

## SAINT ANTHONY COLLEGE OF NURSING-ROCKFORD, IL

### PROGRAM SPECIFIC SYLLABUS- UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

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#### ***Mission Statement***

In the Spirit of Christ and the example of Francis of Assisi, the Mission of Saint Anthony College of Nursing, a private Catholic college, is to provide quality nursing and health care education in an environment that encourages open inquiry, lifelong learning, and to serve all persons with the greatest care and love.

#### ***Vision:***

Leading in Nursing and Health Care Education, Practice, and Service

#### ***Values:***

- **JUSTICE:** Respect the personal worth and dignity of every student and person served regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender or religion.
- **COMPASSION:** Provide a response encompassing the greatest care and love to the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of students and the communities and populations we serve.
- **INTEGRITY:** Uphold Catholic ethical principles, Catholic social teachings, and professional codes of conduct and ethical standards in education and practice.
- **TEAMWORK:** Collaborate with each other, with members of the healthcare team, and with those served to deliver comprehensive, integrated and quality health care education.
- **TRUST:** Communicate openly and honestly to foster trusting relationships among ourselves, our students and with those served.
- **STEWARDSHIP:** Manage responsibly the fiscal, physical, technologic, and human resources of the College.
- **LEADERSHIP:** Provide leadership in health care education and in the communities served.
- **STUDENT AND MISSION PARTNER WELL-BEING:** Demonstrate concern for the physical, spiritual, emotional and economic well-being of students and Mission Partners.
- **SUPPORTIVE LEARNING AND WORK ENVIRONMENT:** Create and sustain high quality learning and work environments which focus on comprehensive, integrated and innovative opportunities for learning, growth, development and desired outcomes.
- **TEACHING/MENTORING:** Provide a learning-centered educational environment that focuses on excellence and fosters development in mind, body and spirit to prepare learners of the College to grow personally and professionally in their chosen roles and become health care leaders in their communities.
- **SCHOLARSHIP/RESEARCH:** Cultivate a spirit of inquiry that leads to the development and dissemination of new knowledge and a lifelong commitment to learning.

- **SERVICE/PRACTICE:** Apply knowledge, skills, and attributes of the chosen health care discipline in service to others utilizing evidence-based practices.

## **GOALS OF THE COLLEGE**

- Promote a Christian philosophy in personal, professional, and academic settings.
- Prepare graduates for professional nursing roles appropriate for the changing health care needs of the community.
- Prepare graduates for the pursuit of lifelong learning and graduate education. Saint Anthony College of Nursing Student Learning Outcomes

## **INSTITUTIONAL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

### *Christian Values*

Integrates Christian Values of compassion, respect, and social justice in the performance of one's roles.

### *Communication*

Articulates ideas, findings, positions, and perspectives, or conveys information in written, oral, non-verbal, and visual forms.

### *Critical Thinking*

Synthesizes and critiques relevant information to formulate defensible conclusions, build upon existing knowledge, or create novel ideas.

### *Evidence Based Practice*

Uses bodies of knowledge, theories, or methodologies within nursing to analyze issues, solve problems, express or appreciate aesthetic values, or achieve desired goals.

### *Clinical Competence*

Demonstrates professional comportment and competence using evidence based best practices and critical thinking, and adapts practice to meet the needs of each patient in varied settings.

### *Leadership*

Uses a systems perspective to understand organizational cultures, structures, and functions and is able to create a positive environment that supports innovation, teamwork, and successful outcomes within the nursing profession and in interdisciplinary teams.

### *Professionalism*

Exercises proper professional skills, ongoing professional learning, and comportment needed for competent and ethical participation as a member of the nursing profession.

## **BSN PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

### *Christian Values*

Applies the Christian social justice principles to all interactions.

### *Communication*

Utilizes therapeutic and professional communication skills in interactions with patients, family members, and the health care team.

### *Critical Thinking*

Utilizes skills of inquiry, analysis, and problem-solving.

### *Evidence Based Practice*

Demonstrates an understanding of the research process and models of evidenced-based

practice.

*Clinical Competence*

Provides safe, holistic, and culturally appropriate care while holding themselves accountable to best practices.

*Leadership*

Demonstrates leadership skills and collaborative strategies in healthcare teams.

*Professionalism*

Demonstrates the professional standards of moral, ethical, and legal conduct.

**CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Example</b>
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor skill abilities sufficient to function safely and effectively.	Ability to lift 50 pounds. Manual dexterity to grasp, push, pull, twist, pinch, and cut. Ability to operate and calibrate equipment. Ability to prepare and administer medications.
Communication	Ability to read, write, speak, and comprehend English. Ability to operate and utilize information technology.	Teach clients. Read, document, and interpret patient documentation interventions and client responses. Ability to communicate in a professional manner.
Interpersonal Relationships	Ability to interact with individuals, families, and groups in a variety of settings.	Assertiveness and sensitivity. Able to work effectively in large and small groups.
Vision	Sufficient ability to observe and assess.	Assess skin color, pupillary response. Read graphs, charts, and monitoring devices. Observe client responses to interventions. Prepare and administer medications.
Hearing	Sufficient ability for assessment and response.	Sufficient ability for assessment and response.
Touch	Sufficient ability to discriminate normal and abnormal findings upon palpation.	Detect temperature and perform palpation.
Mobility	Ability to maneuver in confined spaces.	Ability to move around in small spaces. Ability to perform CPR.

Critical Thinking	Ability to problem solve and demonstrate sound clinical judgment and safe clinical practice.	Identify problems and potential solutions. Predict outcomes and interpret situations.
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### **GRADING SCALE**

- A 93-100%
- B 86-92%
- C 78-85%
- D 70-77%
- F 0-69%

Final grades, percentages or points, are not rounded and Canvas is not the official gradebook. Official midterm and final grades are posted in SONIS.

### **STUDENT SUCCESS**

Faculty and students work together to help you be successful in your coursework and the program. The Academic Support Center, located in room 4144 of the Health Science Center, demonstrates the Mission of Saint Anthony College of Nursing through academic coaching and tutoring. Students are encouraged and invited to seek academic help as soon as there is a pattern of low grades for assignments or testing and/or for professor/advisor recommendation. The best success is achieved when asking for help before midterm. An experienced nursing professor is available on Thursday afternoon, 12-5pm or Friday morning, 9-12pm. These hours may vary from semester to semester. More ASC information is available on CANVAS. You can make an appointment via CANVAS email or drop-in at the ASC Center.

Academic support focuses on your learning style and your experiences with assignments or testing. Some of the improvement activities include adapted study skills, taking notes, writing papers, testing practice, accessing ATI and Evolve, time management, and clarifying course assignments. Success comes as you practice and gain confidence in your nursing studies

### **FACULTY OFFICE HOURS**

Faculty have a minimum of three scheduled office hours per week. These office hours may be physically on either campus or held virtually.

### **COLLEGE POLICIES**

Although not all college policies are included in this syllabus, students and faculty are required to follow policies as outlined in the *College Catalog*.

### **COURSE SYLLABI**

A specific syllabi is developed by the faculty for each course. These course syllabi are subject to change by faculty. Faculty are obligated to notify students of these changes.

### **REPEATING STUDENTS**

If you are repeating a course, you must submit new original work during the semester. Build upon

your experiences from the previous effort in the course.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Promptness and attendance are hallmarks of professionalism. Students who are tardy or absent from class are responsible for content presented during the missed class. Class discussions and participation points cannot be accrued when class is missed. Patterns of absenteeism and tardiness are monitored and disciplinary action may be instituted at the discretion of the faculty. Extenuating circumstances are reviewed on an individual basis. Regardless of absenteeism, the course requirements and/or clinical competencies must still be met by each student.

### **READINGS/ASSIGNMENTS/CANVAS ACTIVITIES/DUE DATES**

The course calendar is designed to help you organize your time and responsibilities. Make sure to be aware of what is due on what day. In order to facilitate learning, please read the required assignments prior to class time to enable you to fully participate in classroom discussion. Assignments are due according to the specific course syllabus. Deductions may be taken for tardy submission of assignments if prior arrangements are not made with the instructor. Instructors also have the right to refuse to accept late assignments.

### **CLASS PARTICIPATION**

Class participation is an integral part of the learning process and an expectation for your courses. It is expected that students arrive to class prepared to fully participate in class discussion and activities.

### **WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS**

A hallmark of a professional nurse is the ability to write. Before submission, it is in your best interest to proofread and check your work for proper grammar and spelling. Context, vocabulary, and content must represent college level competency aligned with your student status. Junior and senior level rubrics have been developed by the faculty and are utilized to grade many written assignments.

### **EXAMINATIONS/QUIZZES**

The College has established guidelines for testing.

- Unless otherwise stated, examinations/quizzes are to be completed independently without the assistance of others or other resources such as textbooks, notes/Power points, websites, or other study materials.
- Students are expected to take examinations, tests and/or quizzes as scheduled; failure to complete these as scheduled will result in achieving a grade of zero. In the event of a serious emergency, illness or extenuating circumstance students may request to take the exam which will be/was missed. Permission must be requested in writing/email before the exam begins. The request must be submitted to and acknowledged by the course coordinator prior to the missed examination unless the critical nature of the emergency prohibits it. Students may be asked to provide documentation supporting the request for alternative testing times.
- Missed examinations are to be taken on the first day of the student's return to class or clinical at a time designated by the instructor and outside of class or clinical experiences. If a make-up examination is allowed, an alternate form of the test may be administered.
- In-class examinations may not be repeated in an attempt to achieve an improved grade.

- You must bring your own computer to class for all examinations. You will use the calculator imbedded in the exam.
- Students are responsible for their own technology including having a fully charged battery, reliable internet access, and any software updates.

### **IN CLASS TESTING PROCEDURE**

To maintain the security of exams and prepare you for the security involved when taking the NCLEX-RN exam the following steps will be followed for any in-class testing:

- All personal items (e.g. books, backpacks, binders, cell phones) must be left in the back or sides of the room. **These items may not be removed from the room or opened by students until the exam is completed by the entire class.**
- Only the calculator embedded in Canvas/ATI may be used when necessary.
- Many courses require the use of Respondus LockDown Browser for exams. If an exam is taken at home the Lockdown Browser with Webcam must be utilized.
- Faculty will not answer questions related to terminology, restate the exam question, or further explain questions.
- Cell phones must be turned off. Wearable technology is not allowed to be on your body during testing.
- Faculty will move about the classroom during the exam.
- No hats will be allowed in the classroom.
- After completing the exam, students must move away from the classroom and remain quiet so as not to disturb those still taking the exam.
- Total testing time is at the discretion of the faculty in keeping with educational guidelines. Considering the total time allotted to complete the NCLEX-RN exam, you should pace yourself to spend one minute per question. Additional time is allotted for math questions.
- You must return any scratch paper before exiting the testing room.
- Test questions may not be copied in any manner for later use or distribution. This includes all exams such as faculty-developed or ATI.
- The course website on Canvas will contain information regarding the exam, exam grades, and exam review.

### **HONESTY AND PLAGIARISM**

The college expects that students act in accordance with the College Code of Conduct regarding Personal and Academic Integrity and in an honest manner. Therefore, students will demonstrate in all aspects of student life, comporment, and personal integrity consistent with that of a professional.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER CLASS AND/OR CLINICAL CANCELLATION**

The College reserves the right to cancel classes and/or clinical in the case of severe weather. Safety remains the individual student's responsibility should hazardous driving conditions prohibit attendance at class. Classes may be rescheduled at the discretion of the faculty and/or administration. Lectures may be moved to a virtual method of instruction. Clinical may move to virtual simulation.

### **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION**

Consistent with the mission of Saint Anthony College of Nursing and the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Illinois Human Rights Act to "reasonable accommodation" will be provided to individuals with disabilities who are otherwise qualified to enroll in and graduate from the

nursing program. Please see the Associate Dean for Student for further information on the process to request an accommodation.

### **SMOKING/VAPING POLICY**

Saint Anthony College of Nursing/Rock Valley College and OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center are non-smoking campuses. Students may not smoke/vape while in transit to, from, or during clinical experiences. Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary actions.

### **PARKING**

Students are expected to park in designated areas. At Guilford Square, student parking is designated on the northwest side of the building. There are some designated parking spaces for staff who work after hours. Please leave those spaces for staff. When you are at our clinical agencies, remember that priority parking is for patients. Please follow any guidelines given to you by faculty about specific parking instructions.

### **COMMUNICATION**

Email communication through Canvas/Outlook is the expected method for faculty to student correspondence. Faculty are expected to respond to emails/Canvas messages within 48 hours except for weekends and holidays, then within 72 hours. Students are expected to use their college email accounts for communication.

Texting to faculty personal phones is only with permission of faculty and in emergency situations.