

Practical Nurse

Winter 2022

PN 211, Nursing Practice III: Acute Care: Surgical Nursing

4 credits, 155 hours

Course Description

NURSING FOUNDATIONS III: ACUTE CARE: SURGICAL * Semester III

This practice course provides the learner with clinical experience as a member of the health-care team in providing safe, holistic, and evidence-informed nursing care to clients and families in an acute-care environment following the standards of practice for a practical nurse. This course includes instructor-supervised clinical practice on an acute-care surgical unit and, in combination with Nursing Practice II, meets the program requirements of placement in an acute-care setting.

Pre-requisites: All first year courses

Pre- or Co-requisite: PN 200 Nursing Foundations III

Instructor

Name

Office number

Phone number

Email

Office Hours

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Hours of Instruction

See timetable

Required Resources Required Textbooks and Resources

Primary Texts

Day, R.A., Paul, P., Williams, B., Smeltzer, S.C., & Bare, B.G. (2009). *Brunner and Suddarth's textbook of Canadian medical-surgical nursing* (3rd ed.). Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins.

Kelly, P. & Quesnelle, H (2013). *Nursing Leadership and Management*(3rd edition). Nelson Education

Nursing Practice II: Acute Care 1 (Medical) Clinical Guide. (PNCC, 2019)

Potter, P.A., & Perry, A.G. (2019). *Canadian fundamentals of nursing* (6th ed. Rev.). Ross-Kerr, J.C., & Wood, M.J. (Canadian ed.). Toronto, ON: Elsevier.

Other Required Resources

Drug guide or online drug guide such as Medline Plus:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginformation.html>

Medical dictionary or online medical dictionary such as Medline Plus:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/mplusdictionary.html>

Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, the learner will meet the following outcomes:

1. Model professional attitudes, judgments and ability in the practice setting.
2. Apply the concepts of healthy living to maintain personal and professional well-being in the practice setting.
3. Integrate concepts from the arts, sciences, social sciences and nursing foundations into a developing professional practice.
4. Describe the role of the practical nurse and interdisciplinary team in providing medical-surgical nursing care to the adult client.
5. Perform appropriate client assessments, interpret the significance of findings and identify priority nursing diagnosis related to medical-surgical nursing care for the adult client in the practice setting.
6. Plan safe, effective, competent and holistic medical-surgical nursing care for the adult client based on analysis of available data and evidence-informed practice guidelines in the practice setting.
7. Perform safe, effective, competent and holistic medical-surgical nursing interventions to optimize adult client strengths, achieve expected health outcomes, and promote wellness in the practice setting.

8. Evaluate the outcomes resulting from nursing and healthcare interventions, and adjust priorities and the plan of care as required in the practice setting.
9. Apply knowledge of documenting, reporting, and recording of pertinent client information.
10. Communicate effectively and accurately, and work collaboratively with the interdisciplinary team, instructors and classmates in the practice setting.
11. Demonstrate appropriate therapeutic communication techniques to establish the nurse-client relationship in the practice setting.
12. Apply principles of teaching and learning and health promotion to medical-surgical nursing care and to client teaching.
13. Integrate knowledge of self-regulation, critical inquiry and clinical judgment, leadership, cultural competence, teamwork, reflection, and continuous learning and competency development into developing practice.
14. Apply knowledge of governing regulation/legislation and ethics related to the provision of medical-surgical nursing care.
15. Integrate research findings that support evidence-informed practice in the delivery of medical-surgical nursing care and in the acute care setting.
16. Contribute to a culture of safety within the practice settings as it relates to medical surgical nursing

Evaluation

Clinical practice courses are graded as **PASS** or **FAIL**.

To receive credit in Nursing Practice III: Acute Care III Practice: Surgical Nursing, the learner must complete all course requirements which includes one written care plan assignment, reflective journaling and a passing grade on the final evaluation. A passing grade means that the student was able to satisfactorily meet all expectations in the course. Course credit will not be given if only parts of the course have been completed.

DISTRIBUTION OF MARKS

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS		
Reflective Journaling	Written reflection of nursing practice	Pass/Fail
CLINICAL PRACTICE EVALUATION		

	Integration of nursing knowledge and application of nursing skills. Learner must satisfactorily meet all evaluation expectations.	Pass/Fail
	Total	Pass/Fail

PASSING LEVEL AND GRADING SCALE

This is a nursing practice course. A learner must be proficient in the integration of nursing theory and application of nursing skills in a practice setting.

Learners must receive a **pass** grade on the written assignment and successfully demonstrate nursing skills in the nursing practice setting to receive a passing grade.

Refer to the Practical Nurse Program Handbook for information regarding grading scale, extensions, and other program standard practices.

Important Additional Information

All students must have the following prior to attending any nursing practice course:

- Up-to-date immunizations
- Criminal Record Check completed within the last 3 months
- Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers course (BLS) recognized by the Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation or CPR Level C or Level 3 First Aid
- Some colleges may also require a WHMIS certificate. (See your Student Handbook for details)

Note to all learners: It is the learner’s responsibility to retain course outlines for possible future use in support of applications for transfer credit to other educational institutions.

COURSE ASSESSMENT

1. Reflective Practice

Self-reflection is a requirement for continuing competency of the practical nurse. The purpose of this assignment is to assist you to reflect on your nursing practice. Through reflective practice you will demonstrate self-reflection by recognizing your own learning, goals, strengths and areas for improvement.

You will submit reflections in each of the nursing practice courses. These submissions are a requirement of this course and must achieve a satisfactory rating to receive a **pass**. Use the following to guide your reflective journaling. Attached is a marking guide that will be used by your instructor to evaluate your submissions.

Reflective Journaling

Due Date: Weekly following clinical rotation

GUIDELINES

- The reflective journal will be reviewed by the instructor. Due dates for submission will be determined by your instructor.
- The journal may be handwritten but must be legible.
- Submission format may vary based on instructor preference or clinical group decision (i.e., may be done through online discussions, group discussion, with the use of concept maps or traditional journaling).
- The journal must be completed as assigned in order to receive a **PASS** grade in the course.
- See marking guide.

REFLECTIVE PRACTICE CRITERIA

Description

Choose a significant situation or event that occurred this week in clinical practice.

- Describe this situation in detail, relating it to your own practice.
- What was going on? What happened?
- How did the client, family or staff respond? (Use only initials to maintain confidentiality.)
- What was your role in this situation?

Reflection

Reflect on the situation as it happened.

- What were your feelings and thoughts about the situation?
- What did you do? How did you feel about what you did? Why?
- What were the important elements of the event? What preceded the event and what followed it?

Analysis

Analyze the situation.

- What went well? What did you find difficult?

- Integrate what is known from nursing theory and related courses. Use your nursing textbooks or other professional resource to interpret this situation and expand your understanding of the event.
- Identify the course learning outcomes that apply to this situation. What have you learned?
- How does this experience compare to other situations in which you have been involved?

Evaluation

Evaluate the situation.

- What did you learn from this situation?
- What would you do differently in the future?
- What should you be aware of if this situation occurs again?

Your instructor will read the entries and write comments to help focus and guide you throughout your practice. The entries will remain confidential.

Student Evaluation

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Student Assessment/Evaluation

Assessment of your performance is based on satisfactory preparatory work and successful delivery of client care. Throughout these clinical practice courses, your instructor will provide you with both verbal feedback and written feedback (anecdotal notes) on your clinical performance. Feedback will be provided on a weekly basis. Feedback may be provided more frequently if required. These notes are used to support comments and performance ratings of your midterm and final evaluations.

Student concerns should be discussed directly with the instructor if the outcome is unsatisfactory. If necessary, concerns can be submitted in writing to the program supervisor, and a copy must be given to the instructor.

The clinical practice evaluation will be completed by your instructor. You will be given a written midterm and final evaluation. Each evaluation will be discussed with you during a meeting with your instructor. See Expectations of Students

Students must consistently meet minimal safe practice. Examples of minimal safe practice are as follows:

The student:

- Is punctual for all scheduled clinical activities (pre/post conference, report)
- Can discuss assigned client's pathophysiology and related symptoms in his/her own words

- Correctly selects a high-priority nursing diagnosis and discusses at least two interventions that are supported by evidence-based practice
- Demonstrates correct medication and intravenous administration including calculations and safe dosages; can communicate actions, side effects, and nursing implications
- Demonstrates beginning psychomotor skills appropriate to practice setting
- Maintains asepsis and standard precautions
- Reports to appropriate parties (RN, instructor, preceptor) regarding all client care and changes in client condition
- Documents in a timely manner and according to current nursing practice within the practice setting
- See marking guide for Nursing Practice Student Evaluation

CODE OF ETHICS

CLPNA Competencies

The following CLPNA competencies are learned during the Nursing Practice I course:

- A: Nursing Knowledge
- B: Nursing Process
- C: Safety
- D: Communication and Interpersonal Skills
- E: Nursing Practice
- F: Respiratory care
- G: Surgical Nursing
- H: Orthopedic Nursing
- I: Neurological/Neurovascular Nursing
- J: Cardiovascular Nursing
- L: Pediatrics
- N: Emergency Nursing
- O: Gerontology Nursing
- P: Palliative Care
- Q: Rehabilitation
- S: Clinic Based Nursing
- T: Occupational Health and Safety

- U: Medication Administration
- V: Infusion therapy
- W: Professionalism
- X: Licensed Practical Nurse role

Refer to www.clpna.com for references

Grading System

OVERVIEW OF 4.0 POINT ALPHA AND NUMERIC GRADING SYSTEM

Descriptor	Alpha Scale	4.0 Numeric Scale	Percentage
Excellent	A+	4.0	96-100
	A	4.0	90-95
	A-	3.7	85-89
Good	B+	3.3	80-84
	B	3.0	76-79
	B-	2.7	72-75
Satisfactory	C+	2.3	68-71
	C	2.0	64-67
	C-	1.7	60-63
Poor Minimum Pass	D+	1.3	55-59
	D	1.0	50-54
Failure	F	0	0-49

Proposed Schedule

See timetable for class schedule.

Performance Requirements and Student Services

Student Responsibilities

It is your responsibility as a student to contact the Office of the Registrar to complete the forms for Withdrawal or Change of Registration, and any other forms. Please refer to the list of important dates as noted in the Academic Schedule in the Keyano College credit calendar. The Keyano College credit calendar also has information about Student Rights and Code of

Conduct. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies.

Student Attendance

Class attendance is useful for two reasons. First, class attendance maximizes a student's learning experience. Second, attending class is a good way to keep informed of matters relating to the administration of the course (e.g., the timing of assignments and exams). Ultimately, you are responsible for your own learning and performance in this course.

It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for all classes. Students who miss classes are responsible for the material covered in those classes and for ensuring that they are prepared for the next class, including the completion of any assignments and notes that may be due.

Academic Misconduct

Students are considered to be responsible adults and should adhere to principles of intellectual integrity. Intellectual dishonesty may take many forms, such as:

- Plagiarism or the submission of another person's work as one's own;
- The use of unauthorized aids in assignments or examinations (cheating);
- Collusion or the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing work;
- The deliberate misrepresentation of qualifications;
- The willful distortion of results or data;
- Substitution in an examination by another person;
- Handing in the same unchanged work as submitted for another assignment; and
- Breach of confidentiality.

The consequences for academic misconduct range from a verbal reprimand to expulsion from the College. More specific descriptions and details are found in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct section of the Keyano College credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies.

In order to ensure your understanding of the concept of plagiarism, you must successfully complete the online tutorial found on ilearn.keyano.ca. Then print the certificate, sign it, and show it to each of your instructors. Your course work may not be graded until you show this signed certificate.

Specialized Supports

The Student Services department is committed to Keyano students and their academic success. There are a variety of student supports available at Keyano College. Due to the continuing situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, the offered support services will be implemented differently this semester by being provided mostly virtually. In-person service can be requested as needed. All Alberta Health Services guidelines will be followed for in-

person appointments—wear a mask, maintain two meters of physical distance, use hand sanitizer, and stay home if you are unwell.

All student services are available during Keyano business hours: Monday to Friday, 8h30-16h30.

Accessibility Services: provides accommodations for students with disabilities. Students with documented disabilities, or who suspect a disability, can meet with a Learning Strategist to discuss their current learning barriers and possible accommodations. Students who have accessed accommodations in the past are encouraged to contact us to request them for the semester. Please note that requesting accommodations is a process and requires time to arrange. Contact us as soon as you know you may require accommodations. For accessibility services supports and to book a virtual appointment, please contact accessibility.services@keyano.ca.

Accessibility Services also provides individual and group learning strategy instruction for all students, as well as technology training and supports to enhance learning. Meet with a Learning Strategist to learn studying and test-taking strategies for online classes. Schedule an appointment with the Assistive Technology Specialist to explore technology tools for learning. Book an appointment today by emailing accessibility.services@keyano.ca

Wellness Services: offers a caring, inclusive, and respectful environment where students can access free group and individual support to meet academic and life challenges. Mental Health Coordinators offer a safe and confidential environment to seek help with personal concerns. All individual appointments will continue virtually.

Wellness Services welcomes students to participate in any of the virtual group sessions offered throughout the academic year addressing topics including mindfulness and test anxiety.

Individual virtual appointments can be made by emailing wellness.services@keyano.ca.

Library Services: provides students with research and information supports as they engage in their studies. Library staff are available to support you both virtually and in person throughout the semester. For a detailed list of library supports and services, go to www.keyano.ca/library. For any inquiries, please email askthelibrary@keyano.ca.

Begin your research with the [Library's FIND page](#). Search for sources using OneSearch, the Library's Catalogue, or by searching in a specific database selected from the [A-Z Database List](#).

Individual support with the Information Librarian is available virtually. Appointments can be requested by using the [Book A Librarian online form](#).

Research and Subject Guides are helpful resources when beginning your research or addressing other information needs. To view a subject or course specific guide, go to the Subject Guide webpage [here](#).

To access additional research resources, including Citation Guides (APA, MLA, Chicago, or IEEE), go to the [Research Help Library page](#).

The Loanable Technology collection is available to support students in their online learning pursuits. Items available for borrowing include mobile projectors, webcams, noise cancelling headphones, Chromebooks, and laptops. For an up-to-date list of technology available for borrowing, go to the Library's [Loanable Technology webpage](#).

Skill Centre: Provides academic support services to students registered in credit programs at Keyano College in the form of tutoring, assignment/lab support, writing support groups, facilitated study groups, workshops, and study space. This service is free and is available for all Math, Sciences, Humanities and Trades courses offered at Keyano.

While most courses are being offered online, the Skill Centre will be offering mostly virtual services and in-person sessions as requested. Please email Skill@keyano.ca to get in contact with our Academic Content Specialists. The Skill Centre is located in CC-119 at the Clearwater Campus.

For the most up to date information on how to book a session, please view the [Keyano Skill Centre homepage](#).

Academic Success Coaching: offers you support and access to resources for your academic success to help you to find the Keys to your Success. The Academic Success Coach will work with you to develop an academic success plan, develop your study and time management skills, and connect you with the right resources here at Keyano. Academic.success@keyano.ca is the best way to access resources during virtual service delivery. The Academic Success Coach is located in the Skill Centre in CC-119 at the Clearwater Campus.

E-Learning

Technology and internet will impact your online learning experience. It's important that you are able to watch an online video and other course materials, take online quizzes, and participant in a live class with your instructor and other students.

Keyano College operates in a Windows based environment and having the correct tools for online learning is important. Here's a list of recommended system requirements.

Internet Speed

Minimum Internet speeds of 5 Mbps.

Recommended Internet speeds of 25 Mbps (especially if you are sharing your internet at home). Check your internet speed with Fast.com.

System requirements:

Microsoft Windows	Apple
<p>Minimum Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A Windows 10 computer/laptop · Minimum 4GB of RAM. · 10GB+ available hard drive storage. · Enough available hard drive space to install the Microsoft Office suite (approximately 3GB). <u>Microsoft Office</u> software is free to all Keyano students and employees. · Microphone, webcam and speakers. A headset with a microphone is recommended. · System updates must be regularly installed. · Anti-Virus / Anti-Malware software 	<p>Minimum Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A Macintosh (V10.14 and above) computer/laptop · Minimum 4GB of RAM. · 10GB+ available hard drive storage. · Enough available hard drive space to install the Microsoft Office suite (approximately 3GB). <u>Microsoft Office</u> software is free to all Keyano students and employees. · Microphone, webcam and speakers. A headset with a microphone is recommended. · System updates must be regularly installed. · Anti-Virus / Anti-Malware software.

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<p>Chromebooks are not recommended as they are not compatible with testing lockdown browsers.</p> <p>A Microsoft Surface or iPad or iPad Pro may be possible alternatives in some program areas.</p>	

Specific Department Requirements:

Business and OA programs require Windows 10.
 Other programs may utilize Windows based tools as well.

Computer Software

Students will be able to get access to Microsoft Office 365 for free using Keyano credentials by [clicking here](#).

Recording of Lectures and Intellectual Property

Students may only record a lecture if explicit permission is provided by the instructor or by Accessibility Services. Even if students have permission to record a lecture or lecture materials, students may not share, distribute, or publish any of the lectures or lecture materials, this includes any recordings, slides, instructor notes, etc. on any platform. Thus no student is allowed to share, distribute, publish or sell course related content (instructor, or students) without permission. It is important to recognize that the Canadian Copyright Act contains provisions for intellectual property. The [Academic Integrity Policy](#) provides additional information on Keyano College’s expectations from students as members of the intellectual community.

ITS Helpdesk

If you are having issues with your student account, you can contact the ITS Helpdesk by emailing its.helpdesk@keyano.ca or calling 780-791-4965.