

NURSING COURSES (NRSG)

NRSG 100 **NURSING AS A CAREER (1)** In this course, students explore nursing as a career. Nursing is examined from contemporary and historical perspectives. The contributions of nursing leaders from the past and the present are explored as a basis for understanding the roles of nurses in the health care system. A variety of self-assessment tools are used to help students identify personal strengths and potential career interests.

NRSG 223 **CONTEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE (3)** This course introduces the student to concepts, theories, and standards of nursing practice in today's evolving health care systems. Critical thinking is examined as a basis for decision-making in nursing and emphasis is placed on developing therapeutic nursing interventions and communication skills. Laboratory learning activities provide the student opportunities to practice and demonstrate skill proficiency in a simulated setting.

NRSG 223L **CONTEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE LAB (1)** Three-hour skills laboratory which must be taken concurrently with NRSG 223.

NRSG 224 **NURSING OF THE OLDER ADULT (2)** *Prerequisites: NRSG 223 and 223L, Nine hours designated as NRSG prerequisites.* In this course, students use the nursing process to examine normal developmental changes in older adults. Students will provide nursing care to healthy older adults and those with alterations in health.

NRSG 224L **NURSING OF THE OLDER ADULT LAB (1)** Three-hour clinical laboratory which must be taken concurrently with NRSG 224.

NRSG 232 **HEALTH ASSESSMENT (2)** *Prerequisites: NRSG 223 and 223L, Prerequisite or concurrent BIOL 223/223L, NRSG 224/224L or consent of instructor.* In this course students are introduced to a comprehensive, systematic approach to health assessment. Students learn the components of a complete health history, including interviewing and documentation. In addition, students are introduced to the techniques of physical assessment and practice in a laboratory setting.

NRSG 232L **HEALTH ASSESSMENT LAB (1)** Three hour skills laboratory must be taken concurrently with NRSG 232.

NRSG 310 **NURSING RESEARCH (3)** *Prerequisites: NRSG 331/331L and NRSG 333/ 333L* In this course, students are introduced to the research process in nursing. Content focuses on problem identification, research design and sampling, data collection and analysis, and interpretation of findings. Selected examples of nursing research are critiqued and evaluated for application to clinical settings. Students develop the beginning skills needed to be a consumer of research.

NRSG 331 **NURSING CARE OF ADULTS EXPERIENCING ACUTE ILLNESS (2)** *Prerequisites: NRSG 232, 232L, 224 and 224L.* This course focuses on care of the adult individual who is experiencing an acute illness. Students integrate the nursing process as preparation for care of individuals in acute care settings. The student functions in a variety of roles and partners with health team members to provide appropriate care to assigned clients.

NRSG 331L **NURSING CARE OF ADULTS EXPERIENCING ACUTE ILLNESS LAB (2)** Six-hour clinical laboratory must be taken concurrently with NRSG 331.

NRSG 332 **NURSING CARE OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS (3)** *Prerequisites: NRSG 331 and 331L, HLTH 300 and 300L.* This course focuses on care of individuals and families with alterations in health. Students explore the impact of illness on individuals and families in home health and community-based settings. In addition, students examine the influence of political, economic, and social factors on the delivery of home health care.

NRSG 332L **NURSING CARE OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS LAB (1)** Three-hour clinical laboratory must be taken concurrently with NRSG 332.

NRS 333 **NURSING OF THE DEVELOPING FAMILY (3)**
Prerequisites: NRS 232, 232L, 224 and 224L. This course emphasizes the promotion of health of developing families. Students use critical thinking to explore concepts of growth and development of healthy children and their families while providing nursing care to pregnant women and healthy children.

NRS 333L **NURSING OF THE DEVELOPING FAMILY LAB (1)** Three-hour clinical laboratory must be taken concurrently with NRS 333.

NRS 334 **NURSING OF FAMILIES WITH ALTERATIONS IN HEALTH (2)** *Prerequisites: HLTH 300 and 300L, NRS 333 and 333L.* This course emphasizes the care of pregnant women and children with alterations in health. Students use critical thinking to analyze the impact of acute and chronic conditions on individuals and families while providing nursing care to children and women with high-risk pregnancies.

NRS 334L **NURSING OF FAMILIES WITH ALTERATIONS IN HEALTH LAB (2)** Six-hour clinical laboratory must be taken concurrently with NRS 334.

NRS 399 **INTERNSHIP IN NURSING (1-6)** *Prerequisites: Juniors or seniors with a 2.25 minimum QPA; approval of written proposal by internship coordinator, and supervising faculty prior to registration.* A limited number of internships are available that allow junior and senior nursing majors to have additional opportunities to work in an agency setting under direct supervision. (See "Internships.")

NRS 402 **PROFESSIONAL NURSING SEMINAR (2)** *Prerequisites: Senior Standing.* The student examines historical, legal, ethical, and economic factors which impact contemporary nursing practice. Students explore ways nursing professionals can impact health care delivery and policy, and analyze selected issues relevant to contemporary nursing. Strategies for transition from the role of student to professional nurse are emphasized.

NRS 407 **CLINICAL MANAGEMENT (2)** *Prerequisites: NRS 310, 332 and 332L, 334 and 334L.* In this course, students examine their roles as leaders and managers in a variety of health care settings. Concepts such as organizational theory, leadership style, change, time management, finance, quality improvement, and conflict resolution are discussed. Teaching strategies emphasize the use of student teams and computer technology to complete course objectives.

NRS 408 **CARE OF ADULTS WITH COMPLEX ILLNESSES (2)**
Prerequisites: NRS 310, 332 and 332L, 334 and 334L. This course prepares students to provide care to adults with moderate to severe alterations in health. Critical thinking is incorporated into written and verbal communications as students synthesize knowledge and integrate a variety of nursing skills.

NRS 408L **CARE OF ADULTS WITH COMPLEX ILLNESSES LAB (2)**
Six-hour clinical laboratory must be taken concurrently with NRS 408.

NRS 409 **INDEPENDENT STUDY IN NURSING (1-3)** *Prerequisites: Approval of faculty sponsor and School dean.* This course provides opportunity for pursuit of individual interests and projects not covered in other available courses. The area for investigation is developed in consultation with a faculty member and credit is dependent on the nature of the work. May be repeated for no more than six credits.

NRS 413 **COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING (2)** *Prerequisites: NRS 310, 332 and 332L, 334 and 334L.* This course expands the scope of nursing care as it is provided to population groups and communities. Concepts from epidemiology, public health and nursing of aggregates are integrated into the nursing knowledge base. The influence of political, socio-economic, and environmental factors on the health of patients is examined. Students partner with other health team members to meet the health care needs of families and groups within the community. Clinical practice occurs in selected community agencies.

NRS 413L **COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING LAB (2)** Six-hour clinical laboratory which must be taken concurrently with NRS 413.
clinical settings.

NRSG 414**PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSING (3)**

Prerequisites: NRSG 332 and 332L, 334 and 334L. This course emphasizes application of concepts and theories in the care of persons with alterations in mental health. Students develop therapeutic nurse-client relationships with individuals and groups with a variety of acute and chronic problems. Clinical practice takes place in hospital and community settings.

NRSG 414L**PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSING LAB (1)**

Three-hour clinical laboratory must be taken concurrently with NRSG 414.

NRSG 416**SYNTHESIS PRACTICUM (2)**

Prerequisites: NRSG 407, 408 and 408L, 413 and 413L. Satisfactory score on the Assessment Test; Corequisite: NRSG 414 & 414L. This course emphasizes the synthesis and application of concepts, principles, and skills learned in pre-requisite nursing courses. Students are given the opportunity to have intensive clinical experiences in selected clinical settings. Clinical experience is directed by faculty and supervised by clinical preceptors in a variety of clinical settings.