



## Nursing Courses

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### **NRSNG 2000 Introduction to Professional Nursing (2 credits)**

The discipline of nursing, concepts about health and health care, and the social context of the profession, including attention to rural health care. Uses concepts emphasized by the university and within the departmental curriculum as a framework for examining the profession, role perspectives, and role socialization. Provides for exploration of career opportunities.

### **NRSNG 2004 Psychosocial Nursing (2 credits)**

Focuses on psychosocial, including spiritual, dimensions of nursing care. Includes interpersonal communication and nursing practice approaches supportive to individuals experiencing transitions in health states. Prerequisite: 4-year track enrollee; Prerequisite/Corequisite: NRSNG 2000 and PSY 1100.

### **NRSNG 2203 Introduction to Clinical Practice (3 credits)**

The nursing process as a framework for providing a holistic approach to nursing care. Focuses on knowledge and practice related to basic needs and selected interventions, including medication administration. Learning environments include classroom, laboratory, and nursing care settings. Prerequisite: 4-year track enrollee; Prerequisite/Corequisites: BIOL 1110, NRSNG 2000, NRSNG 2004.

### **NRSNG 2204 Health Assessment (3 credits)**

Introduces beginning theory and practice for systematic data collection about the health status of individuals, including the identification of characteristics common to particular age groups. Guides the student in distinguishing between normal and abnormal profiles and potential health concerns. Learning environments include classroom and laboratory settings. Prerequisites: 4-year track enrollee, BIOL 1110, BIOL 2110, and NRSNG 2000.

### **NRSNG 3000 Elements of Scholarly Practice (2 credits)**

Examines forms of knowledge, the interrelationship between knowledge and practice, and the development of critical reflective thought. Introduces selected nursing theories, evidence-based practice, and an exploration of implications for nursing practice approaches. Includes study of ingredients expected in formal paper presentations. Prerequisites: 4-year track enrollee, NRSNG 2000, NRSNG 2004, NRSNG 2203, NRSNG 2204, and NRSNG 3120.

### **NRSNG 3001 Adult/Gerian Health (6 credits)**

Focuses on common physiological health and illness concerns experienced by adults and gerians. Studies nursing care management approaches and health care resources supportive of promotion, attainment, and preservation of health and amelioration of suffering. Includes related psychosocial, nutritional, and pharmacological dimensions of nursing practice. Prerequisites: 4-year track enrollee, NRSNG 2000, NRSNG 2004, NRSNG 2203, NRSNG 2204, and NRSNG 3120; Corequisite: NRSNG 3003.

### **NRSNG 3002 Palliative Care (2 credits)**

Examines nursing care needs common to individuals and families receiving palliative and end-of-life care. Emphasizes nursing practice representing a holistic, interdisciplinary, client-centered approach aimed at ameliorating suffering and supporting a peaceful death. Health care resources and issues related to the provision of palliative care are addressed. Prerequisites: NRSNG 2000, NRSNG 2004, NRSNG 2203, NRSNG 2204, and NRSNG 3120; Corequisite: NRSNG 3003. Required for 4-year track enrollees. RNs may use as an elective for the baccalaureate completion program requirements.

### **NRSNG 3003 Practicum: Adult/Gerian (4 credits)**

The nursing process, incorporating a holistic view, serves as the framework for the provision of nursing care to adults and gerians. Nursing practice roles and abilities relate to promotion, attainment, and preservation of health, amelioration of suffering, and supporting a peaceful death. Learning experiences include laboratory and a variety of rural health care environments. Prerequisite: 4-year track enrollee; Corequisites: NRSNG 3001 and NRSNG 3002.

### **NRSNG 3100 Concepts of Nursing and Health Care (3 credits)**

Introduces concepts emphasized in the program. Explores the nature of the discipline within professional and social contexts. Concepts of health are studied in relation to professional practice roles. Examines philosophies, theories, and frameworks for nursing practice. Students also address values clarification and ethical decision making. Prerequisite: Current RN license and admitted to major.

### **NRSNG 3120 Transcultural Nursing (2 credits)**

Health beliefs and practices of clients from diverse backgrounds, including the concept of rural culture and cultural barriers to quality health care. Theoretical frameworks for performing a cultural assessment and for planning and implementing culturally appropriate nursing care. Provides opportunity for students to reflect on culture in relation to oneself and nursing practice roles. Prerequisite: Admitted to major.

### **NRSNG 3140 Advanced Health Assessment (3 credits)**

Integrates understanding of altered physiologic states and principles of psychosocial and holistic nursing into a comprehensive approach to advanced nursing assessment for individuals across the lifespan. Guides the student in collecting and interpreting history information, physical information, and results of diagnostic studies. Analysis of information results in nursing diagnoses. Emphasis on advanced assessment process to evaluate response to nursing care. Prerequisite: Current RN license.

### **NRSNG 3150 Integrative and Cultural Nursing (3 credits)**

Examines the health beliefs and practices of clients from diverse backgrounds, including the concept of rural culture and cultural barriers to quality health care. Theoretical frameworks for performing a cultural assessment and for planning and implementing culturally appropriate nursing care. Includes opportunities for students to reflect on culture in relation to oneself and nursing practice roles. Also explores integrative medicine as a component of cultural practice, values, and beliefs in response to a growing rate of patient demand for wellness-promoting integrative therapies. Prerequisites: Current RN license and admitted to major.

### **NRSNG 3201 The Childbearing Family (2 credits)**

Introduces family assessment as a framework for nursing practice. Incorporates a holistic approach in the nursing care of families and newborns during an uncomplicated perinatal experience. Prerequisites: 4-year track enrollee, NRSNG 2000, NRSNG 2004, NRSNG 2203, NRSNG 2204, and NRSNG 3120; Corequisites: NRSNG 3202 and NRSNG 3203.

### **NRSNG 3202 Child/Adolescent Health (5 credits)**

Focuses on health and illness concerns experienced by infants, children, and adolescents. Studies nursing care management approaches and health care resources supportive of promotion, attainment, and preservation of health and amelioration of suffering. Includes nutritional and pharmacological dimensions of nursing practice. Prerequisites: 4-year track enrollee, NRSNG 2000, NRSNG 2004, NRSNG 2203, NRSNG 2204, and NRSNG 3120; Corequisites: NRSNG 3201 and NRSNG 3203.

### **NRSNG 3203 Practicum: The Family (4 credits)**

The nursing process, including family assessment, serves as the framework for providing a holistic approach in the nursing care of childbearing families, children, and adolescents. Nursing practice roles and abilities relate to promotion, attainment, and preservation of health and amelioration of suffering. Learning experiences include laboratory and a variety of rural health care environments. Prerequisite: 4-year track enrollee; Corequisites: NRSNG 3201 and NRSNG 3202.

### **NRSNG 3240 Information Management and Collaborative Communication (3 credits)**

Introduces the concepts of delivering high quality health care focused on inter-professional communication, and the use of information management and patient care technology. Prerequisites: Current RN license and admitted to major.

**NRS 3300 Health Care Policy, Finance, and Regulatory Environments (3 credits)**

Provides an overview of the health care system in the United States. Examines and analyzes current health care policies at a federal, state, and facility level. Prerequisites: Current RN license and admitted to major.

**NRS 3920 Directed Group Study (1-4 credits)**

Provides an in-depth study of a selected topic. Course title, credit, and prerequisites vary by course offering. Selected courses open to general university students. Prerequisite: 4-year track or RN enrollee.

**NRS 4001 Mental Health Nursing (5 credits)**

Focuses on the psychodynamics of human behavior in relation to the mental health/mental illness spectrum and common lifespan concerns. In addition to assessment, nursing care management includes interventions such as psychopharmacologic approaches and therapeutic communication. Examines nursing and health care delivery resources that address mental health needs, especially those of people living in rural areas. Prerequisites: 4-year track enrollee and all 3000-level NRS courses required for 4-year track except NRS 3920.

**NRS 4003 Practicum: Rural Communities/Populations (5 credits)**

Provides opportunity to use the nursing process with a community/population as the client. Nursing practice roles and abilities relate to health promotion, attainment, and preservation of optimal health of clients, including clients with mental health needs, in diverse rural community settings. Prerequisite: 4-year track enrollee; Corequisites: NRS 4001 and NRS 4110.

**NRS 4100 Nursing Research (3 credits)**

Considers the role and use of nursing research in nursing practice. An introduction to the research process is provided and interpreted for its utilization in nursing practice. Prerequisites: Admitted to major.

**NRS 4110 Community Health Nursing (3 credits)**

Emphasizes use of the nursing process as the framework for addressing the community/population as client. Nursing role abilities inherent in the conduct of community/population-focused practice. Contemporary community topics, health concerns related to selected populations, and nursing/health care delivery in diverse community (including rural) contexts. Prerequisite: 4-year track or RN enrollee and all 3000-level NRS courses required for 4-year track or RN program except NRS 3920.

**NRS 4116 Community and Family Health Nursing (4 credits)**

Emphasizes the use of the nursing process as the framework for addressing the family/community/population as client. Nursing role abilities inherent in the conduct of family/community/population-focused practice. Prerequisites: Current RN license and admitted to major.

**NRS 4120 Nursing Practicum: Community (3 credits)**

Provides opportunity to use the nursing process with the community and family as client. Focuses on client populations in diverse rural community settings and participation in professional nursing practice roles. Prerequisites: Current RN license and admitted to major; Co-requisite: NRS 4116.

**NRS 4200 Nursing Leadership And Management (3 credits)**

A study of leadership/management theories, concepts, and strategies as applied to professional nursing roles and practice. Topics relate to nursing care delivery patterns, leadership/management processes, issues, and resources. Prerequisites: 4-year track or RN enrollee and all 3000-level NRS courses required for 4-year track or RN program except NRS 3920.

**NRS 4201 Practicum: Role Integration (6 credits)**

A comprehensive practicum supportive to the continued development of role expectations of the baccalaureate graduate. Emphasizes providing, designing, managing, and coordinating nursing care within a selected rural setting. Taken final semester of program enrollment in major courses. Prerequisites: 4-year track enrollee, NRS 4001, NRS 4003, NRS 4100, and NRS 4110; Co-requisites: NRS 4200 and NRS 4230.

**NRS 4230 Nursing Profession In Contemporary Society (2 credits)**

The contemporary social, including rural, context of nursing, social action, and expectations and opportunities related to membership in the profession. Provides for critical reflection concerning perspectives of oneself as a professional and university graduate. Prerequisites: 4-year track or RN enrollee and all 3000-level NRS courses required for 4-year track or RN program except NRS 3457 or NRS 3920.

**NRS 4240 Evidence, Practice, and Profession (3 credits)**

Students become actively involved in an evidence-based project related to their nursing practice or area of interest. The project allows students to synthesize their nursing knowledge, experience, and research ability to produce a significant work that increases the body of nursing knowledge. Prerequisites: Current RN license and admitted to major.

**All-University Courses**

The course numbers listed below, not always included in the semester class schedule, may be registered for by consent of the advisor, instructor, or department chair, or may be assigned by the department when warranted. Individual registration requires previous arrangement by the student and the completion of any required form or planning outline as well as any prerequisites.

1910, 2910, 3910, 4910 DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY  
1920, 2920, 3920, 4920 DIRECTED GROUP STUDY  
1930, 2930, 3930, 4930 EXPERIMENTAL COURSE  
1940, 2940, 3940, 4940 IN-SERVICE COURSE  
1950, 2950, 3950, 4950 WORKSHOP, INSTITUTE, TOUR  
1960, 2960, 3960, 4960 SPECIAL PURPOSE INSTRUCTION  
1970, 2970, 3970, 4970 INTERNSHIP  
1980, 2980, 3980, 4980 RESEARCH  
1990, 2990, 3990, 4990 THESIS