an individual's own work offered for credit; "plagiarism" means intentionally representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise. For further information regarding cheating and any subsequent actions that may be taken refer to the policy statement in the BSN Student Handbook.

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>.

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

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

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, procedures, assignments, and schedule may be made (with notice) at the discretion of the instructor.

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.
- ☐ 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 jacket, 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 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. [Ideally, the hair should be secured up and no "pony tails" which could pose a safety concern for the student].

- ☐ 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 a 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.

Additional Instructor Guidelines: Some students are wearing "false eyelashes"; these are not allowed in the Sim/Lab experiences because of professional attire and they could be a hazard if they interfere with a sterile field or sterile techniques.

Any body jewelry observed during an assessment [ie.. ears, nose, tongue, navel] and nail polish [finger or toes] will result in point deductions.

Chewing Gum in the clinical site is not professional and not allowed.