

**SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY**

**SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO**



**COURSE OUTLINE**

**COURSE TITLE:** Nursing Practice I

**CODE NO. :** PNG1160

**SEMESTER:** 1

**PROGRAM:** Practical Nursing

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**HOURS/WEEK:** 4

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**I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will provide the learner opportunities to apply concepts and knowledge gained in the classroom environment to practice settings. The emphasis will be on health promotion of well individuals throughout the lifespan. The learner will be exposed to individuals in selected age groups, through simulation, practice in laboratory and community facilities.

**II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Practice in a professional manner in accordance with the College of Nurses of Ontario "Standards of Practice".

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- a. Demonstrate accountability for own personal and professional growth.
  - b. Differentiate between social and professional roles.
  - c. Engage in reflective practice to promote further learning
  - d. Accept feedback positively to promote further learning.
  - e. Comply with the practice setting established standards and practice expectations by:
    - Displaying self-direction
    - Seeking out guidance appropriately
    - Demonstrating interest and enthusiasm in learning
    - Preparing for clinical experience according to guidelines
    - Dressing appropriately
    - Being punctual
    - Following guidelines for reporting absenteeism
    - Providing care within the student's role and current scope of practice
  - f. Accept accountability for own decisions and actions.
  - g. Demonstrate an awareness of self-care practices that promote personal health and wellness.
  - h. Demonstrate accountability and responsibility in attending clinical placement according to college policy.
2. Display caring behaviours when interacting with well individuals.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- a. Create an atmosphere of mutual trust, acceptance and respect.
- b. Demonstrate a supportive, individual-centered approach.
- c. Use a non-judgmental attitude, empathy and genuineness when interacting with individuals.
- d. Display sensitivity to beliefs, values and practices of various lifestyles and cultures.
- e. Support the achievement of individuals' expected health outcomes.
- f. Use a humanistic attitude and holistic approach with the individual.
- g. Foster the self-care abilities of the individual.

3. Practice interpersonal skills which promote and maintain caring relationships with individuals, peers, faculty and agency personnel through collaboration and collegueship.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- a. Participate as a contributing member of the team in providing care for the individual.
  - b. Follow through with verbal and non-verbal direction safely, responsibly and consistently.
  - c. Report significant information accurately, confidently and respectfully to appropriate individuals, peers, faculty and agency personnel.
  - d. Adapt communication strategies to meet the needs of the individual.
  - e. Support individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality.
  - f. Act in a professional manner when communicating with individuals, peers, faculty and agency personnel.
4. Utilize principles of teaching-learning to promote individuals' health and wellness.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- a. Apply principles of teaching-learning to address individuals' needs.
  - b. Provide information to facilitate decision making related to the individuals' health, wellness, safety and well-being.
  - c. Implement health teaching at the individual's level of understanding.
  - d. Evaluate the effectiveness of health teaching for the individual.
5. Identify theories, principles and concepts of nursing practice.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- a. Identify basic principles of infection control with particular emphasis on hand washing technique.
  - b. Describe standard precaution guidelines when providing care to individuals within a selected age group.
  - c. Explain principles of body mechanics when caring for individuals.
6. Demonstrate psychomotor abilities to carry out basic nursing skills in accordance with the College of Nurses of Ontario "Standards of Practice".

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- a. Prepare to perform skills and techniques required by your individual prior to the clinical experience.
- b. Demonstrate ability to feed or assist in feeding individuals within a selected age group (infants, toddlers).
- c. Demonstrate skills to meet individuals' basic hygiene needs such as hand washing, bathing, diapering and toileting.

7. Apply the theories of growth and development to promote individuals' health and wellness.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- a. Assess the individual based on age and stage of life.
- b. Work with agency staff to plan age appropriate activities to promote health.
- c. Carry out age appropriate activities to promote health.
- d. Evaluate the effectiveness of interactions.

8. Apply research findings to support nursing practice.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- a. Provide a safe environment for the individual based on current and relevant research.

**III. TOPICS:**

1. Medical Asepsis/Standard Precautions
2. Fire Safety
3. Back Safety/body Mechanics
4. Development of Observation and Assessment Skills
5. Hygiene
6. Bedmaking

**IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:**

Edelman, C.L., & Mandle, C.L. (2002). *Health promotion throughout the lifespan*. (5<sup>th</sup> ed.). Mosby.

Elkin, Perry, Potter. (2000). *Nursing interventions and clinical skills*. (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). Mosby.

Potter, P.A., & Perry, A.G. (Ross-Kerr, L.C. & Wood, M.J. Canadian Eds.) (2001). *Canadian fundamentals of nursing* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). Toronto: Mosby.

College of Nurses of Ontario. (2001). *Compendium of standards of practice for nurses in Ontario* Toronto: College of Nurses of Ontario.

Lab Manual

**V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:**

1. Refer to your Student Success Guide.
2. The student must receive a satisfactory grade in all components of the course to pass. A variety of assignments and tools will be submitted.
3. Students must attend 90% of classes to receive a satisfactory grade. A doctor's certificate may be required to validate illness.

The student will be required to satisfactorily complete the following assignments during the practicum course.

- a. Daycare/Elementary School Assessments
- b. Health Presentations
- c. Scenario Testing in Health Sciences Resource Centre
- d. Lab Quizzes

***The following semester grades will be assigned to students in postsecondary courses:***

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point Equivalent</u>
A+	90 - 100%	4.00
A	80 - 89%	3.75
B	70 - 79%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
R (Repeat)	59% or below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field placement or non-graded subject areas.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field placement or non-graded subject areas.	
X	A temporary grade. This is used in limited situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course (see <i>Policies &amp; Procedures Manual – Deferred Grades and Make-up</i> ).	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office. This is used to facilitate transcript preparation when, for extenuating circumstances, it has not been possible for the faculty member to report grades.	

**VI. SPECIAL NOTES:**

Special Needs:

If you are a student with special needs (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your instructor and/or the Special Needs office. Visit Room E1204 or call Extension 493, 717, or 491 so that support services can be arranged for you.

Retention of course outlines:

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other postsecondary institutions.

Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in *Student Rights and Responsibilities*. Students who engage in “academic dishonesty” will receive an automatic failure for that submission and/or such other penalty, up to and including expulsion from the course/program, as may be decided by the professor/dean. In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

Course outline amendments:

The Professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.

**VII. PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT:**

Students who wish to apply for advanced credit in the course should consult the professor. Credit for prior learning will be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.

**VIII. DIRECT CREDIT TRANSFERS:**

Students who wish to apply for direct credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain a direct credit transfer form from the Dean's secretary. Students will be required to provide a transcript and course outline related to the course in question.