

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
Associate of Science in Nursing Program
LPN-ASN
Spring 2022

COURSE NUMBER: NURSING 165
COURSE NAME: MENTAL HEALTH NURSING
COURSE ID: NUR 165 – M75
COURSE CREDIT: 3 HOURS
LOCATION: ONLINE

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Note: The schedule and procedures in this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Mental health 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:

1. Identifies current standards of nursing practice.
1. Utilizes nursing process to provide safe, competent, patient-centered care.
2. Discusses the importance of the patient's preferences, values, and needs.
3. Uses clinical decision making when prioritizing patient care.
4. Identifies teaching needs of select populations.

EXPECTATIONS-GENERAL INFORMATION

Policies and Procedures

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

Classroom Attendance

This is an online course. Students are expected to follow the material and lecture schedule posted in Blackboard and review the recorded lectures.

Evaluation/Grading

The final grade for each student will be based on a percentage of total points obtained. Ninety percent (90%) 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. 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	40 points
Unit Exam 2	40 points
Unit Exam 3	40 points
Final Exam	45 points
<u>HESI Exam</u>	<u>100 points</u>

Total Test Points 265 points

Tests for this course shall be taken via Proctor-U or in the WKU testing center, or an approved testing site. It is the student's responsibility to schedule each test using the directions sent to students via email by the DELO Testing Center. Students must complete all exams between the hours of 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM CST on the assigned day.

Use the following formula to calculate student course grade:

$$\left[\frac{\text{Total \# Unit \& Comprehensive Exam points}}{165} \times 0.90 \right] + \left[\text{HESI Exam \% Score} \times 0.10 \right] = \text{Course Grade}$$

The grading scale for total points earned is as follows:

A ≥ 91.0% B ≥ 84.0% C ≥ 77.0% D ≥ 69.0% 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.

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

An opportunity to improve course grade will be available by completing additional assigned activities. Each activity is worth an assigned number of credits. Students must earn at least **20 of the possible 50** points to pass the course. **Students who earn less than 20 activity points 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:

20-29 points will add **ONE** points to total examination points
 30-39 points will add **TWO** points to total examination points
 40-50 points will add **THREE** points to total examination points

Activity	Credits	Due Date/Time
Pre-Class Assignment Quiz 1	10	January 26 th -11pm
Pre-Class Assignment Quiz 2	10	February 2 nd – 11 pm
Pre-Class Assignment Quiz 3	10	February 23 rd – 11 pm
Pre-Class Assignment Quiz 4	10	March 9 th – 11 pm
Pre-Class Assignment Quiz 5	10	March 30 th – 11 pm
Total Points	50	

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

Individual student appointments can be made for further test review with faculty. Test reviews may be done via, Zoom' it is your responsibility to contact the instructor to schedule a Zoom session. Any individual test review must be completed prior to the next test in that course. **No written notes may be made during test review.** *As per program policy; Final exams cannot be reviewed.*

TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS REQUIRED

Varcarolis, E. M. (2021). Essentials of psychiatric mental health nursing: A communication approach to evidence-based care (4th). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier.

Technology Statement

Western Kentucky University provides numerous technological services to its students. Services and technology support available to students can be found on the university's Information Technology website (<https://www.wku.edu/its/services/students.php>).

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.

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.

TITLE IX SEXUAL MISCONDUCT/ASSAULT STATEMENT

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.*

Mandatory Reporting

Disclosure to University faculty or instructors of sexual misconduct, domestic violence, dating violence, or sex discrimination is not confidential under Title IX. Faculty and instructors must forward such reports, including names and circumstances, to Deborah T. Wilkins, Title IX Coordinator, Downing Student Union Suite 2096, (270) 745-5396, deborah.wilkins@wku.edu. Additional information may be found at <https://www.wku.edu/titleix/> Students may seek assistance and/or speak confidentially with the staff of the WKU Counseling Center 270-745-3159.

COURSE GRADE APPEALS

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 the student can reference in their textbook. 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, paper, or assignment items, and not just ask for points to be added to their grade due to their individual needs and life circumstances.

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

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)

WKU Syllabus Statement regarding COVID-19:

All students are strongly encouraged to [get the COVID-19 vaccine](#). Out of respect for the health and safety of the WKU community and in adherence with CDC guidelines and practices of all public universities and colleges in [Kentucky](#), the University requires that a cloth face covering (reusable or disposable) that covers both the nose and mouth must be worn at all times when in public areas within all buildings. Students must properly wear face coverings while in class regardless of the room size or the nature of the classroom activities. Students who fail to

wear a face covering as required will be in violation of the WKU Student Code of Conduct and will be asked to comply or will face disciplinary action, including possible dismissal from the University. Accommodations can be requested in special cases through the Student Accessibility and Resource Center ([SARC](#)): [270-745-5004](tel:270-745-5004) (voice), [270-745-3030](tel:270-745-3030) (TTY), or [270-288-0597](tel:270-288-0597) (video).

All students must immediately report a positive Covid-19 test result or close contact with a person who has tested positive to the Covid-19 Assistance Line at 270-745-2019. The assistance line is available to answer questions regarding any Covid-19 related issue. This guidance is subject to change based on requirements set forth by public health agencies or the office of the governor. Please refer to the Healthy on the Hill website for the most current information. www.wku.edu/healthyonthehill