

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Nursing Program
NUR 212 – Nursing Management of Client Care
Course Syllabus

CREDITS: 8 Credits (8-3-5)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course focuses on the nursing management of clients, across the lifespan, experiencing acute and chronic healthcare needs. Emphasis will be on client advocacy and collaboration, in providing for the continuity of care. Clinical experiences will occur in a variety of settings.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Upon successful completion of NUR 212 the student should be able to:

1. Incorporate a “spirit of inquiry” into nursing practice
2. Organize care for acute and chronically ill clients based on an evaluation of effectiveness of nursing interventions
3. Collaborate with members of the healthcare team to organize client care for individuals and small groups, utilizing effective communication techniques
4. Evaluate selected legal-ethical issues arising from nursing practice
5. Perform nursing skills independently with precision and proficiency
6. Delegate aspects of nursing care appropriately
7. Demonstrate responsibility for ongoing personal and professional growth as a member of the discipline
8. Integrate caring behaviors when working with members of the healthcare team and clients

PREREQUISITES: The first four sequences of the Nursing Program

COREQUISITE: NUR 213

COURSE ORIENTATION:

1. Schedule:

Class: Monday, 8:30-10:00a.m. **Tests begin at 6:45am**
Test Review Sessions: 8:30-8:50on test days
Seminar: Monday, 10:10am-11:35am and 1:30pm-2-55pm
Clinical: As scheduled

2. Clinical Agencies:

Abington Hospital	Montgomery Hospital
Lansdale Hospital	Arista Care at Meadow Springs
Grand View Hospital	Phoenixville Hospital
Doylestown Hospital	Brittany Pointe
Mercy Suburban Hospital	Varied Community Agencies
Pottstown Memorial Medical Center	

3. Teaching Methodologies:

Classroom presentations and seminar
Videotape with discussion
Selected readings
Role-play
Computer Assisted Instruction
Clinical experience
Clinical care conferences

4. Grading

Tests (4)	40%
Group Test	5%
Final	20%
Seminar	20%
Seminar Leader	5%
Teaching project	10%

The Nursing Program's policy is defined by a numerical rating system as follows:

A	=	93 -100%
A-	=	91 - 92%
B+	=	88 - 90%
B	=	84 - 87%
B-	=	82 - 83%
C+	=	79 - 81%
C	=	75 - 78%
D	=	74 - 70%

All exams will be computerized, in an attempt to increase your preparation for the NCLEX Examination. There will be opportunity to retake tests 1-4 as a group. Students will collaborate to answer each question. These test grades may account for 5% of your overall grade. If you do not have a test average of 75%, you will not be able to use this 5%.

5. Faculty

Full Time:

		<u>Office Phone #</u>	<u>e-mail</u>	<u>Office</u>
a.	Elizabeth Mencil			
b.	Connie Fiorentino			
c.	Pam Pfalzer			
d.	Ruth Benfield	215-641-6395	rbenfiel@mc3.edu	SC225
e.	Patricia Allen			

Part-time: See Course Blackboard

NUR 212 faculty will only utilize your MC3 email to communicate throughout the semester. All course information, including documents, announcements, assignments, tests, surveys and links will be done on BlackBoard. There is FREE computer access on both campuses as well as most libraries. In order to remain current with the trend of using technology in nursing, computer access is a mandatory component of the program.

ATTENDANCE:

For successful achievement of course objectives, students are expected to attend all scheduled classes, seminars and clinical experiences prepared to participate. In the event of an absence, students are responsible for information covered, handouts distributed, and any changes in assignments. Should the college close, or begin at a later than usual time, the Emergency Day number is 320 and the Evening number is 2320. Upon notification of school closure, students should check the Course Blackboard site for specifics related to class, seminar and/or clinical.

Students missing any exam are required to notify the instructor or administrative support secretary of the Nursing Program (215-641-6471) prior to 8:00 a.m. on the exam day. Arrangements to take a make-up exam are to be made with the NUR 212 faculty within 24 hours of the original test time. Failure to follow these instructions may result in a "0" grade for that test. **Only one make-up test will be allowed during the semester.** Students planning to attend seminar on a test day must complete the test prior to attending seminar. Tests must be taken within one week of the original test date. Five points will be deducted from the test score for each day past one week. A different version of the exam may be substituted for make-up. In accordance with Nursing Program policy, students must maintain a test average of 75% before other assignments will be added to the final grade.

A test review may be requested by individual appointment with a course faculty member or the nursing program tutor. There will be a Group Test after each exam, from 8:30 a.m. until 8:50 a.m., which will serve a dual purpose. The Group Test will be graded and count as 5% of your grade provided that you have a 75% test average after the final exam. It will also allow the students to review the test. **If you are late for the Group Test or miss the exam you will not**

be able to participate in the Group Test, for that exam. The groups will be decided by the faculty There will **not** be an opportunity to review all the tests at one time prior to the final exam.

Clinical experience is evaluated each semester. Grading is satisfactory or unsatisfactory. In addition to performance in the clinical area, the clinical grade includes laboratory practice, assessment skills, and care plans and journaling. An unsatisfactory clinical grade will result in a failure of the course. The clinical evaluation tool will be online, found on Blackboard under evaluation blogs. All students are required to complete self- evaluation portion after each clinical rotation. At the end of the semester the tool will be copied by a faculty member and signed.

Please be aware that health care and other clearance documents required for clinical attendance often expire during the NUR 212 semester. Criminal and Child Abuse checks may take up to 6 weeks to process. All original documents must be in the Nursing Program office at a minimum of 24 hours before expiration date for input into records database. **NO DOCUMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF CLINICAL.**

SEMINAR:

Seminars will primarily use a case study approach and will integrate new and previously learned content as well as content from class. **This can be a collaborative effort, but all students are responsible to complete all seminar questions, and be prepared to discuss the topics in seminar. A student who is absent from seminar can turn in their work for partial credit. The faculty will scrutinize the material for academic integrity.** On occasion you may receive the information for seminar in an alternative format such as teaching and responding via discussion board on BlackBoard. You will also be assigned to facilitate one or more seminars during the semester. **There will be no recordings allowed in seminar.**

MATH REQUIREMENT

Pharmacology math will be included in all exams. A computerized Competency Placement Test is given and **must be completed by September 6, 2010.** The Competency Placement Test is located on BB under "Tests." Students must achieve an 80% in order to distribute medications in the clinical setting. It reflects integration of all previously learned pharm math. The use of basic calculators is encouraged in clinical and permitted during testing.

Guidelines for the Test:

- Go to the following link <http://mymccc.edu/collegeservices/itservices/pages/default.aspx> to download Respondus. This is a free down load and will be on the left hand side of the Helpdesk Menu.

Getting to Your Test:

- Log on and get to BlackBoard
- Pick our course NUR 212 Management of Client Care
- Click on Tests on menu, on left side
- Click on the Test
- No password is needed, so click OK
- Dots will appear in the box, DO NOT loose the dots just click OK
- Test should be ready to start

- Click submit or save after each question, in order to save your answer and move on to the next question
- When you hit submit or save a box will appear asking you if you are sure you want to save it, click OK
- You will only be able to see 1 question at a time and you will not be able to back track to previous questions.
- When you are finished exit out of the test
- If you clicked on save or submit and it will not let you move on click the refresh button and give it a few seconds. Click on save/submit again and it should allow you to move forward

RECOMMENDATIONS

The student must fill out a request for a recommendation letter from faculty. Recommendations should come from a clinical instructor. A copy of the letter will be placed in the student file for program purposes only. Letters will be placed in the students mailbox and it is the responsibility of the student to maintain and make copies of any letters they are given. Students are also responsible to make their own copies of documents needed for clinical clearance.

PORTFOLIO:

Select at least two learning activities from NUR 212 assignments for inclusion in portfolio.

1. Teaching Project
2. Careplans
3. Journal Log
4. Seminar Prep

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Students with disabilities may be eligible for accommodations. Prior to the start of the Program, please contact the Director of Services for Students with Disabilities in College Hall 302 at 215-641-6575 for more information. At the West Campus, contact the Coordinator of Disability Services in the Student Success Center at 610-718-1853.

It is the responsibility of the student to inform faculty of any special learning needs. We strongly encourage informing faculty of these needs prior to the semester. Any request for special testing accommodations must be accompanied by a letter from the office of the Director of Services for Students with Disabilities.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT:

Free subject-area tutoring, academic workshops, and academic coaching are available at the Central Campus Learning Assistance Lab (LAL) in CH 320 (second floor Brendlinger library), and at the West Campus LAL in South Hall 159 (inside library). The LAL helps students develop learning strategies based on their unique learning styles with the goal of creating successful students and independent learners.

ACADEMIC CODE OF ETHICS:

<http://www2.mc3.edu/policy/aa/ethics/htm>

The College provides an environment that fosters critical thinking and judgment. Students adhere to an Academic Code of Ethics by refraining from participation in acts of academic dishonesty.

It is the belief of the Nursing faculty that students should act in an ethical, as well as legal, manner. Therefore, cheating in any form will result in a grade of zero for the assignment, as well as possible disciplinary action as outlined in the *Student Academic Code of Ethics*.

The *Student Academic Code of Ethics* includes definitions and examples of Academic Dishonesty including: plagiarism, Cheating on Exams and Assignments, and Aid Another Student in Committing an Act of Academic Dishonesty. Violations of this code of ethics will result in sanctions, including possible dismissal from the College.

Students are responsible to access and read this document in the Montgomery County Community College Student Handbook Calendar or on the College's website.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

<http://www2.mc3.edu/policy/sa/conduct/htm>

Students are expected to treat all members of the college community with dignity respect, fairness and civility and to behave in a responsible manner at all times both in and outside the classroom.

VETERANS:

<http://www2.mc3.edu/sa/vet/vet.htm>

Student veterans may be eligible for benefits and services related to military service. At Central Campus, contact the Military and Veterans Affairs Advisor in College Hall 122 or at 215-641-6581 to learn about education benefits and healthcare entitlements. At the West Campus, contact Michael Ondo in South Hall 151 or at 610-718-1857 for the veteran's resources.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY:

<http://www.mc3.edu/registration/withdrawal-policy.htm>

To withdraw from one or all of your courses during a semester, students must complete the Official Withdrawal Form and submit it to the Office of Student Records & Registration Systems at the Blue Bell campus or the Admissions, Registration & Payments office at the Pottstown campus. Students can withdraw from a course(s) with a grade of a "W" one week after the mid-semester point. After this time, a grade of a "W" is given at the discretion of the instructor and students must obtain the instructor's signature to withdraw from a course(s). As a reminder, withdrawals are date sensitive and must be completed before the deadline specified on the Registration Calendar. No refund will be issued during this period; refer to the Tuition Refund Policy. Withdrawal Forms can be found at the following locations: **Central Campus** – Office of Student Records & Registration Systems (College Hall 240); Student Success Center (College

Hall 220); the Information Booth in Parkhouse Hall. **West Campus** – Admissions, Registration & Payment Office; Student Success Center; the Information Booth at both 101 College Drive & 1600 High Street). Also the Withdrawal Form can be printed from the menu on the right and sent to our office by either mail or fax.

STUDENT EVALUATION OF FACULTY

All students must complete an online faculty evaluation before the end of the course. This is an evaluation of specific faculty and is different from the Course evaluation on Blackboard. At approximately week 8 of the semester, students will receive an email via the College Email account with directions and a link to the evaluation survey. Please be assured that it is not possible to identify a specific student's response to the survey and faculty do not receive the survey results until after grades have been posted. The Nursing faculty value your input and use it to improve their teaching strategies.

EMERGENCY CLOSING / CLASS CANCELLATIONS:

Should school be cancelled, the emergency number is (day) 320, (evening) 2320. If other emergencies, the phone chain will be utilized

<http://www.mc3.edu/af/hr/closing.htm>.

Text messaging service available: <http://www.mc3.edu/txt/>.

TEXTBOOKS:

1. Deglin, J.H. and Vallerand, A.H., (2007). *Drug guide for nurses*. 10th edition. Philadelphia: Davis.
2. Doenges, M.E. and Moorhouse, M.F. (2008). *Nurse's pocket guide: Diagnoses, interventions and rationales*. 11th edition Philadelphia: Davis.
3. Kozier, B., Erb, G., Berman, A. and Snyder, S. (2008). *Fundamentals of nursing* . 8th edition. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education Inc.
4. Lewis, S.M., Heitkemper, M.M., Dirksen, S.R. (2007). *Medical-surgical nursing*. 7th edition. St. Louis, MO: Mosby.
5. Lowdermilk, D. and Perry, S. (2006). *Maternity nursing*. 7th edition. St. Louis, MO: Mosby.
6. Olsen, J.L., Giangrasso, A.P., Shrimpton, D.M. and Dillon, P.M., (2008). *Medical dosage calculations* .4th edition. Upper Saddle River, N.J: Pearson Education Inc.
7. Tappen, R.L., Weiss, S., Whitehead, D. (2007). *Essentials of nursing leadership and management*. 4th edition. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis Company.
8. Van Leeuwen, A.M., Kranpitz, T.R., and Smith, L. (2006). *Laboratory and diagnostic test with nursing implications* 2nd edition. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis Company.
9. Varcarolis, E. (2006). *Foundations of psychiatric-mental health nursing*. 5th edition. Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders Company.
10. Wong, D. (2008). *Essentials of Pediatric Nursing*. 8th edition St. Louis, MO: Mosby.
11. Wagner, Johnson, Kidd. (2005). *High acuity nursing* .4th edition. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

OPTIONAL TEXT:

Some journal articles are available on the Internet:

Nursing articles available at www.springnet.com/ce/ceartlst.htm

RN articles available at www.rnweb.com/ce.html

Nursing Spectrum articles available at www.nursingspectrum.com

Other texts from previous nursing courses as needed.

HOMEWORK LOAD:

20 hours per week (2-3 hours per week/credit) with independent lab time.