SYLLABUS

Code: NURS 161*  
Title: Nursing and Human Needs I

Institute: Health Science  
Department: Nursing

Course Description: This Nursing Course focuses on the Human Needs Framework, health assessment and the elements of reasoning used in critical thinking. The student uses caring interventions, communication techniques and teaching/learning interventions to care for adult, geriatric, and oncology clients.

Prerequisites: NURS 160, BIOL 111, and PSYC 106

Credits: 7  
Lecture Hours: 4  
Lab/Studio Hours: 9

*Refer to instructor addendum for more detailed information.

Required Textbook/Materials:

Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) software

DocuCare. Lippincott. Electronic medical record practice software.


Skyscape: Nursing Constellation Plus.


Nurse Kit
All nursing students are required to purchase a nurse kit for the clinical nursing courses. The nurse kit has supplies that you need as you practice and test on NURS 161, 162, 261, and 262
skills in the College Laboratory. Sun Ray Medical is our vendor and you have to order the Nurse Kit from them. Sun Ray Medical will forward the kit to the BCC Nursing Lab. Sun Ray Medical
1151 Highway 35
Middletown, NJ 07748

The Nurse kit will not be available for purchase in the College Store. You must have the Nurse Kit prior to practicing your skills in the Nursing Laboratory.

**ADDITIONAL TIME REQUIREMENTS:**
Practice time in the lab is required on a weekly basis. Time varies according to individual needs.

**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Assess human needs using the Holistic Needs Assessment framework incorporating the client's culture, values and beliefs.
- Implement care integrating the Critical Thinking Model, self reflection, and the Nursing Process focusing on adult and senior populations.
- Apply principles of therapeutic communication when interacting with clients.
- Implement time management skills when performing nursing care for an individual.
- Demonstrate accountability for safe professional nursing practice in the care of a client, utilizing basic legal/ethical principles to guide decision making.
- Synthesize knowledge from BIOL111 and PSYC 106 and NURS 160 when implementing care for one client.
- Calculate and administer medication dosages, incorporating basic principles of safety.
- Use information literacy skills to search and access information related to a clinical problem.

**GRADING STANDARD:**
In addition to the Academic Progress Policy in the Brookdale Nursing Student Handbook the following policies apply to Nursing 161.

1. Upon completion of the units as indicated on the course calendar, students will be given a written test based on the unit competencies. Course grades will be determined as follows:
   - A = 94 - 100
   - A- = 90 - 93
   - B+ = 87 - 89
   - B = 84 - 86
   - B- = 81 - 83
   - C+ = 78 - 80
   - C = 74 - 77
   - D = 65 - 73
   - F = 64 or below

2. The course grade will be derived as follows:
   - Unit I Nursing Practice/Nutrition 19%
   - Unit II Oxygenation/Elimination/Psychosocial 19%
   - Unit III Medication Administration 19%
   - Unit IV Fluid & Electrolytes/Oncology Nursing 23%
   - HESI Comprehensive Exam 20%

   Cumulative final grade must be 74 or over.
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COURSE CONTENT:
Unit I: Infection Control, Documentation, Nutrition, Nursing Process, and Sleep/Rest
Unit II: Oxygenation, Thermoregulation, Elimination, and Psychosocial Needs
Unit III: Medication Administration, Pharmacokinetics, and Pharmacodynamics
Unit IV: Fluids and Electrolytes, Oncology, and End of Life

Please refer to complete syllabus.

DEPARTMENT POLICIES:

COLLEGE POLICIES:
For information regarding:
♦ Brookdale’s Academic Integrity Code
♦ Student Conduct Code
♦ Student Grade Appeal Process

Please refer to the [BCC STUDENT HANDBOOK AND BCC CATALOG](http://www.brookdalecc.edu/pages/1672.asp).

NOTIFICATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:
Brookdale Community College offers reasonable accommodations and/or services to persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who wish to self-identify must contact the Disabilities Services Office at 732-224-2730 (voice) or 732-842-4211 (TTY) to provide appropriate documentation of the disability, and request specific accommodations or services. If a student qualifies, reasonable accommodations and/or services, which are appropriate for the college level and are recommended in the documentation, can be approved.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT/LABS:
The Nursing Laboratory staff are available for help with math and laboratory skills. The times of availability will be posted outside the Nursing Laboratory MAS 136.
The Nursing Department Homepage: [http://sites.brookdalecc.edu/home/health-science-institute/nursing/](http://sites.brookdalecc.edu/home/health-science-institute/nursing/) gives information about our Department, Resources, Success Strategies and how to contact NURS 161 faculty and Health Sciences office staff.

The syllabus is intended to give student guidance in what may be covered during the semester and will be followed as closely as possible. However, the faculty member reserves the right to modify, supplement, and make changes as the need arises.