

DE ANZA COLLEGE
NURSING 50—"CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN NURSING"

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TIME: Tuesdays/ Thursdays, (See schedule of classes for room and times)

UNITS: 2

PREREQUISITES: None

Course description: This course is a survey of careers in the health field with emphasis on current nursing education and nursing practice. NURSING 50 is designed to help the student identify strengths and weaknesses affecting that individual's admission into the nursing program. Information about applying for De Anza's Associate Degree in Nursing Program are the process of student selection is discussed during this course.

Course objectives: The student will:

- compare and contrast the various careers in the health field with those in nursing.
- examine the impact of nursing history.
- evaluate the terms "science," "art," "academic degree," "credential/credentialing," "certificate/certification," "license/licensing," and "profession" as each applies to nursing.
- differentiate among various nursing programs as to length of "primary preparation site" and level of preparation.
- compare the major nursing organizations as to membership and goals.
- analyze the impact of social change and social policy on health care.
- determine, based upon employer's expectations, your own opportunities and potential for success in the field of nursing today.
- identify the appropriate quarter for application to the nursing program.

Required text:

1. Catalano, Joseph. Nursing Now! Today's Issues, Tomorrow's Trends (6th edition). F.A. Davis: Philadelphia, 2012

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Differentiate among the various nursing educational programs as to length of preparation and scope of practice.
- Determine the personal potential for success in the field of nursing based on emotional, physical and intellectual abilities.

Method of evaluation:

- Midterm and final exams*
- Group participation (attendance record and group work)

This course is graded on a “Pass/No Pass” basis. To successfully pass the course, the student must:

- Earn a combined average of 70% or more on the 2 exams
- Meet attendance requirements**

***Note: Examinations will be given only as scheduled.** Students are expected to be in class and ready to start the test at the scheduled time. If you are unable to take a test at the appointed time, you must notify the instructor as soon as possible **before** the exam.

Materials needed:

- Note-taking materials
- SCANTRON answer sheets and #2 pencils for exams (May be purchased at De Anza Bookstore)

Miscellaneous Notes:

****Attendance: Attendance is required.** If you arrive to class **more than 5 minutes after class has started**, the classroom door may be locked to prevent disruption of the class. You will be counted as absent from the class.

Any student who misses three or more class sessions, or is absent three times when attendance is taken will receive a “No Pass” grade in the course.

If you choose to “drop” the course, you must complete the official withdrawal process. If you do not follow the official drop process, you will receive a “No Pass” on your transcript.

Audible cell phones and pagers are not allowed in class. Please turn them to silent mode as a courtesy to everyone.

Communication with instructor is best done through e-mail. Please type ‘Nursing 50’ under ‘subject’.