NURSING COURSES (NRSG)

NRSG 220  PATHOPHYSIOLOGY (3) Prerequisites: CHEM 127, BIOL 222/222L (C or better for all), NRSG 225 (B- or better). Prerequisite or corequisite BIOL223/223L (C or better). This course introduces the student to major concepts and commonly used terminology related to pathology in each organ system. Selected pathophysiological phenomena, common disease processes, conditions and injuries are analyzed relative to their clinical manifestations and implications for nursing management.

NRSG 225  NURSING FUNDAMENTALS (3) Prerequisite: CHEM 127 (C or better). Prerequisites or corequisites: BIOL 222/222L, BIOL223/223L (C or better). This course introduces students to concepts, theories, and standards of nursing practice in today’s evolving health care systems. Students use the nursing process to examine normal developmental changes across the lifespan from childhood to older adult. 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 225LW  NURSING FUNDAMENTALS LAB [Writing Enriched] (1) Prerequisites: BIOL 222/222L (C or better for all), CHEM 127, ENGL 111W-112W or ENGL 223W, and NRSG 225 (B- or better). Prerequisite or corequisite: BIOL223/223L (C or better). Laboratory learning activities provide the student opportunities to practice and demonstrate skill proficiency in a simulated setting.

NRSG 225L  HEALTH ASSESSMENT (2) Prerequisites: CHEM 127, BIOL 222/222L (C or better for all), NRSG 225 (B- or better). Prerequisite or corequisite: BIOL223/223L (C or better). This course introduces students 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 232  HEALTH ASSESSMENT LAB (1) Prerequisites: CHEM 127, BIOL 222/222L (C or better for all), NRSG 225 (B- or better). Prerequisite or corequisite: BIOL223/223L (C or better). Three-hour skills laboratory must be taken concurrently with NRSG 232.

NRSG 300  NURSING PHARMACOLOGY (3) Prerequisites: BIOL 214/214L and 215/215L or BIOL 222/222L and 223/223L (C or better). This course establishes a knowledge base in pharmacology and provides an opportunity to investigate pharmacological principles. Students will focus on the relationship between pharmacological knowledge, nursing practice, and athletic training. Drug prototypes, mechanisms of action, and the implications for clinical management are discussed.

NRSG 300L  NURSING PHARMACOLOGY LAB (1) Prerequisites: Completion of nursing prerequisite courses; corequisite or prerequisite: NRSG 300; concurrent enrollment in 300 level clinical nursing courses required. The pharmacology lab focuses on principles of safe medication administration. It provides psychomotor skill development opportunities as well as clinical practice simulations.

NRSG 335  NURSING CARE OF CHILDBEARING FAMILY (3) Prerequisites: NRSG 220 (C or better), 225/225L, 232/232L (B- or better); corequisite or prerequisite: NRSG 300/300L (B- or better). This course applies the nursing process to the care of well and high-risk pregnant women and their families within the context of their environment. Students will use critical thinking to explore concepts of normal pregnancy, growth and development, the childbirth process, and women with high-risk pregnancies. Theory, research, and evidence-based practice are foundations.

NRSG 335L  NURSING CARE OF CHILDBEARING FAMILY LAB (1) Prerequisites: NRSG 220, 225/225LW, 232/232L (B- or better); corequisite or prerequisite: NRSG 300/300L (B- or better). Must be taken concurrently with NRSG 335. Students apply concepts, principles, theories, and skills in the nursing care of well, acutely ill and high-risk pregnant women and their families in the hospital and community settings. Students are exposed to a wide variety of clinical skills gaining beginning practice in planning and facilitating nursing care for pregnant women and their families.

NRSG 336  NURSING CARE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (3) Prerequisites NRSG 220, 225/225LW, 232/232L (B- or better); corequisite or prerequisite: NRSG 300/300L (B- or better). This course applies the nursing process to the care of well, acutely and chronically ill, and special needs children and their families within the context of their environment. Emphasis is on anatomical, physiological and
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developmental differences among neonates, infants, children and adolescents that influence care. Theory, research, evidenced-based practice and critical thinking are foundations.

NRSG 336L  NURSING CARE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES LAB (1) Prerequisites: NRSG 220, 225/225LW, 232/232L (B- or better). Must be taken concurrently with NRSG 336. Students apply concepts, principles, theories, and skills in the nursing care of well, acutely or chronically ill children and families. In hospital and community settings, students are exposed to a wide variety of clinical skills gaining beginning practice in planning and facilitating nursing care for children and their families.

NRSG 397  INDEPENDENT STUDY IN NURSING (1-3) Prerequisites: Approval of faculty sponsor and school dean; junior or senior standing. This course provides students the opportunity to pursue individual study of topics not covered in other available courses. The area for investigation is developed in consultation with a faculty sponsor and credit is dependent on the nature of the work. May be repeated for no more than six credits.

NRSG 341  MEDICAL SURGICAL NURSING I (3) Prerequisites: NRSG 220, 225/225LW, 232/232L (B- or better). 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 341L  MEDICAL SURGICAL NURSING I LAB (2) Six-hour clinical laboratory must be taken concurrently with NRSG 341.

NRSG 342  MEDICAL SURGICAL NURSING II (3) Prerequisites: NRSG 300/300L, 341/341L (B- or better). 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 342L  MEDICAL SURGICAL NURSING II LAB (2) Three-hour clinical laboratory must be taken concurrently with NRSG 342.

NRSG 398  SPECIAL TOPICS IN NURSING (1-3) [credit depends on topic] Prerequisite: A background of work in the discipline. This course will focus on an aspect of the discipline not otherwise covered by the regularly offered courses. The topic will vary according to professor and term; consequently, more than one may be taken by a student during his/her matriculation.

NRSG 399  INTERNSHIP IN NURSING (1-12) 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.”)

NRSG 402  PROFESSIONAL NURSING SEMINAR (2) Prerequisite: 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.

NRSG 410W  CLINICAL MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH PROJECT (3) [Writing Enriched] Prerequisites: ENGL 111W-112W or ENGL 223W, NRSG 335/335L, 336/336L, 342/342L, 412 (B- or better). 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.

NRSG 412  NURSING RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE (2) Prerequisites: NRSG 335/335L, 336/336L, 342/342L (B- or better); corequisite or prerequisite: MATH 222 (C or better). In this course students are introduced to evidence based practice and the research process in nursing.
Content focuses on critically evaluating research evidence and applying it to nursing problems. Students develop the beginning skills in critiquing evidence through quantitative and qualitative methodologies.

NRSG 418   COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSING (3) Prerequisites: NRSG 335/335L, 336/336L, 342/342L (B- or better). Students expand the use of the nursing process with a focus on health promotion/disease prevention as it relates to psychiatric-mental health and community nursing. Students explore the use of evidenced based practice through the use of research studies to promote health for individuals in the psychiatric-mental health and community settings.

NRSG 418L COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSING LAB (2) Prerequisites: NRSG 335/335L, 336/336L, 342/342L (B- or better). This is a six hour laboratory experience encompassing community health and psychiatric mental health settings. It must be taken concurrently with NRSG 418. The roles and activities of the nurse will vary depending on the agency and population served.

NRSG 419 SYNTHESIS PRACTICUM (3) Prerequisites: NRSG 412, 418/418L, 420, 428/428L (B- or better); corequisite: NRSG 410 (B- or better); corequisite or prerequisite: NRSG 402 (B- or better). This course emphasizes the synthesis and application of concepts, principles, and skills learned in prerequisite 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 settings.

NRSG 428 CARE OF ADULTS WITH COMPLEX ILLNESSES (3) Prerequisites: NRSG 335/335L, 336/336L, 342/342L (B- or better). 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.

NRSG 428L CARE OF ADULTS WITH COMPLEX ILLNESSES LAB (2) Six-hour clinical laboratory must be taken concurrently with NRSG 428.

PHILOSOPHY COURSES (PHIL)

PHIL 200W INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY [Writing Enriched] (3) Corequisites or prerequisites: ENGL 111W-112W or ENGL 223W. This course examines traditional philosophy problems with readings from major works in the history of Western philosophy. The basic principle of logic and major approaches to ethical decision-making are important parts of the course.

PHIL 201 INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC (3) This beginning course focuses on aspects of valid and invalid reasoning. Topics include definition, fallacious argumentation, the various uses to which language may be put, and elementary deduction.

PHIL 204 INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS (3) This course introduces moral philosophy and its application to the problems of present-day living.

PHIL 214 GREEK PHILOSOPHY (3) Prerequisite: PHIL 200W or 204. This introduction to Greek philosophy focuses primarily on Plato and Aristotle.

PHIL 215 MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY (3) Prerequisite: PHIL 200W or 204. Philosophical themes of the Middle Ages are related to the Neoplatonic and Aristotelian traditions as they influenced major thinkers of the period. Topics include wisdom as the goal of inquiry; the relation between faith and reason; the existence of God; the nature of humanity; and the immortality of the soul.

PHIL 216 MODERN EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHERS (3) Prerequisite: PHIL 200W or 204. This study of seventeenth- and eighteenth-century European philosophers includes Descartes, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, and Kant.

PHIL 217 CLASSIC AMERICAN PHILOSOPHERS (3) Prerequisite: PHIL 200W or 204. This course is an analysis of the philosophy writings of major American philosophers from the Pragmatic and Idealistic schools including Charles Sanders Peirce, William James, and John Dewey.