



VNSG 2510: Nursing in Health & Illness III
Course Outline
Spring 2025

Instructors:

Paula Reeves, MSN, RN 254-298-8661 (Course Organizer)
paula.reeves@templejc.edu

Audra Xenakis, DNP, RN 254-298-8658
audra.xenakis@templejc.edu

Office hours are posted outside the office (in the **Dell Martin Nursing Education Center/ NEC Building**). Please refer to the Communication Policy in this outline

Textbooks:

Williams, L., & Hopper, P. (2019). *Understanding medical surgical nursing*. (7th ed.). Philadelphia: F.A. Davis Company.

Williams, P. (2022). *Fundamental concepts and skills for nursing*. (6th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier.

Bibliography:

Ackley, B., & Ladwig, G. (2020). *Nursing diagnosis handbook: An evidence-based guide to planning care* (12th ed.) St Louis: Elsevier, Inc.

Silvestri, L. A., & Silvestri, A. E. (2022). *Saunders comprehensive review for NCLEX-PN examination* (8th ed.). Philadelphia: Saunders.

Vallerand, A. H., & Sanoski, C.A. (2020). *Davis's drug guide for nurses* (17th ed.) Philadelphia: F.A. Davis Company.

Electronic

Resources:

D2L, Computer Lab, Microsoft Teams, ATI: EHR Tutor

Course

Description: Continuation of Nursing in Health and Illness II. Further study of medical-surgical health problems of the patient including concepts such as mental illness. Incorporates knowledge necessary to make the transition from the student to



VNSG 2510: Nursing in Health & Illness III
Course Outline
Spring 2025

the graduate vocational nurse.

Course

Objectives: Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Compare and contrast normal physiology of body systems to pathological variations in the patient with medical-surgical health problems.
2. Evaluate and treat patients with medical-surgical health problems using the nursing process including nutrition, pharmacological therapy, and principles of safety.
3. Discuss concepts such as mental illness.
4. Utilize learned skills and knowledge for transition from student to graduate vocational nurse

Corequisites:

VNSG 1409 Nursing in Health and Illness III

VNSG 2461 Clinical-LVN Training II

Method:

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 and written assignments prior to the class period.**

Quizzes may be either announced or unannounced. **Missed quizzes CANNOT be made up.** Other assignments must be turned in at the designated time. **Five (5) points will be deducted for each day that an assignment is late (including weekends).** A zero ("0") will be given for each missed quiz or assignment. **The lowest of these grades will be dropped at the end of the course.**

Module/Final Exams will be announced. The exams will include information from current and previously covered modules. **Exams may not be taken early.** Students are expected to be present for all scheduled exams and WILL NOT be allowed to come into the testing area once the exam has started. Please review the tentative course schedule for this course.

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 will result in disciplinary action.



VNSG 2510: Nursing in Health & Illness III
Course Outline
Spring 2025

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-19: Students who miss a module exam due to COVID-19 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 Exams: Exams may not be taken early. Failure to complete make-up exams will result in a grade of a zero (0) for that exam. Make-up exams may include an alternate format and 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 tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, May 6th from 8am-10am in the NEC lab**. This time and date are subject to change. The student must be present for the final exam. The only way a student will be excused is by special permission from the Division Director Health Professions, department Chair Nursing.

Grading:

An overall average of 75% or better and successful completion of all skills checkoffs 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.** Please 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

Students can access grades in the VNSG 2510: Nursing in Health and Illness III shell in D2L under the “GRADES” tab.



VNSG 2510: Nursing in Health & Illness III
Course Outline
Spring 2025

Evaluation:

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

Quizzes and written/oral assignments	10%
Module exams	55%
HESI end of program exam	10 %
Final exam	25%

POLICIES:

Students are expected to comply by ALL of Temple College's policies and rules, as outlined in the VN Student Handbook and the Temple College Student Handbook, respectively.

Scholastic Integrity Policy: Academic honesty is expected from all students, and academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated in this course. Students are expected to comply with the Academic Integrity Policy in the Temple College Handbook. Violations of the Scholastic Integrity Policy will be handled through the disciplinary procedures in the Temple College Student Handbook.

Attendance: The student must be actively involved in order to succeed in a nursing program. The student's active participation in all educational activities and completion of all assignments serve as indicators of attendance. Please review the Temple College Nursing Department attendance policy.

Disruptive behavior: Disruptive behavior of any kind will not be tolerated in the classroom, lab, 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 2510 - Nursing in Health & Illness III is a web-based course. To access this site, go to the Temple College homepage (www.templejc.edu).

Calculators: Students will be allowed to use a basic four-function calculator when needed on the module exams. The instructor retains the right to approve all calculators. Students may not share calculators during the exam

Supplies: A laptop computer with working internet, and a printer is highly recommended.

Recordings of Lectures/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



VNSG 2510: Nursing in Health & Illness III
Course Outline
Spring 2025

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. Students must report to Admissions and Records to officially withdraw from any course. 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 the policies and procedures of the VN Program or any clinical affiliate may be grounds for dismissal from the program. Students should be familiar with the policies in the Student Handbook and all agency policies applicable to students. Failure to comply with agency policies may result in disciplinary action

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 (example college admissions, financial aid...) will be sent to the student’s Temple College email account. Students may communicate to the instructor using Temple College email or Microsoft Teams. Communications sent to the instructor after 1800 will be answered the next business day. Instructors will communicate to students via Temple College email, D2L, or Microsoft Teams. **Students are assigned to different teams within Microsoft Teams. Turn on alerts for each team. Students should check the forms of communication daily.**

Safety: Temple College has established 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.

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



VNSG 2510: Nursing in Health & Illness III
Course Outline
Spring 2025

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.

Student Accommodations: Students requesting accommodations must provide documentation to the nursing department each semester. For more information, see Student Accommodations in the Temple College Student Handbook.

Circle of Support: The Circle of Support is a program that is available to Temple College students who may need assistance with non-academic issues including food, housing, financial needs, etc. The Circle of Support Student Resource Center and the Leopard Food Pantry are located at the Arnold Student Union (ASU). Please contact Dayjene Lum at 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 Counseling: 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 <http://templejc.edu/resources/mental-health-counseling/> or phone 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

As outlined in the TEMPLE COLLEGE STUDENT HANDBOOK, students must report to Admissions and Records to officially withdraw from any course.

***** THIS COURSE MEETS SELECT DIFFERENTIATED ESSENTIAL COMPETENCIES. *****