

DE ANZA COLLEGE
NURSING 84L
GERONTOLOGICAL AND ADVANCED MEDICAL/SURGICAL NURSING II
Winter 2012

UNITS: 5

PREREQUISITES: Nursing 83, 83A, 83L, 83AL, 83P, and 83PL

CONCURRENT: Nursing 84 and 84C

CLASS: Mondays & Tuesdays, 6:30am – 2:30pm

El Camino Hospital and O'Connor Hospitals

All students attend a 6 week rotation at each agency, as assigned

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: The student will have the opportunity to apply theory concepts from N84 and N84C in a variety of health settings. These settings include acute care and long-term care hospital settings, laboratory, and/or community settings.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Per course syllabus.

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES (SLO's):

- I. Apply age-related changes and developmental tasks to formulate a plan of care for an older adult
- II. Analyzes comprehensive assessment data to identify real problems and predict and minimize potential problems.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Lewis, S., Heitkemper, M. & Dirksen (2010). Medical-Surgical Nursing: Assessment and Management of Clinical Problems (7th ed.). St. Louis: Mosby-Year-Book, Inc.

Purnell, L. & Paulanka, B. (2006). Guide to Culturally Competent Care. Philadelphia: FA Davis.

De Anza College Department of Nursing, Nursing Student Handbook (current year). Also check the website for updates throughout year.

Morris, D. Calculate with Confidence, 4th (or current) edition, St. Louis: Mosby Year-Book.

Kee, Joyce LeFever (current ed.). *Handbook of Laboratory and Diagnostic tests*.

Any current Drug Reference (book, pocket cards, pda, etc.)

Any current NANDA text.

Highly recommended text: *Pathophysiology made Incredibly Easy*. Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins (current edition). Other pathophysiology texts per student preference also acceptable.

IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS: Students must complete a background check and drug screen for the nursing program (see Nursing Student Handbook).

REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS: Critical Thinking Worksheet, Nursing Care Plan, Concept Maps, Critical Thinking Day paperwork, Nurses notes, and other written/experiential clinical assignments. A student may re-do one CTW, Concept Map or Care Plan one time; PI and/or additional assignments will be given for ongoing unacceptable paperwork. Failure to demonstrate critical thinking on paperwork or in clinical practice on the unit may cause recommendation for withdrawal with penalty and/or disqualification.

MATERIALS: De Anza uniform, name badge, watch with a second hand, scissors, hemostat, stethoscope, blood borne pathogen packet, current CPR card, current PPD/chest Xray and immunizations, transportation to and from clinical sites, scissors or other implement for cutting paper, quart-size zip lock style bags.

DRESS CODE: Students are expected to strictly abide by the dress code as set forth in the student handbook. A student who does not follow the dress code may be asked to leave the clinical site and/or receive a PI or recommendation for Withdrawal with Penalty. Students must wear uniform to all observations at ECH, even if you will be required to change into scrubs for the observations.

ORIENTATION: **Orientation to each clinical site is mandatory: all students are to attend both orientations in full. Students who do not attend all orientation days in their entirety will not be able to attend clinical.** Students will be provided information about orientation days, which may be more than one at each agency, and list of items that must be brought to these days.

Additionally, there are multiple mandatory forms and other trainings required by clinical sites. All students are mandated to comply; noncompliance will exclude a student from attending clinical at the agency and will therefore exclude the student from completing this course.

GRADING: Grading is based on a Pass/No Pass (P/NP) basis. Students will be evaluated on SLO's utilizing rubrics, and the elements on the clinical evaluation form, including clinical performance and assigned paperwork. If a student is on a Plan for Improvement (PI), all elements of the PI must be completed no later than the due date for a passing grade. Note: The student must pass N 84L and N 84 in order to progress to Quarter 5. If either of these courses is failed, both must be retaken (see Readmission policy in Nursing Student Handbook).

COURSE EVALUATION: Complete an online “Course Evaluation” and include written comments at the completion of each rotation. Each instructor reads and considers each evaluation and all comments when making modifications to his/her course. Also, the Nursing department Curriculum Committee reviews a summary of all course evaluations each year. All evaluations are to be completed anonymously. Refer to the Nursing Department Website for instructions to complete the evaluations. Please be sure to select the correct course name and instructor.

Remember to either email a “screen shot” to the lead instructor or print out a receipt for each survey evaluation. *Copies are not acceptable.* Print your name on the receipt indicating that the evaluations were done and submit them with the Student Evaluation of Classes on the scheduled day.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Attendance and timeliness are mandatory and essential for completion of all SLO’s, course objectives, and critical elements on the evaluation form. See Nursing Student Handbook regarding maximum absences allowable. ANY absence will place the student at risk for unsatisfactory clinical performance and, therefore, failure of the course. Absences may result in make- up work, which will be assigned by the clinical instructor. A PI may be written for repeat absences and/or tardiness.

****If you are absent:** It is **YOUR** responsibility to **do ALL of the following:**

1. Call your assigned unit at least 30 minutes prior to the start of your clinical to report your absence. Agency phone numbers can be found in your clinical syllabus, your rotation schedule, the local phone book, on the web, or by calling 411, etc.

- You must **also** call your clinical instructor during the clinical day you miss
- Don’t leave your phone number on the unit or Vocera and expect the instructor to call you
- Instructor may give you additional information, make-up assignment, or other required procedures

2. Make-up work must be completed within 2 weeks of absence or as assigned. Make-up work must be received no later than Monday of Week 12 to complete the hours for this course, achieve a passing grade, and sit for the N84 final exam.

SKILLS TESTING: All students must complete Skills Testing to earn a passing grade. Skills testing will occur on one clinical day during the quarter. Attendance on this day is mandatory. Due to skills lab and faculty logistics, there can be no makeup for this day. Detailed information on Skills Testing can be found in the skills packet on the Nursing Department website.

RESPONSIBILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY: Students are not to perform any new skill or procedure unaccompanied by an instructor or staff RN. Students are expected to seek help from the instructor prior to performing a skill for the first time (or for any situation in which the student feels unsure). Failure to demonstrate critical thinking in clinical practice on the unit and/or on paperwork may be cause for a PI or recommendation for

withdrawal with penalty and/or disqualification. Students are expected to maintain patient confidentiality at all times (i.e., **100% of the time**). Any breach of HIPAA will result in a minimum of an immediate PI. Students are expected to demonstrate responsible, professional behavior and acknowledge when they are not physically and/or mentally fit to attend clinical. If a student arrives or continues at clinical ill or incapacitated in any way and the instructor determines it is appropriate to send the student home, the student may receive a PI and/or an unsatisfactory mark in the appropriate sections of the clinical evaluation tool and/or recommendation for a Withdrawal with Penalty. Additionally, every student in the nursing program is responsible for the information provided in the De Anza College Department of Nursing Student Handbook as well as ongoing policy changes. An updated version of the Nursing Student Handbook is available every September on the nursing department website and interim policy updates are posted in the “update” section on the website. You need to check the website periodically for updated policies. Your success in the program requires that you be informed of current policies.

HEALTH STATUS, CPR CERTIFICATION, AND BACKGROUND

CHECKS/DRUG TESTING: Per the Nursing Student Handbook, students **MUST** have documentation of CURRENT and valid immunizations and CPR certification on file in the Allied Health Resource Center prior to going to clinical. PPD’s and/or CPR cannot expire in the middle of the quarter. Additionally, background checks and drug testing must be performed each year in the Nursing Program. A student who fails to have all required documentation in place will receive a PI and be prohibited from entering the clinical setting until such documentation is, in fact, in place. See the current Nursing Student Handbook.

CONDUCT: Professional behavior, conduct, communication (verbal and nonverbal), and language is expected at all times. A student who does not demonstrate these or who is disruptive or suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol may be asked to leave the clinical site/skills lab and/or receive a PI, reflection, recommendation for Withdrawal with Penalty or Disqualification. De Anza College will enforce all policies and procedures set forth in the Nursing Student Handbook and/or *Standards of Student Conduct* (see college catalog).

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR: De Anza College will enforce all policies and procedures set forth in the Standards of Student Conduct (see college catalog). Any student disrupting a class may be asked to leave that class. Administrative follow-up may result.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY: All examinations, quizzes, assignments, and homework are considered to be individual (not group) work unless explicitly stated by the instructor. Cheating, including the appearance of cheating, is not tolerated in the nursing program. In the case of cheating all involved students will receive a grade of "F" and will be dropped from the nursing program (see policies: “Disqualification” and “Responsibility to Self” in the Nursing Student Handbook; see also Accountability in the BHES Division Student Handbook).

TUTORING: If a student desires tutoring for skills, critical thinking, or paperwork in this course, please notify your instructor and a tutor will be found for you. If the instructor feels that student's language skills are interfering with the student's success in the class, the instructor might suggest the student to utilize the services of Academic Skills and Tutorial Center, Listening and Speaking Lab or other Student resources on campus.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES:

1. Nursing Department website: <http://www.deanza.edu/nursing/> (The Nursing Student Handbook, Skills Packet, and Blood Borne Pathogen packet can be accessed from this page) NOTE: new Student Handbook policies are added to the website periodically; students are responsible for checking the site for updated policies on a periodic basis.
2. Library Web Address: www.deanza.edu/library
3. The BHES Division Student Handbook: <http://bhs.deanza.edu/StudentHandbook.pdf>. All the information in the Student Handbook does apply in this course and students will be held accountable for this information. This handbook contains many helpful resources for students, ideas to increase student success, and expectations of classroom behavior.