

**Temple College  
Vocational Nursing Program  
VNSG 1234: Pediatric Nursing  
Course Outline  
Spring 2025**

**Instructor:**

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**Office Hours:**

Office hours are posted outside office #1034. Please refer to the Communication Policy in this outline.

**Textbooks:**

Ackley, B. J., Ladwig, G. B., & Makic, M. B. (2020). Nursing diagnosis handbook: An evidence-based guide to planning care (12<sup>th</sup> ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier.

Ford, S. & Roach, S. (2022). Introductory clinical pharmacology. (12<sup>th</sup> ed.). Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

Leifer, Gloria, (2023). Introduction to maternity and pediatric nursing. (9<sup>th</sup> ed.). St. Louis, MO: Saunders/Elsevier.

Silvestri, L. A. (2022). Comprehensive Review for NCLEX-PN. (8<sup>th</sup> ed.). Philadelphia: Saunders.

**Electronic Resources:**

D2L  
Computer lab

**Supplies:**

A lap top computer with working internet  
Printer (highly recommended)

**Course Description:** Study of the care of the pediatric patient and family during health and disease. Emphasis on growth and developmental needs utilizing the nursing process.

**Pre-requisite:** VNSG 1204

**Co-requisite:** VNSG 2461

**End-of-Course Outcomes:** Identify safety principles related to childcare; discuss primary nursing care of the pediatric patient and family during health and disease; and apply concepts of growth and development to the care of pediatric patients utilizing the nursing process.

**Methods:**

This course is designed to utilize both teacher-directed and student-directed learning methods. During classroom hours, lectures, individual and group discussions, audiovisual aids, computer assisted instruction, written assignments, guest speakers, instructor/student laboratory demonstration and participation as well as other appropriate methods will be utilized to reinforce and enhance the student's learning. The student is expected to have completed all required reading, audiovisual aids, and written assignments prior to the class period.

**Grading:**

A minimum grade of 75% is required to pass the course. The grading system used by the Temple College VN program is listed below. There will be no rounding of grades. Refer also to the Promotion Policy in the VN Student Handbook.

A = 90% - 100%  
B = 80% - 89.99%  
C = 75% - 79.99%  
F = 74.99% and below

**Evaluation:**

The final grade for this course will be determined as follows:

Quizzes and assignments	10%
Module exams	65%
Final exam	<u>25%</u>
	100%

**Quizzes** may be either announced or unannounced. Missed quizzes cannot be made up. Other assignments must be turned in at the designated time. Five points will be deducted for each day (including weekends) that an assignment is late. A zero will be given for each missed quiz or assignment. The lowest of these grades will be dropped at the end of the course.

**Module Exams** will be announced. The exams may include information from current and previously covered modules. Students are expected to take all scheduled exams at the designated time. Times will be announced. Exams may not be taken early. Exams will be given at Temple College using the designated software unless otherwise noted. Please see the tentative course schedule for this course.

**Missed Exams:** Students are expected to be present during all scheduled exams. Exams may not be taken early. If a situation arises that a student is unable to be present to take a scheduled exam, the student must contact the appropriate instructor before the exam is given. Failure to contact the instructor may jeopardize the opportunity to take a make-up exam and result in disciplinary action and a "0" grade on the exam.

**Missing Exams due to COVID:** Students who miss a module exam due to COVID need to contact the appropriate instructor within one week of being cleared to return to campus to arrange a time to make up the missed exam.

**Make-Up Exam:** Exams may not be taken early. If a student arrives after testing has started, the student will be required to schedule a make-up exam. Failure to complete the make-up exam will result in a grade of a zero (0) for that exam. Make-up exams may include an alternate format of questions and are scheduled within a set timeframe at the Temple College Testing Center. The student must contact the instructor of the exam the first day the student returns to campus to discuss make-up exam arrangements. Once the agreed upon date and time is determined between the student and instructor, the student must contact the Testing Center to ensure the Center is able to accommodate the proposed date and time. Following, the student must contact the instructor disclosing that the Center has scheduled the exam on the agreed date and time to finalize the exam process.

The **Final Exam** will be comprehensive. The final exam is scheduled for **Monday, May 5th, 2025**. The student must take the final exam at this time. The only way a student will be excused is by special permission from the director.

#### **Policies:**

Students are expected to comply with the policies and regulations of Temple College, the Temple College Student Handbook, and the VN Student Handbook.

**Attendance:** Being successful in a nursing program is dependent on the student being actively involved in all learning activities. Please see the Temple College Nursing Department attendance policy.

**Disruptive behavior:** Disruptive behavior of any kind will not be tolerated in the classroom or the clinical setting. For a complete description, see the Disruptive Behavior Policy in the Temple College Student Handbook.

**Desire 2 Learn (D2L) Site:** VNSG 1234: Pediatric Nursing is a web-based course. To access this site, go to the Temple College homepage ([www.templejc.edu](http://www.templejc.edu)).

**Calculators:** Students will be allowed to use a basic function calculator when needed on module exams. The instructor retains the right to approve all calculators.

**Scholastic Integrity Policy:** Academic honesty is expected from all students, and dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. Please consult the Temple College Student Handbook. Violations of the Scholastic Integrity Policy will be handled through the disciplinary procedures in the Temple College Student Handbook.

**Academic Integrity Policy:** Students are expected to comply with the Academic Integrity Policy in the Temple College Student Handbook. Violations of the Academic Integrity Policy will be handled through the disciplinary procedures in the Temple College Student Handbook. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated in this course.

**Disabilities Services:** Temple College will take the steps required to provide reasonable accommodations to assure that no individual with a documented disability is excluded, denied service, segregated, or otherwise treated differently because of the absence of auxiliary aids and services. Persons requesting accommodation for disability must provide recent documentation of the disability and complete a request for services with the Disabilities Services Coordinator located in One College Center. Telephone: (254)-298-8335. Students receiving accommodations must renew them each semester. Students are responsible for contacting faculty to discuss implementation of the accommodations.

**Communication:** It is VERY IMPORTANT that students check their Temple College email account frequently for official notices and course news from the instructor. In addition, college communication to the student (for example from admissions, financial aid, VN department) will be sent to the student's Temple College email account. Students may communicate with the instructor using Temple College email or Microsoft Teams. Emails sent to the instructor after 1700 will be answered the next business day. Instructors' communication to students can include Temple College email or Microsoft Teams. You are assigned to different teams within Microsoft Teams, therefore, turn on alerts for each team. Students should check both email and Teams daily.

**Recording/Social Media:** Students must obtain instructor permission prior to recording lectures. Audio taping is the only type of recording allowed. Students wishing to record lectures must sign a recorded lecture agreement. No pictures and No video recording are allowed. No class content may be placed on social media. The "Use of Electronic Technology Policy" in the VN Handbook will be enforced. Any confidential information discussed in class is NOT to be shared by students with individuals outside the class or on social media.

**Course Withdrawal:** Students need to maintain a balance between school, work, and family to achieve success. Students are encouraged to seek assistance when needed. If a student finds it necessary to withdraw from a course, it is the responsibility of the student to initiate and complete the withdrawal process. Failure to properly withdraw may result in a grade of "F" for the course. Withdrawal deadlines and procedures may be found in College's publications.

**Noncompliance with Program/Agency Policies:** Noncompliance with policies and procedures of the VN Department and/or clinical affiliates may be grounds for dismissal from the program or may result in disciplinary action. (Refer to the Disciplinary Action Policy in the VN Student Handbook.) Students should be familiar with the policies in the Student Handbook as these policies will be followed in this course.

**Safety:** Temple College has policies to make the campus safer. Students are strongly encouraged to sign up for Leopard Alert; TC's safety notification system. The classroom door will be locked at the beginning of class in accordance with TC's safety measures.

**Marketable Skills:** Select Marketable Skills are included in this course. Opportunities to use and apply these skills are provided. The list of Marketable Skills may be found in the VN Student Handbook.

**Streaming:**

Students who are absent for an on-campus class may or may not be given the option to stream the class. To be considered for the streaming process:

- o The student must notify each VN Nursing Instructor(s) in their various courses of their intended absence to be eligible for class streaming.
- o Request streaming at least one hour before the scheduled class time.
- o Refrain from recording lectures without the instructor's written consent (Please refer to the VN Student Handbook, Use of Electronic Technology and Office of Student Accommodations Recorded Lecture Agreement form).
- o If streaming is permitted, the student will still be counted as being absent.

**Circle of Support:** Circle of Support is a program available to Temple College students who need assistance with non-academic issues including food, housing, financial needs, etc. The Circle of Support Student Resource Center and the Leopard Food Pantry is located at the Arnold Student Union (ASU). Please call 254-298-8767, or request an appointment by going to the online submission form at <https://www.templejc.edu/resources/circle-of-support/>.

**Mental Health Resources:** Temple College has a licensed counselor available to students in need of counseling or referral services. All counseling services are confidential. For information on mental health resources please go to <https://www.templejc.edu/resources/mental-health-counseling/> or call 254-298-8318 to schedule an appointment.

**Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 1-800-273-8255 or text HELP to 741741 Local Mental Health Crisis Lines: 1-800-888-4036 (Temple); 1-800-841- 1255 (Round Rock)

**Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-800-799-7233

**COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line,** 1-833-986-1919

**Disaster Distress Helpline,** 1-800-985-5990, or text HELP to 66746

**This Course Meets Select Differentiated Essential Competencies**

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