

**Western Kentucky University
Associate of Science in Nursing Program
Fall 2016**

COURSE NUMBER:	NURSING 255
COURSE NAME:	Medical-Surgical Nursing III
COURSE ID:	NUR 255-001, 002, 700
COURSE CREDIT:	3 Hours
LOCATION:	Room 131 at South Campus
CONTACT HOURS:	3 hours/week
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Note: The schedule and procedures in this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Expansion on previous medical-surgical nursing concepts utilizing basic human needs, developmental theory, nursing process and therapeutic nursing interventions to promote and maintain health for selected populations.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The student will be able to:

1. Apply knowledge from the behavioral, biological, physical and social sciences, and the liberal arts to provide a holistic approach to nursing care.
2. Apply the nursing process in providing nursing care to promote and maintain health for selected populations within their environment.
3. Develop critical thinking skills in nursing practice.
4. Assess cultural considerations in planning patient care.
5. Discuss caring behaviors and evidence based interventions in professional nursing practice
6. Develop priority-setting skills to effectively manage multiple demands
7. Identify teaching needs of selected populations.
8. Demonstrate the importance of a spirit of inquiry, lifelong learning, and a commitment to evidence-based nursing practice.

EXPECTATIONS-GENERAL INFORMATION

Policies and Procedures

Each student will be responsible for following the policies and required curriculum as stated in the *ASN Student Handbook*.

Classroom Attendance

Classroom attendance is an expectation of the University and the ASN Program. The student is responsible for information presented in all class sessions. Absences from three or more class sessions will result in the student being reported to the WKU Office of Undergraduate Advisement. Students may audiotape nursing lectures if permitted by the instructor. Refer to the *ASN Student Handbook* for both the attendance and audio taping policies.

Additional Learning Activities/Workshops/Testing/Etc.

Students will be given prior notice for any required learning activities/workshops/testing/etc that are scheduled outside class/clinical time. Attendance for these additional activities is mandatory to successfully meet the objectives of NUR 255.

Evaluation/Grading

The final grade for each student will be based on a percentage of total points obtained. Seventy percent (70%) of the course grade will be awarded from unit exams and a comprehensive final. Ten percent (10%) of the course grade will be awarded from the student's score on the course's HESI standardized examination. Ten percent (10%) will be awarded from the student's score on the first attempt of the HESI Exit RN Exam and ten percent (10%) will be awarded from the student's score on the second attempt of the HESI Exit RN Exam. Unit examinations will consist of various test question formats including but not limited to multiple-choice questions. The final exam will be comprehensive. Testing material may be taken from text reading assignments, class lectures, handout materials, study guides, case studies, instructional audio/video recordings, and assigned readings from sources other than course text.

Unit Exam 1	30 points
Unit Exam 2	30 points
Unit Exam 3	30 points
Unit Exam 4	30 points
<u>Final Exam</u>	<u>40 points</u>
Total Test Points	160 points

HESI Exam **100 points**

HESI RN Exit Exam v1 **100 points**

HESI RN Exit Exam v2 **100 points**

An opportunity to improve course grade will be available by completing additional assigned activities each week. Each activity is worth an assigned number of credits. Students must earn at least **124 of the possible 160** credits to pass the course. **Students who earn less than 124 credits will not pass the course and will receive a grade of “D”, regardless of student performance on exam grades.** Student performance on assigned activities can improve the exam portion of the overall course grade. Additional points will be added as follows:

124 – 134 credits will add **ONE** points to total examination points

135 – 144 credits will add **THREE** points to total examination points

145– 160 credits will add **FIVE** points to total examination points

Activity	Points	Due Date/Time
Prep U – Intracranial Regulation	10	Aug 30 – 8:00 am
Prep U – Sensory Perception	10	Aug 30 – 8:00 am
Prep U – Grief/Loss	10	Aug 30 – 8:00 am
Prep U – Neurosensory Disorders	10	Sept 6 – 8:00 am
Prep U – Health/Wellness/Illness	10	Sept 6 – 8:00 am
Prep u – Leadership/Management	10	Sept 6 – 8:00 am
Prep U- Safety Infection Control	10	Sept 13 – 8:00 am
Prep U – Management of Care	10	Sept 13 – 8:00 am
Prep U – Health Promotion Maintenance	10	Sept 13 – 8:00 am
Prep U - Pharmacological/Parenteral Therapies	10	Sept 20 – 8:00 am
Prep U – Reduction of Risk Potential	10	Sept 20 – 8:00 am
Prep U – Physiological Adaptation	10	Sept 20 – 8:00 am
Pass Point – Comprehensive Exam	10	Oct 4 – 8:00 am
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*Spirit of Inquiry Assignment	20	Nov 1 – 8 pm
Total Points	160	

Failure to complete any Prep U or Pass Point Assignment on time will result in a “0” for that assignment.

* Spirit of Inquiry is a mandatory assignment

Use the following formula to calculate student course grade:

$$\left[\frac{\text{Total \# Unit \& Comprehensive Exam points}}{160} \times 0.70 \right] + \left[\text{HESI Exam \% Score} \times 0.10 \right] + \left[\text{HESI Exit RN Exam} \times 0.10 \right] + \left[\text{HESI Exit RN Exam} \times 0.10 \right] = \text{Course Grade}$$

In order to add activity credits, the student MUST have a Course Grade of at least 77.0%.

The grading scale for total points earned is as follows:

$$A \geq 91.0\% \quad B \geq 84.0\% \quad C \geq 77.0\% \quad D \geq 69.0\% \quad F < 69.0\%$$

In order to successfully complete the course a 77.0% minimum will be required. A student with an average of 76.9% or below will not be successful. Students must also achieve a satisfactory evaluation in NUR 257. If a student is unsuccessful in either NUR 255 or NUR 257, both courses must be successfully repeated before the student is allowed to progress in the program.

A student may not take an examination other than the scheduled date without satisfactory justification. The faculty members responsible for the course will jointly decide if the justification is satisfactory. **The student who does not notify the faculty of an absence for an examination and/or who cannot provide satisfactory justification for the absence can still take a makeup examination but the achieved score will be reduced by 10% of total points possible.** At the discretion of the course instructors, any makeup exam may consist of different test items or essay questions. Students are responsible for notifying their instructor if they are unable to take a scheduled exam prior to the scheduled test time. Makeup exams will be given as soon as possible, preferably within one week of the date of the original exam.

Test Review

Test feedback forms will be returned within one week after an exam. Individual student appointments can be made for further test review with faculty. Any individual test review must be completed prior to the next test in that course. **No written notes may be made during test review.** Final exams cannot be reviewed. Appointments for test review with faculty members can be made using email.

Discussion Board

Students may ask questions concerning course content via the course's Blackboard Discussion Board. Students are not to respond to another student's posting. Course faculty will respond to each student question posted.

Participation in Professional Nursing Organization

In order to successfully complete NUR 255, the student must attend one (1) KANS meeting and participate in one (1) KANS event during the current semester regardless of the theory grade achieved.

By midterm you will obtain/receive a NCLEX – Candidate Bulletin with information concerning the licensing exam and an application form. You may take the NCLEX at a Pearson Professional Center in any state, but if you plan to be licensed in a state other than Kentucky, contact that state Board of Nursing before mid-term. If applying out of state, the completed application must be submitted to the department of nursing secretary for mailing. After official notice from the Office of the Registrar to the ASN Program that your Associate of Science in Nursing degree has been awarded, the ASN Program Director will send a certified list to the Kentucky Board of Nursing. The Office of the Registrar will not release your official transcript until all financial obligations to the University have been satisfied.

The Board of Nursing shall have power to deny any license to practice nursing upon proof that the person has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony. If you have a prior criminal history or conviction record, contact the course coordinator and see *ASN Student Handbook* for Kentucky Board of Nursing regulation 201, KAR 20:370 *Applications for Licensure and Registration*.

Useful websites: www.kbn.ky.gov, www.ncsbn.org

TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS REQUIRED

Ignatavicius, D. & Workman, L. (2016). *Medical surgical nursing: Critical thinking for collaborative care* (8th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Saunders Elsevier.

Silvestri, L.A. (2014). *Saunders Comprehensive Review for the NCLEX-RN Examination* (6th ed.) St. Louis, MO: Saunders Elsevier.

PassPoint. Wolters Kluwer/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Western Kentucky University provides numerous technological services to its students. The *WKU Student Technology* brochure describes the various technology services and technology support available to students. The brochure can be found on the university's Student Technology website <http://www.wku.edu/it/students/studentbrochure2014.pdf>

PLEASE NOTE

1. Assignments may be changed with due notice given to students.
2. Western Kentucky University provides numerous support services to its students. Information regarding these services can be found in the WKU Catalog, Hilltopper Student Handbook and the WKU web site.
3. Students with disabilities who require accommodations (academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids or services) for this course must contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC), Room 1074 on the 1st floor of the Downing Student Union. The SARC telephone number is (270) 745-5004 V/TDD. Per university policy, please **DO NOT** request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a letter of accommodation from the Student Accessibility Resource Center.