

**FAMILY HEALTH NURSING CARE I****NURS 3423**  
**Spring 2023**

*Location: Centennial Hall 340 Monday 1300-1550*

(Please Note: This is the official course syllabus for student use this semester; therefore, students enrolled in this course will be held accountable for all contents which follow. This syllabus is subject to change. Students will be notified of any changes to the syllabus via D2L News notification)

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**Course Description and Goals**

Welcome to Family Health Nursing Care one. This will be a didactic and clinical course that involves application of theories and concepts across the span of adult life to include specific medical-surgical conditions. Emphasis will be placed on integrating previously learned cognitive, psychomotor, and affective knowledge in the care of the individual client, her or his family, as well as groups and communities (IFGC) through application of the nursing process.

**Prerequisites**

NURS 3243/3242 (Basic Nursing), NURS 3313 (Pharmacology)

**Credit Hours**

Successful completion of both courses awards five (5) credit hours – NURS 3423 is comprised of three (3) lecture hours per week and NURS 3422 requires six (6) clinical hours per week to earn two (2) credit hours.

**Placement**

Second semester of junior year (BSN)

**Learning Experiences**

Lecture, discussion, audiovisual aids, assigned readings, and clinical experiences.

**Student Learning Outcome**

Student will administer medications using techniques that ensure patient safety. [Assessment method: 90% of the Math for Nurses questions included on exams in NURS 3423/3422 Family Health Nursing Care I will have a level of difficulty of at least 0.8 (80% correct).]

**AACN Essentials**

For further information regarding the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials identified for each course objective, refer to the BSN Student Handbook.

## DEC Competencies

In the Differentiated Essential Competencies (DECs) noted below, the following designations apply: I: Member of Profession; II: Provider of Patient-Centered Care; III: Patient Safety Advocate; and IV: Member of the Health Care Team. For further information regarding the competencies identified for each course objective, refer to the BSN Handbook.

## Course Objectives

Upon Completion of this course the student will be able to:

Course Objectives	AACN Essentials	DEC Competencies
1. Apply professional knowledge and theories to the nursing care of persons and families throughout the lifespan.	I, IV, V, VII	I: A, B II: A, B, C, D, E, F, G III: A, B, C, D IV: A, B, C, D
2. Integrate effective communication, research, and teaching-learning principles in providing care for persons and their families.	I, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII	I: A, B II: A, B, C, D, E, F, G III: A, B, D IV: A, B, C, D
3. Utilize the nursing process in a systematic manner in the care of IFGC.	II, III	I: A, B II: A, B, C, D, E, F, G III: A, B, C, D IV: A, B, C
4. Utilize nursing knowledge when implementing affective, cognitive, and psychomotor nursing skills.	III	I: A, B II: A, B, C III: A IV: E
5. Relate knowledge of higher education concepts in health to identify nursing interventions.	III	II: A, B, C III: A
6. Demonstrate professional accountability in providing holistic care in a variety of settings.	VIII	I: A, B II: A, B, C III: A, B, C, D IV: A, B, E
7. Implement nursing interventions with individuals and their families who present for nursing care.	VII	I: A, B II: D, E III: A, B, D
8. Examine the legal and ethical issues related to care of individuals and their families in a variety of settings.	VI, VIII	I: A, B II: E III: A, B, C, D IV: B
9. Discuss the evolution	I, VI, VIII	II: B, E

of social, cultural, and historical aspects of health care and their influences on family health in nursing.		
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**These course objectives will be applied to studies in the following areas:**

The musculoskeletal system, gastrointestinal system and other related organs, the endocrine system, fluid electrolyte balance, acid-base balance, urinary system, and burns

**Grading Scale**

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	74-79
D	65-73
F	≤ 64

**Required Textbooks**

Exam Soft requires loading Exemplify for taking course exams (Exam Soft must be purchased on-line at the start of every semester). See Exam Soft tab on D2L for hyperlink.

Hinkle, J. L. & Cheever, K. H. (2018). *Brunner & Suddarth's Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing*, 15<sup>th</sup> ed. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

**ISBN: 978-1-9751-8677-7**

CoursePoint+ Your CLASS CODE is: **AE1163C8**

1. If you don't already have access to Lippincott CoursePoint+ for Hinkle: Brunner & Suddarth's Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing, fifteenth., redeem your **ACCESS CODE** and complete registration at <http://thePoint.lww.com/activate>.
2. Once you have redeemed your Access Code and are logged in to thePoint, from the "**My Content**" page, click **Launch CoursePoint** for Lippincott CoursePoint+ for Hinkle: Brunner & Suddarth's Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing, Fourteenth Edition..
3. On the content homepage, select "Join a Class", enter your **CLASS CODE: 8BD3B019** and click "Join this Class"

If you experience any problems, check the code again and re-enter it. If it does not work, contact Lippincott Online Product Support at

1-800-468-1128 or [techsupp@lww.com](mailto:techsupp@lww.com) for assistance.

Not sure what an **ACCESS CODE** is?

Learn more at <http://thepoint.lww.com/Help/BookAccess>.

**Purchase Website:** [Lippincott Purchase Website](#)

Laptop computer which meets Wilson SON system requirements (refer to handout entitled

“Technology Requirements” on course D2L site, Course Content section, Exam Soft tab) for computer testing. Must have battery use for at least 1.5 hours when testing (extra charged battery; portable battery charger; etc). Suggest power cord and extension cords/power strips, but please understand that electrical outlets in the classroom are scarce.

Nursing Central e-references. Students will purchase “forever” access to Nursing Central e-references directly from the company after an email message is received from that company. Students will also have access to Lippincott CoursePoint+ resources. **All clinical research should be done using these references. Do not reference Taber’s medical dictionary.**

Pharmacology text used in Pharmacology course.

Fundamentals of Nursing Active Learning for Collaborative Practice - Yoost and Crawford 2023.

MSU and BSN Student Handbooks: Students are responsible for reading, understanding, and complying with the policies stated in these publications. The BSN Student Handbook may be found at: [MSU BSN Handbook](#)

### **Evaluation Methods**

The final course grades will be calculated in the following manner:

Theory Evaluation <sup>1</sup>	Content	Weight
Medication and Dosage calculation exam	Medication list provided	5%
Exam: Unit I	Musculoskeletal System	10%
Exam: Unit II	Gastrointestinal System	10%
Exam: Unit III	Metabolism/Endocrine System	10%
Exam: Unit IV	Fluid Regulation & GU Elimination	10%
Individual simulation/skills exam	Comprehensive	5%
Final Exam	Comprehensive	15%
Comprehensive Care Plan	Comprehensive	10%
DocuCare assignments x 3	Clinical Experiences United Regional Hospital x 3	10% (3+3+4)
CoursePoint+ Assignments, PrepU quizzes, & V-Sims assignments	Comprehensive	10%
Participation-TopHat + activities in class	Comprehensive	5%
Total		100%

### **There will be NO rounding up of any grades!**

<sup>1</sup>Students must score at least a 74% average on the seven exams by the end of the course. If students score less than a 74% average on the seven course exams, the actual exam average earned will be the final course grade at the end of the semester. No other grades from course assignments will be included in the final course grade.

Students will be held responsible for lecture/discussion content, all assigned readings, and audiovisual materials on written exams. When the lecture material is more current than the textbook, lecture material takes precedence.

### **Exams**

#### **EXAM POLICIES**

It is recommended that you check for system updates for your computer/tablet/iPad prior to the exam date and complete all updates. Systems that are pending updates may not function properly and delay you starting the exam on time. No accommodations will be made for slow internet connections or delayed start due to individual computer/tablet/iPad issues.

You must download the exams prior to 1200 on the Mondays of an exams as the download window will close then. No student will be allowed to download the exams after that time.

When you enter TURN OFF your phone and smart watch--if any phone or smart watch makes any noise or vibrates during the exam that student will lose 10 points on the exam. Additionally, when you enter place all your belongings at the front of the room except a pen/pencil for use during the exam. If I see a student with a phone OR a smart watch after the exam begins, that student will receive a ZERO on the exam.

The test administrator (Professor/Instructor or proxy) will NOT answer any questions once the exam has begun. If a student feels that a question contains errors, they should answer the questions as best they can and complete the exam. After each exam the Professor/Instructor will conduct test analysis to determine if any questions contained errors and will make adjustments to the exam to as indicated by the analysis. If a student has a question about any specific test item they may make an appointment to discuss concerns with the Professor during normal office hours or at an agreed upon time.

You will be provided a scratch sheet of paper with the passcode for the exam. You may write notes or complete math calculations on this paper as you wish. This paper will be submitted at the conclusion of the exam. You may begin the exam as soon as you receive the scratch paper with the exam password, but regardless of the time any individual student starts, the unit exams will end at 1420.

When you complete your exam, you must turn in the scratch paper and show the upload screen on your computer screen, then you must exit the classroom.

No one will be allowed to exit the room and re-enter once the exam has begun. If you leave the room before you complete your exam, I will close your computer/shut down your tablet or iPad, ending the exam for you. It is recommended that you attend to personal needs prior to the start of the exam.

Medication and dosage calculations exam will contain 15 multiple choice questions over the medication list provided and 10 fill-in-the-blank Math for Nurses/dosage calculation problems. A 40-minute timeframe will be provided for this examination. This exam will be worth a total of 100 points.

A total of 80 minutes will be provided to complete each unit exam on the laptop computer/iPad. The exam will end at 1420 regardless of an individual student's start time. Any student still taking exam questions at 1420 will have his or her computer or tablet/iPad shut down, ending the exam. Each unit exam will be comprised of 45 multiple choice questions and five fill-in-the-blank Math for Nurses/dosage calculation problems. Each exam will be worth a total of 100 points.

For the final exam, a two-hour (120 minutes) timeframe will be provided for the comprehensive final exam consisting of multiple-choice questions from each unit of instruction, plus dosage calculation problems, which will be worth 100 points. The final will have 75 questions from all units studied, V-Sims, simulations, skills, and math for nurses/dosage calculation problems.

All exams will be administered using Exam Soft and Exemplify on students' personal laptop

computers. Exam Soft will provide students with user IDs, initial passwords, and instructions on how to load Examplify. Students must maintain ready access to user IDs 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 the grade of "0." It is the student's responsibility to perform any required software updates prior to taking any exam. A calculator will be accessible through the Exam Soft test during each examination.

### **EXAM REVIEW**

Following each examination, the Professor will conduct a test item analysis and make any indicated adjustments to overall test results. After ALL students have taken an exam, to include any make-up examinations due to excused absences on examination day, the Professor will release the examination strengths and opportunities reports to all test takers. The report will contain only information on the test items each individual student missed on the exam. It is recommended that students utilize this information to study for the comprehensive final examination. If a student wishes to discuss an examination, they should make an appointment to meet with the Professor during regular office hours or at an agreed upon time. It is recommended that any student that earns a grade of less than 80% seek an appointment to discuss missed examination content. However, students must seek this appointment within 5 business days of the examination.

### **Math for Nurses (Dosage Calculation Competency)**

During each exam administration, five medication dosage calculation problems will be included and will be monitored by course faculty. Students who miss more than one dosage calculation problem on each exam (less than 80% correct) are expected to seek remediation regarding dosage calculation skills from course instructor, clinical adjunct faculty, or tutoring center.

### **Late Work Policy**

No assignment submitted after the assignment due date will be accepted. Late work will earn a zero for that assignment. This includes DocuCare assignments and the comprehensive care plan. If a student is running late completing any assignment and knows the assignment will not be completed prior to the due date/time, that student should submit the uncompleted version of the assignment, as some points for an incomplete assignment is preferred to zero points for a late or unsubmitted assignment.

### **DocuCare**

- Once a clinical experience is completed, the post-clinical DocuCare documentation is due by one week from the end of the assigned shift by 2330, unless otherwise notified.
- Students will participate in six (6) clinical experiences at United Regional Hospital. After experience one (1) students will participate in a post-clinical conference with NO DocuCare documentation required.
- Experiences two, three, and five will require DocuCare documentation for 1 patient per clinical experience and participation in a post conference.
- After experiences four and six will participate in a post-clinical conference with NO DocuCare documentation required
- The DocuCare grades for three clinical experiences will count for 10% of the final course grade. See grading rubric on D2L for further information (3%, 3%, 4%)

### **Comprehensive Care Plan**

Each student will complete a comprehensive care plan based on a complex simulated patient as a comprehensive assignment bringing together knowledge from each of the 4 units of study. This assignment will be worth 10% in course points. The Comprehensive Care Plan assignment is an

individual student assignment. The assignment will be submitted through D2L and will be analyzed via **Turn It In** to assess for originality of content and plagiarism. See student honor code and WSON BSN handbook for cheating policy. All submissions will be screened for similarity and any plagiarized sections will be scored a zero.

The Cumulative Care Plan is due by **Friday, May 5 at 2330** in the D2L Dropbox. See grading rubric on D2L for further information. Additional information will be provided in class.

### **Top Hat**

We will be using the Top Hat ([www.tophat.com](http://www.tophat.com)) classroom response system in class. You will be able to submit answers to in-class questions using Apple or Android smartphones and tablets, laptops, or through text message.

The Top Hat platform will be used for student in-class questioning, and student assignments. The students are expected to check Top Hat DAILY to keep current on pre-class assignments and activities. Top Hat questions, and activities will be counted for participation and activities in class points. Students are expected to attend lecture sessions and participate in the questions and activities to receive full points for participation and quizzes.

You can visit the Top Hat Overview ([TopHat Overview](#)) within the Top Hat Success Center which outlines how you will register for a Top Hat account, as well as providing a brief overview to get you up and running on the system.

An email invitation will be sent to you, but if don't receive this email, you can register by simply visiting our course website: Unique Course URL <https://app.tophat.com/e/084787>

**Note: our Course Join Code: 084787**

Should you require assistance with Top Hat at any time, due to the fact that they require specific user information to troubleshoot these issues, please contact their Support Team directly by way of email ([support@tophat.com](mailto:support@tophat.com)), the in app support button, or by calling 1-888-663-5491.

### **CoursePoint+**

We will be using CoursePoint+ for quizzes (PrepU mastery level), activities, virtual simulations, and interactive case studies. The students are expected to check CoursePoint+ DAILY to keep current on assignments. Assignments on CoursePoint+ will be counted for quiz points. PrepU quizzes and VSims will be worth 100 points each and additional CoursePoint+ assignments will be worth 10 points each. PrepU quizzes have unlimited attempts, VSims have 3 attempts with the highest grade recorded, and other CoursePoint+ activities have unlimited attempts with the highest graded recorded. The VSim grade will be the average of the pre-quiz, the simulation experience, the post-quiz, and the SBAR reporting activity. CoursePoint+ assignments will open prior to each new unit and will be due the Friday prior to the Unit Exam on Monday. The total of all CoursePoint+ assignments will be worth 10% of the total course grade.

PrepU Masterly level quizzes will be assigned for each chapter. Students will receive quiz grades based on masterly level attained as follows:

Mastery level 8	100%
Mastery level between 7-8	90%
Mastery level between 6-7	80%
Mastery level between 5-6	70%
Mastery level less than 5.0	0%

## Additional Course Requirements

1. Students must complete all the components of the course to pass.
3. Classroom and clinical performances (on campus, in the Simulation Center and/or during inpatient 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.
4. Students are expected to be compliant with current CPR certification, immunizations, TB testing, health and liability insurance, drug screening, and criminal background checks throughout the semester. Verification of compliance is maintained through CastleBranch. Students are expected to maintain compliance at all times. Students may contact Cathy Healey (940) 397-2802 or email her at [cathy.healey@msutexas.edu](mailto:cathy.healey@msutexas.edu) to ask questions about compliance of these Texas Board of Nursing (BON) requirements. TB testing needs to be repeated every 12 months. To attend clinical experiences, each student **MUST** comply with each of these requirements. **Students who are not in compliance with all CastleBranch requirements by Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 1700 will be dropped from the course.**
5. If a student is to be absent from an exam, he/she must notify the course instructor at least two hours prior to the exam. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a "0" for the exam. Make-up exams may be constructed differently from the unit test. Make-up exams will be administered as scheduled at the discretion of the course coordinator.
6. During computer testing, a drop-down calculator is available for use if calculations are required. The use of programmable calculators, statistical calculators and calculators stored on personal data assistant devices or cell phones are NOT allowed. Cell phones and smart watches or other similar devices **MUST** be turned OFF and maintained away from the student/testing area during exams. If any student's cell phone rings or vibrates during an exam that student will lose 10 points on the exam. If the instructor sees any student with their cell phone or Smart Watch during an exam, that student will receive a zero on the exam. In addition, sharing a calculator or password sheets or any other material with another student is NOT allowed. Failure to comply will be viewed as academic dishonesty and student will receive a zero (0) for the test.
7. Students will be held accountable for all communications sent by faculty via the course's Desire 2 Learn (D2L) web site; therefore, you will be expected to check the site for announcements, assignments, messages, etc. DAILY.
8. Students are expected to come to class dressed in an appropriate manner which reflects professionalism. The instructor reserves the right to ask students dressed in appropriate attire to leave the classroom.
9. Students are expected to attend all class sessions. If a student must miss a session, they are still held accountable for the material covered in class and should seek notes/information from another student. The instructor will not record class sessions.
10. Faculty reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus at any time. Students will be notified via D2L news item of changes.



### **Failure Policy**

The faculty reserves the right to recommend, to the BSN Program 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 American Nurses Association (ANA) standards of practice and code of ethics.

If student performance falls below acceptable standards of practice, then the student will NOT successfully complete the clinical component of this course. Certain aspects of these standards directly relate to safety in patient care and professionalism in practice. If student performance drops below the standard in these two areas, then the possibility of successful completion of the clinical component of the course is unlikely. The faculty recognizes that the issues of patient safety and professional standards cannot be compromised; therefore, any student who does not meet these standards will immediately receive a failing clinical evaluation. The severity of these infractions warrants immediate failure of the clinical component of this course. The ANA standards or practice and code of ethics are posted in the BSN Student Handbook.

### **Disruptive Behaviors**

Behaviors that detract from the learning process will NOT be tolerated. Electronic devices including cell phones and computers are to be muted during all class sessions and pre-clinical/clinical experiences so that others will not be disturbed. During administration of exams and any type of exam review, cell phones and smart watches or any other similar device MUST be turned OFF and maintained AWAY from the testing location. Disruptions occurring from students entering or leaving the classroom during class time are to be avoided. Children are not to be brought to class.

### **Cheating Policy**

The BSN Program does not condone cheating in any form and considers it as a serious offense. Cheating is defined by the faculty to include dishonesty on examinations and plagiarism. 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 individuals 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, the following: 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 BSN Student Handbook.

By enrolling in this course, the student expressly grants MSU a "limited right" in 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

### **Disability Support Services (DSS)**

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 admissions, accessibility, and employment of individuals in programs and activities.

MSU provides academic accommodations and auxiliary aids to individuals with disabilities, as defined by the law, who are otherwise qualified to meet academic employment requirements. Students with a disability must be registered with Disability Support Services (DSS) before classroom accommodations can be provided. For assistance, call the campus Disability Support Services office at (940) 397-4140.

It is the student's responsibility to declare any disabilities. After declaration with the DSS, preferably at the beginning of each semester, the student needs to contact their individual instructor to determine any reasonable accommodations that may be required.

### **Campus Carry Statement**

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 <https://mwsu.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies>.

### **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\\_online/members/newmember.asp](http://members.cur.org/members_online/members/newmember.asp).

The CUR Undergraduate Resources Webpage contains:

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

#### **COVID-19 Requirements**

##### COVID-19 (SARS-COV-2) Announcement

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

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.

Midwestern State University is not mandating any COVID-19 or influenza vaccination presently for any students. However, there are clinical facilities which may require one or both vaccinations as a condition of student attendance at the facility. Many facilities have recently been requiring vaccinations. Once assigned to a clinical facility, the student will need to comply with any vaccination requirements in order to remain at the facility. This includes both primary and rotational clinical assignments. If a student cannot or will not receive the required vaccination(s), the student may request a new clinical assignment at a facility not requiring the vaccination. The student's program will attempt to relocate the student to a new clinical facility. However, relocation cannot be guaranteed and if the program and the University are unable to relocate the student, then the student must withdraw from the clinical course. If the student is successfully relocated to another facility, any associated costs to the student shall be the student's responsibility. The program, University, or clinical facility will not be responsible for any relocation costs.

Students at clinical facilities will be required to observe any personal protective equipment (PPE) 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.

In accordance with University policy, on-campus students are not mandated to wear masks in

most circumstances BUT students are strongly encouraged to wear them indoors. The student is required to wear a paper mask during lab and simulation experiences.

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. **United Regional Healthcare System requires vaccinations, however, they allow certain exemptions for religious or medical reasons. Students wishing to apply for an exemption need to notify the course coordinator.**

## **NURS 3422 Family Health Nursing I Clinical Requirements**

### **Clinical Experiences**

This course includes a total of 90 clinical hours. Students are required to satisfactorily complete 90 clinical hours to successfully complete the clinical component of Family Health Nursing I. Absences will be made up by the student.

### **Breakdown of Clinical Hours**

United Regional experiences and post-conferences (8-hour x 6)	48 hours
Simulations (3x 2)	6 hours
Skills lab (4 X 5)	20 hours
Pre- and post-clinical preparation and paperwork/DocuCare	14 hours
Individual skills/simulation exam	2 hours
Total	90 hours

### **Clinical Absences**

Students are expected to attend/complete all clinical experiences. Clinical instructors need the information obtained during clinical experiences to appropriately evaluate student performance in the clinical component of this course.

### **Clinical Orientation**

MSU clinical orientation will take place in the classroom on the first day of the course, or as specified by instructor via D2L news posting and/or email.

### **Clinical expectations include the following**

Professional behavior is a requirement of the clinical component of this course. Students are expected to demonstrate professionalism during all clinical interactions. If a student is disrespectful or unprepared for a clinical experience, the student will be sent home and receive an absence for that experience, which must be made up by doing a hospital clinical experience.

### **Simulation and Skills lab-**

Each student will be scheduled to attend 5 sessions for skills practice and 3 simulation sessions. Both simulation and skills sessions will take place in the Simulation Center second floor Centennial Hall. Students will be required to complete pre-clinical assignments prior to attendance. Failure to complete pre-clinical assignments will result in student be sent home for the day and receiving a failure for that clinical day. These clinical hours must be made up. Students who do not complete all clinical hours will fail the course. Masking in the lab will follow current policy at the clinical sites.

Currently United Regional is requiring care givers to mask in patient rooms therefore students are required to wear a paper/surgical mask while in the skills and simulation lab. Students must provide their own masks. Any student not prepared with a mask will be sent home and receive a clinical failure for the day. Masks will not be provided.

### **Individual skills and simulation exam-**

Each student will be scheduled for a 1-hour skills/simulation/clinical reasoning examination. The exam will require each student to perform a patient appropriate focused assessment, safe medication preparation and administration, and demonstrate clinical reasoning. The exam will be scored by grading rubrics accessible on D2L. See skills and simulation exam content on D2L for further information.

### **Skills Practice Boxes-**

Students wishing to practice skills at home can check out a skills practice box through the simulation staff. See simulation director, Melody Chandler for checkout procedure and requirements.

### **Patient Care Experiences**

Students will complete six (6) 8-hour shift at United Regional Health Care System (UR).

Students are required to wear a paper/surgical mask while in patient rooms at United Regional per UR policy. Students must provide their own masks. Any student not prepared with a mask will be sent home and receive a clinical failure for the day. Paper/surgical masks will not be provided.

If a student is involved in the care of a patient on airborne isolation, the student will wear an N95 mask. If this situation occurs UR will provide the N95 mask to the student. Students will be fit tested and receive instructions on proper masking during skills lab.

URHCS requires students to review their Journey to Excellence Power Point presentation before taking a competency test over it as a part of Clinical Orientation. Students **MUST** pass this multiple-choice exam before they will be permitted to attend the first clinical experience. If a passing grade is not achieved, remediation will be required between the student and URHCS

Students are responsible for completing online clinical orientations for the hospital. Students must complete the UR orientation package prior to the date set by United Regional received via email with the orientation packet. Students who are not compliant with UR orientation requirements will not be allowed to attend UR clinical experiences. Failure to complete UR clinical experiences will result in course failure.

Students will attend training for UR EHR (EPIC). Session to be held at MSU on **Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 0800-1300 in Centennial Hall 101**. This training concludes with a quiz that must be passed with an 80% or greater. You must bring your own laptop computer to take this quiz. Any student arriving late will not be allowed to complete the quiz and must attend full training prior and pass the quiz prior to attending clinical experiences at UR.

Students complete **48 hours** of clinical experiences in URHCS patient care areas as assigned by the course coordinator. Students **MUST** comply with hospital policies as instructed during clinical orientation (\*parking, use of dining rooms, building access, identification, computer training/usage, etc) and sign a waiver regarding clinical experiences and Covid-19. Tardiness of more than 15 minutes, for the experience, will result in the student being sent home and receiving an absence. **ALL** patient care experiences, including make-up clinical time, must be completed by **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

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\*Student vehicles MUST be parked only in the designated student parking lots provided by URHCS. Students may never park in any other lot owned or leased by United Regional. If students are found parking in lots, other than the designated student parking lots, their vehicles will be towed, without notice, a citation will be issued, the student will incur a clinical infraction, and other disciplinary action may follow. Students may call URHCS Security at (940) 764-8357 for a security escort during hours of darkness, or whenever needed. The Wilson School of Nursing secretary will distribute parking passes to students before clinical rotations begin. These parking passes must be displayed from your vehicle's rear-view mirror whenever you are at URHCS facilities and parking passes MUST be turned back in at the end of 5th semester when instructed.

Before beginning clinical experiences, each student will to be issued a URHCS hospital ID badge, along with a white access/proximity card, for use during the semester. If this white access card fails to open parking lot gates, or building doors, please contact URHCS Human Resources at (940) 764-7820. If the access/proximity card is lost or damaged, the student must notify hospital security and Human Resources immediately to protect the security of the hospital. The Wilson School of Nursing (WSON) secretary must also be notified promptly. At the end of the program, students will be required to turn this white access badge back in to the WSON secretary or pay a fee (\$20) to replace it.

Students will take their Clinical Competency Skills Checklist with them to every acute care clinical experience. This checklist will be reviewed with their assigned nurse preceptor(s) and skills will be documented and dated and initialed off by nurse preceptor(s) when procedural skills are demonstrated safely/accurately by the students. Students must accomplish every skill at the junior 2 level on this checklist during clinical experiences this semester to satisfactorily pass clinicals. The clinical competency transcript must be copied and submitted to the course coordinator at the conclusion of the 4<sup>th</sup> clinical experience.

Students will be assigned to clinical experiences by the course coordinator. Schedule changes must be coordinated with the course coordinator and clinical faculty. For a schedule change, the student wishing to change dates must seek another student who is willing to change dates. Both students MUST email the course coordinator informing her of the desire to switch dates. The course coordinator will email both students approval/disapproval of the change. **DO NOT** take it upon yourself to make scheduling changes on your own because your faculty must be accountable for knowing who, when, where, and why each student is in the hospital at any given time. Therefore, any clinical experience completed without the knowledge and written approval of the clinical instructor will not be included in the calculation of achieved clinical hours.

Hours of absenteeism will be rescheduled, as available, or will be done as patient care experiences as assigned by the clinical instructor and/or course coordinator.

Students will attend post-clinical conferences as scheduled by clinical faculty. Conferences may take place at UR, at MSU, or virtually, at the discretion of the clinical faculty. Post-clinical conference hours count toward the 90 hours required for successful course completion and therefore must be attended.

**Clinical Dress Code:****Clinical Uniform**

- School uniform of matching maroon pants or skirt and maroon tunic top is the required uniform.
- Undershirts, if worn should be plain 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 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 (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.

### **Clinical Objectives**

1. Perform a complete head to toe assessment on one or more patients with additional focused assessments based on patient condition.
2. Use the nursing process to provide optimum care for patients with a focus on the concepts of alterations in mobility and musculoskeletal disorders, endocrine production and associated disorders, fluid regulation and urinary elimination, and digestion and gastrointestinal elimination.
  - a. Collect comprehensive data on each assigned patient.
  - b. Interpret data in a meaningful way.

- c. Establish meaningful and measurable goals.
- d. Implement all nursing activities in a safe and therapeutic manner.
- e. Evaluate nursing actions and modify the plan of care as needed.
3. Correctly and safely prepare and administer medications by oral, intramuscular, intravenous, and subcutaneous routes.
  - a. Correctly calculate medication dosages.
  - b. Correctly administer oral medications.
  - c. Correctly perform subcutaneous injections.
  - d. Correctly calculate drip rates and monitor all intravenous solutions.
  - e. Consistently use the six rights of medication administration and assess for medication allergies.
  - f. Accurately document medication administration.
  - g. Demonstrate knowledge of medication, therapeutic and non-therapeutic effects.
4. Effectively communicate. Document findings accurately in the medical record using appropriate terminology.
5. Display a professional attitude, appearance, and behavior at all times.
  - a. Accept constructive feedback in a positive manner.
  - b. Actively seek individual learning opportunities.
  - c. Comply with the MSU-approved dress codes.
6. Describe the role of the professional nurse in each assigned setting and his/her ability to contribute to optimal patient outcomes.
7. Be prepared to answer faculty questions on each of these topics.

### **Tips to remember**

1. Administer medications and perform procedures ONLY under the direct supervision of the clinical instructor, preceptor, or designated staff RN.
2. If any condition of the clinical experience changes or it is necessary for you to leave the premises of the clinical experience, you MUST contact the clinical instructor and/or course coordinator.
3. Be specific when discussing with the staff nurse the patient care activities you will perform during your shift.
4. NEVER disconnect or adjust any piece of equipment unless instructed to do so by your clinical instructor, preceptor or staff nurse.
5. You may assist nurses with their nursing care; however, your assigned patient(s) should be your first priority.
6. As a student, you will NOT be allowed to initiate blood transfusions, administer chemotherapy, manipulate (unlock) pain control pumps, or perform blood glucose testing. You are encouraged to observe these procedures and monitor patient responses.
7. Prior to administering any medication you are to know the action, safe dosages, and appropriateness of the drug for this particular patient, therapeutic and side effects, interaction effects and nursing considerations. Do NOT administer a drug if you are unfamiliar with these aspects of the drug. Do NOT administer any medication unless a licensed RN is with you at the patient's bedside.
8. NEVER give a medication prepared for administration by another nurse.

### **Clinical Evaluation**

The organizing framework for clinical evaluation is the DEC competencies and represents the clinical objectives to be accomplished during the semester. A sample of the clinical evaluation tool which will be used in this course is located on D2L under clinical content. Individual clinical instructors' comments stated on this evaluation form will be determined by utilizing various data collection tools during clinical components of the course including:



Observation of clinical performance  
 Review of student care documentation  
 Oral reports/presentations  
 Medication calculations/exercises/tests  
 Observation of simulation and skills lab performance  
 Any additional assignments required by clinical instructor  
 Preceptor feedback/evaluations of students, whether verbal or written

Infractions constituting a clinical failure (Extracted from current BSN Student Handbook):

**STUDENTS ARE NOT TO ADMINISTER MEDICATIONS UNLESS DIRECTLY SUPERVISED BY A FACULTY MEMBER OR NURSE PRECEPTOR**

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 90 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 completing the pre-clinical 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 including reminders to update immunizations and other clinical requirements  
 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 attending 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  
 Falsification, omissions, and/or lying about a non-patient care situation  
 Use of a cell phone or other electronic devices 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 harm a patient  
 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 by not limited to:

Administering medications without the direct supervision of a faculty member or preceptor

Failing to check two patient identifiers prior to administering medications.

Testing positive for illicit drugs or alcohol

An error in care or patient negligence that harms a patient

Falsification, omissions, and/or lying about a patient care situation

Intentionally revealing confidential information

Placing self, staff or patient at risk of harm due to abandonment of duties and/or sleeping during clinical experiences

Performing in an unsafe manner.

Failure to report a patient care error or incident.

Physical or verbal abuse of patients, patient's family members, faculty or staff