

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE  
SYLLABUS

NUR 121 NURSING 1

Credit Hours: 8 Lecture 5 Lab 3 Clinical 4.5

PREREQUISITES: Admission to Nursing Program

COREQUISITES: BIO 202 and NUR 117

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction to the nursing profession, nursing concepts, and skills development. Students will apply the nursing process in the care of adults in well-defined settings.

1. COURSE GOAL

Supply the student with educational resources in providing fundamental nursing care to individuals that incorporates patient-centered care (PCC), teamwork and collaboration, evidence-based practice (EBP), quality improvement (QI), safety, informatics, and professionalism.

2. OUTCOMES

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 demonstrate patient-centered care concepts and begins to apply the nursing process for clients & families, with respect to the values and cultural diversity of all persons (Patient-Centered Care).
- 2.2 demonstrate effective teamwork and collaboration skills within a healthcare team (Teamwork and Collaboration).
- 2.3 discuss and research evidence as the basis for initiating change in clinical practice (EBP).
- 2.4 identify the components of quality improvement programs and describes the impact on safety in healthcare systems (QI).
- 2.5 describe the themes necessary to the creation of a culture of safety (Safety).
- 2.6 identify client care technologies and information systems that support safe practices (Informatics and Technology).
- 2.7 identify and discuss roles, values and characteristics of professionalism in nursing using the principles described in the American Nursing Association (ANA) Standards of Practice and the ANA Code of Ethics (Professionalism).

3. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Didactic
- 3.2 Multi-media presentations
- 3.3 Guided group discussions
- 3.4 Guided group collaborations
- 3.5 Supplementary handouts
- 3.6 Library resources
- 3.7 Assigned readings
- 3.8 Demonstrations
- 3.9 Interactive computerized programs
- 3.10 Guided clinical conferences

4. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 Class discussions
- 4.2 Group collaborations
- 4.3 Critical-thinking exercises
- 4.4 Self-assessments

- 4.5 Clinical practicums
  - 4.6 Clinical journaling
  - 4.7 Skills lab practice
  - 4.8 Simulation
  - 4.9 Demonstrations
  - 4.10 Interactive computerized programs
  - 4.11 Nursing care plans
  - 4.12 Concept maps
  - 4.13 Clinical Assignments
5. EVALUATION
- 5.1 Assignments
  - 5.2 Participation
  - 5.3 Computerized course quizzes/exams
  - 5.4 Benchmark Exam
  - 5.5 Return demonstrations
  - 5.6 Skills lab checkoffs
6. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES
- 6.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
  - 6.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
  - 6.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
  - 6.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty—including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
  - 6.5 All nursing courses use e-books in the curriculum plan, which requires a laptop computer or tablet. Additional text or notebooks may be required or recommended. An electronic hand-held device is required to access resources and information necessary to provide safe and effective nursing care. Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.
  - 6.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for “No Show” reporting during the first 10 days of each semester. Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid. For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):

- Submitting an academic assignment

- Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
- Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
- Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
- Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course