

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Learners choose an area of clinical focus. Learning experiences build upon and balance previous learning. Total of 360 clinical hrs. PREREQ: NURS 4056; 4084; & 4206 plus NURS 4057 (may be taken concurrently). Cr 9

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:**ENDS-IN-VIEW**

On successful completion of this course, learners will:

- 1) Be prepared to meet the standards of practice as defined by the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) including the Regulated Health Professions Act (1991), the nursing Act (1991), CNO Professional Standards, and CNO practice expectations and guidelines;
- 2) Practice nursing with a caring perspective;
- 3) Practice nursing with a population health promotion perspective;
- 4) Be prepared to practice nursing at an entry level;
- 5) Engage in self-directed professional practice;
- 6) Make professional decisions guided by ways of knowing identified in the discipline of nursing;
- 7) Demonstrate research mindedness;
- 8) Work collaboratively with others to address and respond to emerging client needs.

PROCESS

This is a self-directed learning praxis experience with an on-line component. However, in order to ensure that you are prepared to write the RN examinations, you are encouraged to examine the standards of practice and competencies produced by the College of Nurses of Ontario when creating your learning plan for this experience.

III. CONCEPTS:

The main concepts reflected within this course include:

1. Praxis
2. Leadership
3. Professionalism/Competence/Accountability
4. Collaboration
5. Self as Nurse
6. Practice Context and Culture
7. Caring
8. Health Promotion
9. Knowledge
10. Evidence Based Nursing
11. Best Practice

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

It is recommended you access your textbooks from previous courses as required, such as: Medical Surgical Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Maternal-Child Nursing, Community Nursing, Pharmacology, Physical Examination & Health Assessment, Teaching and Learning, and Research.

It is strongly recommended that you purchase a Canadian RN prep guide, such as Mosby's Comprehensive Review and Mosby's Prep Guide (both are required texts in the fall semester) or the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination Prep Guide (2010). Lippincott also has a new CRNE Prep Guide which is available in the book store on campus.

It is expected that students will access recent peer-reviewed journal articles, necessary legislation and current evidence based reviews and practice guidelines. Be sure to access online data bases, such as: Proquest, Ovid, CINAHL, Medline, Cochrane Library, and Ebsco.

Be advised that additional resources are available in the library, acute care facilities and in the community setting. These should be explored fully.

Recommended websites include:

- Canadian Nurses Association: <http://www.cna-nurses.ca>
- College of Nurses of Ontario: <http://www.cno.org>
- Registered Nurses Association of Ontario- <http://www.rnao.org>
- National Guideline Clearinghouse (public resource for evidence-based clinical practice guidelines) <http://www.guideline.gov>
- Google Search <http://scholar.google.com>

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

EVALUATION

Successful completion of NURS 4094 requires successful completion of the following course elements:

1. Submission of a satisfactory Clinical Learning Plan to your preceptor and faculty advisor.
2. Achievement of the learning goals in the learning plan.
3. Submission of three satisfactory Evidence-Informed Practice journals to your faculty advisor, preceptor and course professor.
4. Demonstrated satisfactory performance in the Clinical Placement Setting including a minimum of “3”s on the Year IV Clinical Evaluation Form.
5. Satisfactory **postings** on the NURS 4094 LMS discussion board – a total of 5 (see Syllabus for topics and dates).
6. An in-class presentation –July 18th and July 19th 2011.

Failure to attain success in the clinical area, submit journals, postings or other required materials constitutes failure to meet the requirements of the course and will result in a failure in NURS 4094.

The following semester grades will be assigned to students in post-secondary courses:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point Equivalent</u>
A+	90 – 100%	
A	80 – 89%	4.00
B	70 - 79%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
D	50 – 59%	1.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
X	A temporary grade limited to situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course.	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.	
W	Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.	

Note: All NURS courses require 60% for a passing grade.

VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

Attendance:

Sault College is committed to student success. There is a direct correlation between academic performance and class attendance; therefore, for the benefit of all its constituents, all students are encouraged to attend all of their scheduled learning and evaluation sessions. This implies arriving on time and remaining for the duration of the scheduled session.

VII. COURSE OUTLINE ADDENDUM:

The provisions contained in the addendum located on the portal form part of this course outline.