

**WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**  
**LPN to ASN Program**  
**Summer 2022**

<b>COURSE NUMBER:</b>	<b>NURSING 157</b>
<b>COURSE NAME:</b>	<b>Medical-Surgical Nursing I Skills</b>
<b>COURSE ID:</b>	<b>157-700, 701, 702, 703</b>
<b>COURSE CREDIT:</b>	<b>1 Hour</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Nursing Skills Lab – Room C125</b>
<b>CONTACT HOURS:</b>	<b>Every Other Week on Scheduled Day</b>
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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Application of medical-surgical nursing concepts, principles and skills.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

The student will be able to:

1. Functions in the professional role utilizing current standards of nursing practice. (EOPSLO # 1)
2. Utilizes nursing process to provide safe, competent, patient-centered care. (EOPSLO # 2)
3. Uses clinical decision making when prioritizing patient care. (EOPSLO # 3)
4. Practices effective communication. (EOPSLO # 3)
5. Discusses collaboration with members of the inter-professional team. (EOPSLO # 3)
6. Demonstrates accountability for nursing care. (EOPSLO # 4)
7. Identifies appropriate resources when providing nursing care. (EOPSLO # 4)

## **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*.

### **Selected Clinical Skills**

Clinical skills are essential to nursing practice; therefore, the student must master each skill at a satisfactory level before performing the skill in the clinical area. Clinical skills will be evaluated by return demonstration to the instructor. The selected clinical skills marked with \*\* will be evaluated by return demonstration.

- Sterile Wound Care\*\*
- Wound Culture
- Removing Staples and Sutures
- Intravenous Therapy
  - Monitoring
  - Regulating and calculating gtt/min \*\*
  - Changing the bag/bottle \*\*
  - Introduction of the controller/pump
  - Discontinuing \*\*
  - Changing IV to a saline lock \*\*
  - Hanging a secondary set \*\*
  - Flushing a saline lock \*\*
- Nasogastric Tube
  - Insertion\*\*
  - Assessing placement \*\*

- Decompression/suction \*\*
- Monitoring setup/secretions \*\*
- Flushing \*\*
- Removing the tube \*\*
- Enteral Feedings
  - Bolus
  - Intermittent
  - Continuous
- G-tube/J-tube care
- Medications through NG/G-tube \*\*
- Oxygen delivery devices
  - Cannula
  - Face masks
  - Face tent
  - Incentive spirometry
- TCDB
- Pulse oximetry
- Collecting sputum specimens
- Colostomy care\*\*
- Blood Administration
- Peripheral IV insertion\*\*
- Medication Administration: IV push \*\*
- Central line dressing change/care\*\*
- Blood glucose monitoring
- Insulin mixing and administration
- Tracheostomy care \*\*
- Tracheostomy suctioning\*\*
- Total Parental Nutrition

### **Lab Attendance**

Attendance in the clinical laboratory is considered mandatory clinical requirement and is essential in the achievement of the educational objectives and the evaluation of lab performance. Your clinical instructor must be notified prior to any absence on the lab day. Refer to the *LPN to ASN Student Handbook* for attendance policy.

**Please be advised that the NUR 157 faculty have determined that any clinical absences and/or excessive tardiness will jeopardize a student's ability to pass NUR 157.** Students who are absent from lab, regardless of reason, will be required to makeup lab time by rescheduling as determined by course coordinator. This will allow each student the opportunity to gain knowledge missed during his or her lab absence.

**Clinical Evaluation**

To be successful in NUR 157, the student must pass each skill during individual return demonstration and complete documentation of each skill according to the policy in the *LPN to ASN Student Handbook*. Grading will be “Pass” or “Fail”.

**If a student is unsuccessful in NUR 157, the student must repeat the course the following semester.**

**TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS REQUIRED**

Nursing 157 Information (Available at WKU Blackboard Nursing 157 and must be obtained prior to first day of class.)

**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.

**TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT**

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>).

**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 at 270-745-5004 [270-745-3030 TTY] or via email at [sarc.connect@wku.edu](mailto: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.

**STUDENT APPEAL 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 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)

**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](#)) and Discrimination and Harassment Policy ([#0.2040](#)). 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 Interim 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 Andrea Anderson, Interim Title IX Coordinator, Wetherby Administration Building Suite 101, (270) 745-5398, [titleix@wku.edu](mailto:titleix@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.

### **WKU COVID-19 STATEMENT**

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 WKU’s [Healthy on the Hill](#) website for the most current information.

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