

Valencia Community College
Department of Health Sciences
Associate Degree in Nursing
Nursing V
NUR 2832C
Course Syllabus
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Office Hours: Specific hours will be announced and posted on faculty office doors during the first week of class; appointments may be made at other mutually convenient times. Please note these hours may change at various points in the semester and students will be notified via the group course.

VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NUR 2823C
NURSING V

Catalog Description:

Focuses on leadership roles, management of care, coordination of care services, and collaboration with all team members to ensure safe and effective care for clients, families, significant others, and health care personnel in the care environment. Demonstrates effective communication in specific health care settings. Relates nursing accountability to the legal, ethical, and regulatory framework. A grade of “satisfactory” in the clinical/lab is required.

Prerequisites: NUR 2204C Nursing IV with a minimum grade of C

Corequisite: HSC 2151 Pharmacology and Clinical Decision Making

Credit Hours: 4

Contact Hours: 1 hour class/week, 9 hours of clinical (This is based on a 15 week term; actual hours may be adjusted depending on semester length)

Clinical Hours:	Hospital (direct) =	96 hrs
	Simulation (direct) =	12 hrs
	Virtual IV (direct) =	10 hrs
	Case Study (indirect) =	12 hrs
	Orientation (indirect) =	<u>5 hrs</u>
	Total =	135 hrs

Location: Online and in a variety of clinical facilities

Times: Class Online only
Course Orientation: **Mandatory**-Time and location available on welcome letter and class schedule in Blackboard

Faculty: Full-time Nursing Faculty and Adjunct Nursing Faculty

Clinical Attendance: More than 12 hours absent from the clinical experience will be considered excessive and may result in clinical failure. Clinical make up days are not guaranteed. All students must complete the required 135 clinical hours for progression from Nursing V to Nursing VI. If you are going to be absent or late to clinical you **MUST** speak to your clinical instructor directly, before the scheduled clinical has started.

Attendance: Students are expected to participate in all classes for which they are duly registered. Regular participation in the online environment are significant factors which promote success in college.

Participation is defined as completion of all online assignments.

Students must participate within small and large group discussions by posting substantial responses based on the grading rubric. Simply saying “hello” or “I agree” is not considered a substantive contribution. Students must support their position or begin a new topic or add somehow to the discussion.

To be realistic, it is more effective to log on every day to avoid creating a backlog of material that can very quickly become overwhelming. Students cannot pass this class without participation. If a student has missed posting to the discussion board for over 7 days, it will be considered excessive absence and the student may be dropped from the course at the discretion of the instructor.

Guidelines for

Online Discussion:

The term “netiquette” is used to describe proper online interaction in a virtual class setting. General guidelines are:

1. Check discussion frequently and respond appropriately on subject.
2. Focus on one subject per message and use pertinent subject titles.
3. Capitalize words only to highlight a point or for titles capitalizing otherwise is generally viewed as SHOUTING!
4. Be professional with your online interaction.
5. Cite all quotes, references, and sources.
6. When posting a long message, it is generally considered courteous toward readers at the beginning of the message that it is a lengthy post.
7. It is considered extremely rude to forward someone else’s message without their permission.
8. It is fine to use humor, but use it carefully. The absence of face-to-face cues can cause humor to be misinterpreted.

Palloff, R. M., & Pratt, K. (1999). Building learning communities in cyberspace. Effective strategies for the online classroom (First ed.) San Francisco: Jossey & Bass.

Faculty Interaction with Students:

The faculty teaching in this course are interested in your success. **Faculty will be available via email by using the Blackboard email system ONLY (Nursing V/Nursing VI Group Course).**

Do not use Atlas to communicate with your Nursing V faculty member.
 Faculty will interface with Blackboard students M-F. Do not expect faculty to respond to your email on weekends. Remember, faculty will NOT be checking email from 5pm Friday until 8am Monday.

General email response time may vary by instructor. Instructors will respond to students emails within 48 hours. Please remember that faculty are in the clinical area with students for 12 hours per week.

Mrs. Hudson is in the clinical setting on Tuesday
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 Mrs. Hansen is in the clinical setting on Tuesday.

Remember that all class announcements will be posted in the Nursing V/VI Group Course corresponding to your semester.

- Withdrawal: A student may withdraw or be withdrawn by a professor for excessive absences or other reasons. See **Valencia Community College Student Handbook** and **the Nursing Program Student Handbook** for withdrawal rules and procedures.
- Academic Honesty: Each student is expected to be in complete compliance with the college policy on academic honesty set forth in the Valencia Community College Catalog, Valencia Community College Student Handbook and the Nursing Program Student Handbook.
- Handbook: Requirements of the Nursing Program are outlined in the Nursing Program Student Handbook.
- Nursing Program Progression Policy: Unsuccessful completion of two nursing courses (NUR) with a grade of D, F, or W constitutes two failures and will result in your permanent dismissal from the nursing program.
- Disclaimer: Changes in syllabus and/or schedule may be made at any time during the term by announcement of the professor. A revised syllabus may be issued at the discretion of the professor.
- Exam Review: Exams will be available for review in a controlled environment until the day of the next scheduled course exam. The final exam will not be reviewed under any circumstances.

Teaching Strategies:	<p>Online lecture and online discussion Audiovisual aids Computer based instructional activities Reading assignments/Case Studies Clinical assignments Virtual IV Simulation Nursing V Simulation Competencies</p>
Evaluation Methods:	<p>Comprehensive Achievement Exam Content Exams Assignments: Discussion Questions, Quizzes, Case Studies Resume and Cover Letter Dosage and Calculation Exam Clinical- Satisfactory Simulation- Satisfactory</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-</p>
Final Grade:	<p>Upon satisfactory completion of the clinical component of the course, the student will be given a grade for the course based on the identified evaluation methods. An unsatisfactory clinical evaluation results in a failing grade for the course, regardless of the grades on other evaluation methods.</p>
Grading Scale:	<p>A = 92 - 100 B = 85- 92 C = 77 - 84 D = 70 - 76 F = 69 or below</p>
Required Nursing Text	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Townsend, Mary C. <u>Essential of Psychiatric Mental Health</u> 3rd Edition. F.A. Davis, 2005 2. Whitehead,D, Weiss, S. & Tappen, R. <u>Nursing Leadership and Management</u>,5th Edition. F.A. Davis, 2009. 3. Brunner & Suddarth, <u>Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing</u>, 12th Edition <u>Critical Thinking for Collaborative Care</u>, 5th Edition. Elsevier/Saunders, 2006. 4. Kee, Hayes, and McCuiston, <u>Pharmacology, A Nursing Process</u> 7th Edition.

METHODS OF EVALUATION:

Maintain a passing grade of 77% as evaluated by:

Theory Exam (2)	30%
Final Exam	25%
Comprehensive Achievement Exam	7%
DA Exam	3%
Case Studies (required Theory)	5%
Quizzes	5%
Resume and Cover letter	5%
Discussion Board	20%
1. Leadership and Management	
2. Legal RN Discipline Case	
3. Delegation	
4. Change and Conflict	
5. Disaster Planning	
6. Quality Assurance/Improvement	
7. Resume Critique	

All online assignments, discussion boards, quizzes and tests must be completed and receive a passing grade in order to pass the course.

In addition:

1. Satisfactory completion of simulation (first or second attempt)
2. Satisfactory Clinical Evaluation
3. Successful completion of the Dosage and Calculation Exam
4. Receive a 76.5 average on the required Clinical Case Study component
5. Satisfactory completion of Virtual IV (see calendar for completion date)

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Any student with disabilities who qualify for academic or clinical accommodations will be considered on an individual basis in accordance with and as explained in the Valencia Community College Nursing Student Handbook, found on the Nursing secured website.

Dosage and Calculation: Nursing V:

Students will be encouraged to practice dosage and calculation before each semester begins. A practice exam in Blackboard will be available for review in the Nursing V/VI group Course.

The student will complete and pass with a 92% or higher the Dosage and Calculation Exam. No conversion sheet will be provided in Nursing V.

Each course will give a Dosage and Calculation Exam, which a student may take up to 3 times in order to achieve a minimum passing score of 92%. Each course will determine the Dosage and Calculation Exam schedule; however, the exams must be administered over a MINIMUM of 2 week period which begins on the first course day of the semester.

Students are to remediate as indicated by course faculty after each dosage and calculation exam failure. A student may not pass medications on the clinical unit until they successfully pass the dosage and calculation exam. If a student is unsuccessful on the dosage and calculation exam after the third attempt, the student will not be permitted to pass medications on the clinical unit, and therefore will not be able to meet the established course clinical outcomes. Therefore, the student will receive an unsatisfactory clinical grade resulting in a nursing course failure.

**Nursing V
Methods of Evaluation**

Methods of Evaluation:

- A. Final course grade will be determined as follows:
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| 1. Theory Exam (2) | 30% |
| 2. Final Exam | 25% |
| 3. Comprehensive Achievement Exam | 7% |
| 4. Dosage and Calculation Exam (first attempt) | 3% |

The (2) Theory Exams, Final Exam, Comprehensive Achievement Exam and Dosage and Calculation Exam will be calculated without rounding the grade (these 4 items are worth 65% of your grade). **A minimum of 76.45 % must be obtained from the above; Theory Exams, Final Exam, Dosage and Calculation Exam and Comprehensive Achievement Exam in order to pass Nursing V. FAILURE TO OBTAIN THE MINIMUM 76.45% WILL CONSTITUTE A NURSING V FAILURE.** If the student has achieved the minimum 76.45 % from the above Theory Exams (2), Final Exam, Comprehensive Achievement Exam and Dosage and Calculation Exam, then the following will determine the remaining 35%.

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| 5. Quizzes (7) | 5% |
| (8) Quizzes assigned the lowest is dropped | |
| 6. Case Studies | 5% |
| 7. Discussion Board | 20% |
| 8. Resume and Cover Letter | 5% |

Example of Grade Calculation:

Ex: Theory Exam (2) (62% 90%) average 76%	76% X 0.30(30%)	=	22.8
Ex: Final Exam (1) (78%)	78% X 0.25(25%)	=	19.5
Ex: Comprehensive Achievement Exam (85%)	85% X 0.7(7%)	=	5.95
Ex: Dosage and Calculation (92%)	92% X 0.3 (3%) = 2.76		
			Total 51.01 / 65% = 78.47%

78.47% **MEETS MINIMUM 76.45%**

Continue with calculation of remainder of grades.

If the above score does not meet the minimum the student is unsuccessful in Nursing V.

Ex: Discussion Boards average (7) (100%, 90%, 80%, 70%, 90%, 60% 90%)	82.85% X 0.20(20%)	=	16.57
Ex: Resume and Cover Letter (100%)	100% X 0.05(5%)	=	5
Ex: Case Studies Averages (95%)	95% X 0.05(5%)	=	4.75
Ex: Quizzes (7) (100%, 80%, 70%, 60% (lowest quiz grade dropped) 100%, 80%, 80% 70%) Average 82.85%	82.85% X 0.05(5%)	=	4.14
			30.76 / 35% = 8.78

Final Course Grade: 78.47 %
8.78 %

Final Average = 87.08 %

Final Course Grade: = C

NOTE: This final course grade assumes that the student has also achieved a Satisfactory within the clinical setting, with a passing average of the assigned Clinical Case Studies (as assigned to indirect care as a requirement for clinical satisfactory and completion). You must achieve a passing average in the Theory portion (exam 1 & 2, final exam, Nursing V achievement exam and Comprehensive Achievement Exam) before the assigned case studies (specific to Leadership and Management Content), discussion board and resume and cover letter will be averaged to achieve a final grade.

Online Discussion Board/Online Assignment and Quiz RULES

Required assignments and discussion boards must be submitted at the scheduled time unless PRIOR arrangements have been made with the Professor. If online assignments are not submitted on time and prior arrangements have not been made, the student will receive a Zero for that assignment.

If you are having difficulty with accessing the discussion boards please contact the Blackboard help line. The Blackboard support personnel will provide you with assistance.

All quizzes and discussion boards will open on Saturday evening at 11:55pm and close the following Sunday of that week at 6:00 pm. **NO Late** assignments will be accepted for **ANY** reason and any work not completed and or submitted by the deadline will be result in a **“Zero”** for that assignment. See course calendar for assignments.

Once a quiz is opened and accessed by a student the quiz will not be reopened for any reason (Ex: technical difficulties, time limits). This quiz will be the dropped quiz if applicable.

All online work must be professional in nature. No communication will be valued if it reflects the use of slang, swearing, or profanity. The comments must relate to the assigned topic and stimulate interest and thought. Discussion boards will and can be used for interaction between classmates to help and guide one another.

Case Study Required Assignment – Specifics are provided in the Course Content section of your course.

Theory Component: 3 assigned Leadership and Management based cased studies (5% of grade)

Clinical Component: **Must complete a minimum of 5** of the 10 case studies chosen by the faculty.

Clarification of Case Studies Assigned for Clinical Assignment

There will be 10 clinical case studies will be available online and contained in an Evolve packet. Successful completion of 5 **case studies are required to receive a passing grade for clinical.** Students who do not complete this assignment by the assigned due date or do not receive a passing average of 76.45 will be considered a “clinical failure” for Nursing V and will not progress to Nursing VI. The due date for completion of the case study assignment will be posted on the Nursing V course calendar.

Virtual IV

Virtual IV Simulation must be passed successfully by the completion date assigned on the Nursing V calendar. **Successful completion of Virtual IV is a requirement for completion of Nursing V** and progression to Nursing VI. Failure to successfully complete Virtual IV within the allotted time frame will result in an Incomplete in Nursing V. Once the deadline for Virtual IV has passed, the student will not have an opportunity to complete the Virtual IV skill until the following semester.

Please be professional and courteous to your fellow classmates and NAL staff during your Virtual IV experience. Any student who displays unprofessional conduct will be asked to leave Virtual IV and will be required to reschedule their appointment. Please follow all guidelines posted in the Virtual IV room at all times. Specific Virtual IV requirements and documentation can be found in the on-line course in Blackboard.

Nursing Community Uniform requirements will be in effect while in the Virtual IV environment.

Nursing V Simulation

Nursing V Simulation must be successfully completed. Students who are unsuccessful on the first attempt will be given a second attempt to successfully complete the simulation exercise. Students who have been unsuccessful on the second attempt of simulation will receive an "I" for Nursing V. A maximum of three attempts per term will be given to the student to successfully complete simulation. Due to time, lab constraints and lab availability, a third attempt is not guaranteed in the current term.

Test Taking Guidelines

Students are required to begin exams at the announced testing time for in class and testing center exams.

Test-Taking Policy Test-taking rules will be enforced for all nursing students:

The following items are NOT allowed in any testing room:

1. Any equipment of with an on/off switch including cell phones, PDA, MP3, I-phone, beepers, to also include any other electronic devised per instructor.
2. Purses, bags of any kind
3. No Books of any kind
4. Water, soda, cups, food of any kind, life savers, gum
5. Tissues, napkins or paper products of any type (may be provided by instructor)
6. When appropriate- one student at a time may be dismissed to go to the restroom.
7. No hats of any kind
8. Scrap paper or white boards will be provided by instructor and must be turned in with exam.
9. If a student is caught with cell phone or any equipment with an on/off switch in the testing environment, the students' exam will be stopped and the exam will be turned in at that point for grading and No credit will be given to unanswered questions.

If a student must be absent when a test is scheduled, the instructor must be notified at least one (1) hour in advance and arrangements for a make-up must be made. Anyone not notifying the instructor via phone or email will be considered absent and will receive a zero for the exam.

If a student misses a scheduled exam and notifies the instructor appropriately, the student will be required to provide specific documentation noting reason for absence by the next business day. The lead instructor will discuss with the individual the required documentation necessary to assure admission to make-up exam.

Completion of the make-up exam will be required as determined by the instructor. The make-up exam will be in the Testing Center from 8a – 5p on the approved day. The student will receive the same allotted time as was given in class (previously approved accommodations will be made accordingly).

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

The following clinical activities must be completed prior to receiving a grade for NUR 2823C:

1. Complete the computer training activities required at the assigned acute care clinical site within the scheduled time period.
2. Demonstrate competence with the basic use of computers as required in the clinical setting and for the online portion of the class.
3. Successfully communicate to other members of the health care team, peers, and instructor a verbal report regarding your client's physical and mental status, identified problems, planned interventions, completed nursing interventions, responses to interventions, and evaluation of plan of care.
4. Assigned Clinical Case Studies with a score of ≥ 76.45 % after completing all clinical hours
5. Receive satisfactory clinical evaluation (see evaluation of clinical performance tool). Performance in the clinical setting is a critical element to passing this course. A satisfactory performance in professional responsibility must also be obtained to pass this course.