

VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PNE 145 TRENDS IN PRACTICAL NURSING
COURSE SYLLABUS FALL 2023

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Course Description

Studies the role of the Licensed Practical Nurse. Covers legal aspects, organizations, and opportunities in practical nursing. Designed to assist the student in preparation for employment. (1 CR). Lecture 1 hour per week.

Required Textbooks and Materials

Kaplan Resources

Nurse Achieve

NCLEX-PN PassPoint

- Kurzan, Corrine R., Barrett, Anna LaVon (2021). Contemporary Practical/Vocational Nursing (9th Ed.) Wolters Kluwer, Philadelphia - ISBN: 978-1-975136-21-5
- Ford, Susan, (2022). Roach's Introductory Clinical Pharmacology, (12th Ed.) Wolters Kluwer, Philadelphia - ISBN: 978-1-9751-8688-3
- Hinkle, Janice L., Cheever, Kerry H., Overbaugh, Kristen J., Brunner & Suddarth's Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing (15th Ed), Wolters Kluwer, Philadelphia ISBN: 978-1-975161-03-3
- Donnelly-Moreno, Loretta A. (2021) Timby's Fundamentals Nursing Skills and Concepts (12th Ed.) Wolters Kluwer - ISBN: 978-1-975155-34-6
- Giddens, Jean Foret, (2021). Concepts for Nursing Practice, (3rd Ed.) Elsevier, St. Louis – ISBN: 978-0-323-58193-6

Suggested Textbooks

Course Objectives

After completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. **Evidence-based practice**-Comprehend the latest evidence in nursing education, licensure, and nursing career management.
2. **Culture**-Discuss the significance of nursing from past to present including aspects of cultural diversity.
3. **Informatics**-Analyze aspects of health care in America as it relates to the interdisciplinary team, the health care system, and the use of electronic medical records.
4. **Safety**-Analyze practice within the professions' ethical and legal framework.

5. **Teamwork**-Integrate nursing knowledge with delegation and supervision of medical assistants, certified nursing assistants, and patient care assistants via discussion of clinical experiences.
6. **Patient centered care**-Analyze aspects of health care in America as it relates to patient-centered care.
7. **Critical thinking**- Relate challenges, current issues and future concerns with one's own Self- Awareness.

Class Meeting Times: Wednesday 2PM-3PM

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes and to be on time. Students are responsible for getting any notes/materials covered in missed classes. When an absence is necessary, it is the responsibility of the student to inform the faculty prior to the absence. A message may be left on voicemail or send email.

A maximum of three (3) classes (per course) and/or two (2) clinical days and/or one (1) OCL per semester will be allowed total for personal/family emergency or death in the immediate family. Excessive absenteeism is defined as missing more than three (3) classes (per course), and/or more than two (2) clinical days per semester, and/or more than one (1) OCL. Excessive absenteeism is cause for disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the PN program.

COVID-19 illnesses will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Class starts on time. Three (3) tardies will count as one (1) absence from the class.

The Practical Nursing Program's Absence policy exceeds that of Virginia Western Community College, refer to Practical Nursing Handbook 2022-2023.

Grading /Make-Up/ Late Work Policy

All tests will be given in-person in HP 345 on the scheduled day and time. Test make up is allowed only when the absence is due to personal or family matters (e.g.: illness, court dates, or death in the family) and appropriate documentation is emailed to the instructor upon return to class. Make-up tests may be in a different format from the original test and 10 points may be deducted from the overall test grade. Falsification of documentation is considered an honor code violation and may result in dismissal from the program.

Assignments are due on the day of return following an absence or as arranged by the instructor. Acceptance of late assignments is at the sole discretion of the instructor.

A grade of "0" will be given for any assignment not turned in.

Students tardy on test days will not be given extra time to complete the test.

Cell phones/mobile devices will not be allowed during tests or test reviews. At a minimum, a grade of "0" will be given if any devices are seen or touched. Further disciplinary action can be taken, including dismissal from the Practical Nursing Program.

All backpacks (books, study materials, etc.) caps/hats, electronic devices (turned off) and cell phones (turned off) are to be placed in the front of the testing room during tests and test reviews.

Contingency Plan for Emergency Situations Occurring During Testing

In the event an emergency or drill occurs during a testing session, the current test will be discarded, and a different test will be administered during the next class session.

Academic Integrity

Academic misconduct is a serious event that may result in an academic penalty up to and including dismissal from the program.

Violations of the following list represent academic misconduct, a violation of academic integrity, which is not all-inclusive, are subject to disciplinary action.

1. Cheating on an examination or quiz — either giving or receiving information
2. Copying information from another person for graded assignments
3. Using, accessing, or possessing unauthorized materials during tests
4. Collaboration during examinations
5. Buying, selling, providing or stealing papers, examinations, or other work to be submitted for a class
6. Substituting for another person, or arranging such a substitution for yourself
7. Plagiarism — the intentional or accidental presentation of another's words or ideas as your own. This includes:
 - o Using the exact language of someone else without the use of quotation marks and without giving proper credit to the author. This includes memorizing exact wording but not giving credit to the author on a paper or exam.
 - o Presenting the sequence of ideas or arranging the material of someone else even though such is expressed in one's own words, without giving appropriate acknowledgement.
 - o Submitting a document written by someone else but representing it as one's own. Ignorance of what constitutes plagiarism is not a defense for such a serious infraction.
8. Collusion with another person or persons in submitting work for credit in class or lab, unless such collaboration is approved in advance by the instructor
9. Falsifying documentation
10. Multiple Submissions — It is a violation of academic honesty to submit substantial portions of the same work for credit more than once without the explicit consent of the instructor to whom the material is being submitted
11. Having knowledge of an academic integrity violation and not reporting the violation to instructor or college personnel

Penalties for academic integrity violations will follow the VWCC Practical Nursing Honor Code Policy, which states:

The Practical Nursing Program's Academic Misconduct policy exceeds that of Virginia Western Community College. Please refer to your copy of the handbook.

Accommodations for Disabilities:

“Students with diagnosed/documented or other disabilities are entitled to reasonable accommodations in the classroom in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is the responsibility of the student to meet with the faculty member and bring the appropriate forms from Student Support Services to request accommodations: it is recommended that this meeting take place as early as possible in the semester to facilitate an optimal learning environment. Please contact the instructor after class or during office hours during the first week of the semester to discuss your needs.”

Method of Evaluation (NOTE: 78% MUST BE OBTAINED IN COURSE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PNE 145)

Course evaluation will be based on the following:

	% of Final Grade
Tests (3)	27%
NCLEX-PN PassPoint by PrepU	60%
Final Exam	13%
Total	100%

In order to achieve a passing grade in PNE 145, both the test/exam average and final course grade must be at least a 78%. Test averages are calculated first, before any other coursework is calculated. The test/exam average is not weighted and must be a 78% average of all tests/exams averaged equally. If the average is below 78%, the student will earn the score of the test/exam average for his/her grade and will not be able to progress.

Grading Scale

- 91-100 A
- 82-90.99 B
- 78-81.99 C
- 67-77.99 D
- 66.99 & Below F

Grades will NOT be rounded.

Grades will be posted in Canvas within one week of the test date unless unforeseen circumstances arise. Information regarding grades cannot be given out over the phone, even to the student, or to any email account other than the students VWCC assigned email account. Faculty and students may not exchange information regarding grades using personal email accounts.

Tests

There are three (3) unit test grades that are worth 27% of the final grade. Each test will be weighed equally, (9% each). Test questions are structured in the NCLEX-PN format and may include multiple choice, order of priority, multiple-response, fill in the blank, matching, bow tie, drag and drop, enhanced hot spot highlighting, matrix/grid, SATA, cloze drop down, or short answer. Test questions may come from lecture, power points, additional unit assignments, and reading assignments. Content from previous units and previous PN course work may also be included on each unit test. Tests will be administered on the dates/times indicated on the course calendar unless otherwise informed.

NCLEX-PN PassPoint

There are twenty-nine (29) categories worth 60% of your final grade. ***This is an all or nothing assignment. There will be no partial credit.*** A minimum mastery level of “7” must be achieved in all categories by the due date in order to receive credit. Due date is listed on the Course Schedule.

Instructions for accessing PrepU:

- Log into NCLEX-PN PassPoint powered by PrepU PrepU at <http://thepoint.lww.com> using your existing PrepU login and password.
- From the “**My Content**” **click on** - NCLEX-PN PassPoint.
- On the welcome screen or from “**My Classes**”, select “**Join a Class**”, enter your **CLASS CODE: D4A750DD**
- (“0” is a zero, not the letter “O”), and click “**Enroll**”.
- If you experience problems, check the code again and re-enter. If this does not work, contact Lippincott
- Online Product Support at 1-800-468-1128 or techsupp@lww.com for assistance.

Final Exam

The final exam is worth 13% of the final grade in the course. For the final exam, the 2023-24 VWCC General Catalog Final Exam policy will prevail: "All students are expected to take final examinations at the regularly scheduled times. No exceptions are made without prior approval of the instructor and the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs".

Test Review

An opportunity for group test review will be provided after each test. Students who feel they need further instruction on the most recent test and/or course material are encouraged to seek help from the instructor during posted office hours. Please come prepared to ask questions and share concerns. Students may make arrangements with the instructor to individually review a unit test up to the time the next test is administered. After that time, the test will be filed and unavailable for review.

Canvas

All students are required to check Canvas regularly. Notify the instructor if you are unable to access Canvas. Grades will be posted on each student’s individual course page. Announcements, including possible additional assignments will be posted. You are responsible for any information and assignments posted on Canvas.

Use of Electronic Devices in the Classroom

All cell phones must be set to "silent" (not “vibrate”) mode or turned off before class begins. Any student with a ringing or vibrating cell phone in class may be asked to leave and will not be allowed back into the class that day and will not be permitted to make up missed in-class work.

While students are allowed to bring personal electronic devices (e.g., laptops, voice recorders) to class, they must only serve class needs (e.g., typing on a laptop to take notes; using a voice recorder to record lectures). Students are expected to keep class in the “foreground” at all times. If a student appears to be “backgrounding” the class, he or she will be asked to leave the classroom and will not be permitted to make up missed in-class work. Examples of “backgrounding” the class include: answering or making a cell phone call; texting; checking or writing e-mail; surfing the web; logging into Facebook; and handheld gaming. Faculty reserve the right to ban electronic devices entirely if they feel they are distracting you or your classmates from learning.

Class Cancellation

When you see/hear an announcement that “Virginia Western Community College is closed,” or “Virginia Western Community College classes are cancelled,” all activities or operations associated with the College are cancelled and the College is closed.

College Delayed Opening

In the event of a college delayed opening, class will start on the alternate schedule as follows. We also encourage you to check Canvas for any announcements prior to traveling to the College.

- Tuesday and Wednesday 2:35PM – 3:15PM

The following General VWCC Information and Policies are posted on Canvas under the Syllabus link:

- Support Services Available/Disability Statement
- VWCC No-Show and Withdrawal Policy
- Notice of Copyright Restrictions
- Inclement Weather Schedule
- Emergency Alert Information
- Critical Safety Information <http://www.virginiawestern.edu/police/crisismanagement.php> /VWCC Safety Video
- Student Consumer information
- Financial Assistance/Aid
- VWCC Testing Center Policies
- Student Rights and Responsibilities / Student Conduct Policy
- VWCC Student Grievance Procedure

Course Outline

Unit 2 Understanding Your Profession

Chapter 6: Nursing from Past to Present

Chapter 7: The health Care System

Chapter 7: The Health Care Team

Chapter 9: Theory, Culture and Diversity in Nursing Care

Unit 3 Preparing for Successful Practice

Chapter 10: Ethical Issues in Health Care

Chapter 12: Leadership and Followership Skills

Chapter 13 Management Skills

Unit 4 Moving Forward

Chapter 14 Beginning Your Nursing Career

Chapter 15 Challenges in the Workplace

Chapter 16 Current Issues and Future Concerns

Unit 1 Getting Started

Chapter 5: The NCLEX-PN

SCHEDULE*

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Date	Class Readings	Tests
Aug 23	Course Orientation – Safety Video	
Sept 6		
Sept 13		
Sept 20		
Sept 27		
Oct 4		
Oct 11		
Oct 18		
Oct 25		
Nov 1		
Nov 8		
Nov 15		
Nov 28		
Dec 6		
Dec 12		Final Exam – 9 AM

***Due to inclement weather and other unexpected circumstances, this schedule is subject to change. All changes will be announced on Canvas.**

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I have read and agree to all written material in this syllabus, which has been reviewed with me in detail. I have had the opportunity to ask questions in regard to all material in this syllabus, and I understand the policies, consequences, material, and all other information contained herein. I understand how this will be enforced and how my academic standing/position in the practical nursing program may be affected. I also understand that some of the policies in this syllabus exceed that of Virginia Western Community college's policies.

Virginia Western Community College Honor Pledge

I understand that Virginia Western Community College fosters a culture of academic integrity and respect and that this integrity is the foundation of our academic system. As a member of this academic community, I pledge to support this culture. I affirm that I will not give or receive any unauthorized assistance, and that all work will be my own. I further affirm that I understand that if I have knowledge of academic misconduct, I am obligated to notify my instructor.

Printed Name _____

Full Legal Signature _____

Date _____

**VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STATEMENT ON IMMUNIZATIONS**

Virginia Western Community College recognizes the individual rights to self-determination and decision making for all individuals with regard to public health vaccination recommendations. Virginia Western Community College strongly supports immunizations to protect the public from highly communicable and deadly diseases such as measles, mumps, diphtheria, pertussis, influenza and the coronavirus for its students and employees. Effective protection of the public health mandates that all individuals receive immunizations against vaccine-preventable diseases according to the best and most current evidence outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). All health professional program students should be vaccinated according to current recommendations for immunization by the CDC and Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC).

While Virginia Western Community College does not require that all health professional students are vaccinated to be admitted into a restricted admissions health program, vaccinations may be required by our clinical facilities in order for our students to enter these facilities. A facility's decision to mandate vaccinations is independent of Virginia Western Community College. Virginia Western Community College faculty and students must comply with the vaccination policies required by our partner clinical agencies. If a student refuses to comply with a facility vaccination requirement, Virginia Western Community College will attempt, but cannot guarantee, to place a student into an alternative facility. A student will only be placed in an alternate location if it meets the educational objectives of the program, is deemed a suitable educational site, if there are available faculty, and if the alternate clinical experience meets program requirements for clinical placement. Refusal to comply with a facility vaccination requirement by a student in our health programs may impede your progress in the program or your ability to remain in the VWCC health program. Your signature on this document acknowledges that you have read and understand that by coming into this program you may be required to complete the clinical experiences in facilities that mandate vaccination. If you choose to not receive vaccinations required by the clinical facilities, the following could occur:

- You may be able to be rerouted to another facility only if one exists; and if there are available faculty to support an alternate clinical experience,
- You may not be able to be rerouted to another facility because there is no other option for this specific educational requirement;
- If there is not another clinical option, due to the facility requirements and the inability to route you to another facility, you will be unable to continue in the program.

Name

Date