

**Western Kentucky University
Associate of Science in Nursing Program
Fall 2018**

COURSE NUMBER:	NURSING 255
COURSE NAME:	Medical-Surgical Nursing III
COURSE ID:	NUR 255-700, 702
COURSE CREDIT:	3 Hours
LOCATION:	Web
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*.

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 **131 of the possible 170** credits to pass the course. **Students who earn less than 131 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:

131 – 142 credits will add **ONE** points to total examination points

143 – 154 credits will add **THREE** points to total examination points

155– 170 credits will add **FIVE** points to total examination points

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

Activity	Points	Due Date/Time
Davis Edge – Psychosocial Integrity: End of Life Care, Grief and Loss	10	Sept 7 – 8:00 am
Davis Edge – Management of Care: Information Technology	10	Sept 7 – 8:00 am
Davis Edge – Safety and Infection Control: Emergency Response and Security Plan	10	Sept 14 – 8:00 am
Davis Advantage– Hearing Loss	10	Sept 14 – 8:00 am
Davis Advantage – Burns	10	Sept 21 – 8:00 am
Davis Advantage - Seizures	10	Sept 28 – 8:00 am
Davis Edge- Management of Care: Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Continuity of Care	10	Oct 5 – 8:00 am
Davis Edge- Management of Care: Performance/Quality Improvement	10	Oct 5 – 8:00 am
Davis Edge – Safety and Infection and Control: Precautions and Surgical Asepsis	10	Oct 12 – 8:00 am
Davis Advantage – Brain and Spinal Cord Injury	10	Oct 19 - 8:00 am
Davis Advantage – Glaucoma	10	Oct 26 – 8:00 am
David Advantage – Cataracts	10	Oct 26 – 8:00 am
Davis Advantage – Stroke	10	Nov 2 – 8:00 am
Davis Advantage – Multiple Sclerosis	10	Nov 9 – 8:00 am
Davis Advantage – Guillain Barre’	10	Nov 9 – 8:00 am
*Spirit of Inquiry Assignment	20	Oct 22 by 8 pm
Total Points	170	

Failure to complete any Davis Edge or Davis Advantage 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:

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

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 participate in one KANS event and one KANS meeting during the current term regardless of the theory grade achieved. Documentation of participation must be submitted to Kim Green via email at kim.green@wku.edu.

NCLEX-RN and licensing information for KY and TN are located on your Blackboard site. 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 or Tennessee, contact that state Board of Nursing before mid-term. 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

Student Appeal Process

Students wishing to appeal a test or assignment or other grade in this course must follow the following process.

Any appeals for an alternate response to be counted as correct must be negotiated with the course faculty. Students have one week following the grade to challenge the test or assignment grade. Challenges must be made in writing and based on material they can reference in their textbook or notes. This process must take place within the designated time frame, not after final course grades have been posted. In addition, the student must question specific test or paper or assignment items, and not just ask for points to be added to their grade due to their individual needs and life circumstances.

Course Grade appeals must follow the university academic complaint process outlined in the WKU Student Handbook at <https://www.wku.edu/handbook/academic-complaint.php>. Grade appeals (students seeking a change in grade) **must be based on an error in grading** (the student did not get the same points for the same response as everyone else in the class). If there is no error in grading and there is no math error in calculating the student's grade, then there is no basis for a grade appeal. Grades will not be changed just because a student is short of points to pass the course. Additional points for test or other assignments will not be considered after the student has failed the course, unless the test falls within the one week challenge period. Any test item challenges must be conducted in the week following the exam, and must be resolved with the faculty member at that time, based on information from the course materials such as the textbook. The faculty member is considered the expert and the faculty members option of the correct answer will be the final answer.

Important Complaint Exceptions:

- Student Disability regarding denial of accommodations, the student must report to Student ADA Compliance Officer and follow WKU policy #6.1010
- Discrimination and Harassment concerns, see below reporting process and follow WKU policy #0.2040
 1. Discrimination must be reported by the student to the Office of Equal Opportunity Employment (EEO)
 2. Student-to-student harassment must be reported by the student to Office of Student Conduct
 3. Student-to-faculty/employee harassment must be reported to the Office of Equal Opportunity Employment (EEO)

TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS REQUIRED

Hoffman, J., & Sullivan, N. (2017). Medical Surgical Nursing: Making Connections to Practice. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis.

Ohman, K. A. (2017). Davis's Q&A Review for NCLEX-RN. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis.

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.

Title IX Sexual Misconduct/Assault Policy

Western Kentucky University (WKU) is committed to supporting faculty, staff and students by upholding WKU's Title IX Sexual Misconduct/Assault Policy (#0.2070) at <https://wku.edu/eoo/documents/titleix/wkutitleixpolicyandgrievanceprocedure.pdf> and Discrimination and Harassment Policy (#0.2040) at https://wku.edu/policies/hr_policies/2040_discrimination_harassment_policy.pdf. Under these policies, discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct based on sex/gender are prohibited. If you experience an incident of sex/gender-based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct, you are encouraged to report it to the Title IX Coordinator, Andrea Anderson, 270-745-5398 or Title IX Investigators, Michael Crowe, 270-745-5429 or Joshua Hayes, 270-745-5121.

Please note that while you may report an incident of sex/gender based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct to a faculty member, WKU faculty are "Responsible Employees" of the University and **MUST** report what you share to WKU's Title IX Coordinator or Title IX Investigator. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you confidentiality, you may contact WKU's Counseling and Testing Center at 270-745-3159.

ADA Accommodation Statement

In compliance with University policy, students with disabilities who require academic and/or auxiliary accommodations for this course must contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center located in Downing Student Union, 1074. SARC can be reached by phone number at 270-745-5004 [270-745-3030 TTY] or via email at sarc.connect@wku.edu. Please do not request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a faculty notification letter (FNL) from The Student Accessibility Resource Center.