



## RNSG 1160 - Clinical - Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse Course Syllabus

### Description

A health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills, and concepts for ADN Level I.

**Prerequisites** Acceptance into the ADN Program

**Corequisites** [RNSG 1430](#), [RNSG 1128](#), [RNSG 1216](#), [RNSG 1125](#)

**Credits** 1

**Lecture Hours** 0

**Lab Hours** 0

**Extended Hours** 4

**Contact Hours** 64

**State Approval Code** CIP 51.3801

**Instructor Name** Vanessa Pacheco

**Semester/Year** Fall 2025

### Meeting Time and Location

Monday LTC 0600-1400, Monday AC 1500-2300

### Alternate Operations During Campus Closure

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, it may be necessary for Panola College to move to altered operations. During this time, Panola College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to: online learning management system (CANVAS), online conferencing, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor Panola College's website ([www.panola.edu](http://www.panola.edu)) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, CANVAS for each class for course-specific communication, and Panola College email for important general information.

### Student Basic Needs

Unexpected circumstances may arise, but Panola College offers various resources to support students. If you need mental health services or are facing challenges with transportation, affording class materials and supplies, or accessing food regularly—issues that may impact your class performance—please visit [panola.edu/resources](http://panola.edu/resources).

### Class Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance of classes and laboratories is required of all students. When a student has been ill or absent from class for approved extracurricular activities, he or she should be allowed, as far as possible, to make up for the missed work. If a student has not actively participated by the census date, they will be dropped by the instructor for non-attendance. This policy applies to courses that are in-person, online, hybrid, and hybrid.

Attendance in online courses is determined by submission of an assignment or participation in an activity. According to federal guidelines, simply logging into a distance learning course without participating in an academic assignment does not constitute attendance. Distance learning is defined as when a majority (more than 50%) of instruction occurs when the instructor and students are in separate physical locations. Students must engage in an academic activity prior to the course census date.

When an instructor feels that a student has been absent to such a degree as to invalidate the learning experience, the instructor may recommend to the Vice President of Instruction that the student be withdrawn from the course. Instructors may seek to withdraw students for non-attendance after they have accumulated the following number of absences:

Fall or spring semesters:

3 or more class meeting times per week - 5 absences

2 class meeting times per week - 3 absences

1 class meeting per week - 2 absences

The student is responsible for seeing that he or she has been officially withdrawn from a class. A student who stops attendance in a class without officially withdrawing from that class will be given a failing grade; consequently, the student must follow official withdrawal procedures in the Admissions/Records Office.

Please note: Health Science and Cosmetology courses may require more stringent attendance policies based on their accreditation agencies. Please see the addendum and/or program handbook for further information concerning attendance.

### **Pregnant/Parenting Policy**

Panola College welcomes pregnant and parenting students as a part of the student body. This institution is committed to providing support and adaptations for a successful educational experience for pregnant and parenting students. Students experiencing a need for accommodations related to pregnancy or parenting will find a Pregnancy and Parenting Accommodations Request form in the Student Handbook or may request the form from the course instructor.

### **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Course Policy**

**Use of generated AI Permitted under some classroom circumstances with permission.**

There are situations throughout the course where you may be asked to use artificial intelligence (AI) tools to explore how they can be used. Outside of those circumstances, you should not use AI tools to generate content that will end up in any student work (assignments, activities, discussion responses, etc.). In such cases for Option #2, no more than 25% of the student work should be generated by AI. Use of any AI-generated content in this course without the instructor's consent qualifies as academic dishonesty and violates Panola College's standards of academic integrity.

### **Instructional Goals and Purposes**

The purpose of this course is to apply specialized nursing theory, skills, and concepts under direct supervision.

### **Learning Outcomes**

1. Apply nursing theory, concepts and skills in clinical situations involving specialized material, tools, equipment, procedures, regulations, laws, and interactions within and among political, economic, environmental, social, and legal systems associated with the occupation and the business/industry.
2. Demonstrate legal and ethical behavior, safety practices, interpersonal and teamwork skills, and appropriate written and verbal communication skills using the terminology of the occupation and the business/industry.

### **Specific Course Objectives (includes SCANS)**

After studying all materials and resources presented in the course, the student will be able to:

#### **Clinical Evaluation Tool for Level 1**

##### **Member of the Profession**

1. **Function within the nurse's legal and ethical scope of practice in accordance with the regulations of the practice setting assuming responsibility and accountability for quality nursing care.**

**Level 1: Differentiate between activities that are and are not within the scope of nursing practice of the practice setting with responsibility and accountability for quality nursing care.** (SCANS 1; a; i, ii, iii, iv, v, b; ii, iii, iv, v, vi, c; i, ii, iii, iv, v, 2; a; i, ii, iii b; i, iii, iv, v, vi, c; i, ii, iii, iv, d; i, iii, e; i, ii)

Student responsibilities include but are not limited to

- Seeks supervision when needed
- Arrives on time and prepared for clinical
- Self-reports errors in practice
- Timely patient assessment
- Competently completes focused assessment
- Follows policies and procedures of the program, the facility, and for nursing practice

**2. Participate in activities that demonstrate commitment to continued competence and to the development of professional nursing.**

**Level 1: Actively seeks guidance with new tasks and unfamiliar clinical situations to improve practice.** (SCANS 1; a; i, ii, iii, iv, v, b; i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, c; i, ii, iii, iv, v, 2; a; i, b; i, iii, iv, v, vi, c; i, ii, iii, d; i, ii, iii, e; ii)

**Provider of Patient-Centered Care**

**3. Utilize clinical reasoning based on the nursing process to determine patient health status and clinical decisions to provide safe holistic nursing care.**

**\* Level 1: Utilize the nursing process to recognize clinical cues to prioritize patient health status for safe clinical decisions.** (SCANS 1; a; i, ii, iii, iv, v, b; i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, c; i, ii, iii, iv, v, 2; a; i, ii, iii b; i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, c; i, ii, iii, iv, d; i, ii, iii, e; i, ii, iii)

Student responsibilities include but are not limited to

- Demonstrates clinical reasoning and safe clinical judgment in clinical actions and on written clinical assignments

**4. Plan, implement, and evaluate the provision of safe, comprehensive evidence-based patient-centered nursing care through a broad array of healthcare services.**

**Level 1: Plan, implement, and evaluate the provision of safe evidence-based, patient-centered basic nursing care and comfort.** (SCANS 1; a; i, ii, iii, iv, v, b; i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, c; i, ii, iii, iv, v, 2; a; i, ii, iii b; i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, c; i, ii, iii, iv, d; i, ii, iii, e; i, ii, iii)

Student responsibilities include but are not limited to Implement interdisciplinary care

- Demonstrate patient-centered care and teaching

**5. Patient Safety Advocate**

**Implement measures to advocate for quality and safe environments through knowledge of the Nurse Practice Act, Texas Board of Nursing rules, federal, state, organizational, and professional standards.**

**\* Level 1: Perform basic measures to advocate for quality and safe environments.** (SCANS 1; a; i, ii, iii, iv, v, b; i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, c; i, ii, iii, iv, v, 2; a; i, ii, iii b; i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, c; i, ii, iii, iv, d; i, ii, iii, e; i, ii, iii)

Student responsibilities include but are not limited to

- Demonstrates safe clinical judgment for safe medication administration
- Demonstrates actions to maintain safe environments for patients, self and others.

**6. Member of the Health Care Team**

**Serve as an advocate for patients and their families through communication and collaboration with a variety of healthcare services facilitating continuity of care to promote quality health.**

**Level 1: Effectively communicate and inform the healthcare team regarding patient status.** (SCANS 1; a; i, ii, iii, iv, v, b; i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, c; i, ii, iii, iv, v, 2; a; i, ii, iii b; i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, c; i, ii, iii, iv, d; i, ii, iii, e; i, ii, iii)

Student responsibilities include but are not limited to

- Demonstrate effective implementation of SBAR

7. **Assign, delegate, and supervise nursing activities delivered by members of the healthcare team based on analysis of patient, work place needs, and evidence-based nursing practice.**

**Level 1: Identify nursing activities that are delivered by members of the healthcare team based on analysis of patient, work place needs, and evidence-based nursing practice.** (SCANS 1; a; i, ii, iii, iv, v, b; i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, c; i, ii, iii, iv, v, 2; a; iii, b; i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, c; i, ii, iii, iv, d; i, ii, iii, e; i, ii, iii)

#### **Average Score:**

Student scores on each evaluation criterion is based on student assignments & faculty observation and interactions with the student.

- 4 = consistently performs with the knowledge, skill, and attitude for practice at current education level. Meets the described learning objectives with self-direction. 90-100% on assignments
- 3= demonstrate consistent performance and improvement with direction. Needs minimal guidance to meet described objectives. 80- 90% on assignments.
- 2= Satisfactory/safe level of performance. Meets objectives with consistent guidance. 75-79% on assignments
- < 2= Unsatisfactory/Unsafe. Level of performance does not meet described learning objectives. Unable to meet objectives without frequent, direct, intensive guidance and instruction to avoid errors. This includes submitting late assignments, substandard assignments, failure to submit assignments and inconsistent performances from week to week. 74.99% or less, late assignments and failure to submit assignments

**\*These objectives are critical elements. A student must achieve a minimum score of 2 on ALL of the critical elements. A score of < 2 is Unsatisfactory /Unsafe and may/will result in immediate termination of the clinical experience and/or failure of the course.**

Final grade:

A: 3.5-4

B: 2.5-3.49

C: 2-2.49

F: < 2

#### **Students in all sections of this course will be required to do the following:**

1. Students are accountable to and must comply with all policies outlined in the Panola College ADN Handbook and student nursing practice as defined by the Texas Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act and the American Nurses Association (ANA) code of ethics.
2. Bring required equipment for clinical (please see Panola ADN Handbook, section 4.5.f) to each assigned clinical experience.
3. Bring all needed resources to clinical for completion of learning activities.
4. Refer to the Panola ADN Handbook "Attendance/Absences" policy (Panola ADN Handbook section 4.1) for attendance requirements. All hours for this course will be viewed as required clinical hours for the semester and ADN program.
5. Be self-directed in preparation and in participation in clinical learning activities. The student is required to complete all assigned reading, assigned audiovisuals, and assigned computer instruction prior to the assigned clinical class.
6. Take the initiative to schedule with the instructor any additional practice needed in the lab.
7. Complete all assignments associated with clinical experiences as instructed by the clinical professor. All assignments must demonstrate college-level skills. References must be documented using American Psychological Association (APA) guidelines.
8. Due dates and instructions for all assignments will be accessed through the CANVAS course.
9. Students are required to achieve 100% pass rate on the dosage calculation exam to pass this course. Please see Panola College ADN Handbook section 5.5.
10. Students are required to complete a mid-term and final self-evaluation based on the course's learning outcomes.
11. Students will be evaluated at midterm and at the end of the semester by the course professor using the course's Clinical Evaluation Tool. See grading criteria located at the end of the clinical evaluation tool.

12. In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic and instruction changes to follow alternate operations, students will be required to join and participate in ZOOM classes at scheduled clinical time for the semester. Students will complete and submit all online assignments as instructed through the Canvas course.

### Course Content

A general description of lecture/discussion topics included in this course are listed in the Learning Objectives / Specific Course Objectives sections of this syllabus.

### Methods of Instruction/Course Format/Delivery

This course is offered in a simulated and/or clinical setting. Recorded lectures or simulations will be subject to publication on the Canvas course.

### Major Assignments/Assessments

The following items are assigned and assessed during the semester and used to calculate the student's final grade.

#### Assignments

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Assignments are made by the instructor of record. Assignments made will be used in part for clinical evaluation. Assignment instructions and submissions will be located on the CANVAS course.

##### Assessments

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- The instructor of record will evaluate each student using the clinical evaluation tool for this course. Data for evaluation include but are not limited to written assignments, observation, interview, discussions, participation, observed behavior, attitude, professionalism, self-reflection, skill demonstration, and input from nursing preceptors and the healthcare team working with the student at clinical. Clinical evaluations are recorded and maintained on Examsoft. Students will review clinical evaluations and feedback on evaluations by logging into Examsoft using their assigned log in and password.

### Course Grade

The grading scale for this course is as follows:

A = 90-100; B = 80-89; C = 75-79; F = 74.99 or below

NO ROUNDING OF GRADES WILL OCCUR

- Assessments (Clinical evaluation tool) – 85%
- Assignments – 15% Clinical assignments as well as clinical observation and interactions will be used by the clinical instructor to complete the clinical evaluation tool. A student MUST earn a course grade of 75 or greater to successfully pass the course, and a student must earn an evaluation of "2" or higher on critical elements of the evaluation tool in order to pass the course.

### Texts Materials, and Supplies

Sherpath, Giddens Concept Based Nursing, 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Required (Bundle)	Elsevier	Elsevier	4e
Elsevier 2025 Intravenous Medications	Required (Bundle)	Giddens	Elsevier	41e
Sherpath, Harding Lewis, Medical-Surgical Nursing, 12th Edition	Required (Bundle)	Harding	Elsevier	12e
Maternal-Child Nursing, 6th Edition	Required	McKinney	Elsevier	6e

	(Bundle)			
Fundamental of Nursing, 11th Edition	Required (Bundle)	Potter	Elsevier	11e
Varcarolis' Foundations of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing, 9th Edition	Required (Bundle)	Halter	Elsevier	9e
SLS RN 2.0	Required (Bundle)	Elsevier	Elsevier	
HESI Comprehensive Review for the NCLEX-RN Examination w/ access 7/e	Required (Bundle)	HESI	Elsevier	7E

### Required Readings

- All required readings/videos and recommended readings/videos will be posted on your Canvas course each week.

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### Other

- Courses conducted via video conferencing may be recorded and shared for instructional purposes by the instructor.
- For current texts and materials, use the following link to access bookstore listings: <https://www.panolacollegestore.com>.
- For testing services, use the following link: <https://www.panola.edu/student-services/student-support/academic-testing-center>.
- The Accommodations & Disability Support (A&DS) Office at Panola College provides and facilitates support services and accommodations for students with disabilities. The A&DS office works under the federal guidelines included in Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American with Disabilities Act. Please contact the Accommodations & Disability Support (A&DS) Office located in the Charles C. Matthews Student Center or go to <https://www.panola.edu/disabilitysupport> for more information.
- Withdrawing from a course is the student's responsibility. Students who do not attend class and who do not withdraw will receive the grade earned for the course.
- Student Handbook: <https://www.panola.edu/> (located on at the bottom under student)

### SCANS Criteria

1. Foundation skills are defined in three areas: basic skills, thinking skills, and personal qualities.
  1. Basic Skills: A worker must read, write, perform arithmetic and mathematical operations, listen, and speak effectively. These skills include:
    1. Reading: locate, understand, and interpret written information in prose and in documents such as manuals, graphs, and schedules.
    2. Writing: communicate thoughts, ideas, information, and messages in writing, and create documents such as letters, directions, manuals, reports, graphs, and flow charts.
    3. Arithmetic and Mathematical Operations: perform basic computations and approach practical problems by choosing appropriately from a variety of mathematical techniques.
    4. Listening: receive, attend to, interpret, and respond to verbal messages and other cues.
    5. Speaking: Organize ideas and communicate orally.

2. Thinking Skills: A worker must think creatively, make decisions, solve problems, visualize, know how to learn, and reason effectively. These skills include:
  1. Creative Thinking: generate new ideas.
  2. Decision Making: specify goals and constraints, generate alternatives, consider risks, and evaluate and choose the best alternative.
  3. Problem Solving: recognize problems and devise and implement plan of action.
  4. Visualize ("Seeing Things in the Mind's Eye"): organize and process symbols, pictures, graphs, objects, and other information.
  5. Knowing How to Learn: use efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills.
  6. Reasoning: discover a rule or principle underlying the relationship between two or more objects and apply it when solving a problem.
3. Personal Qualities: A worker must display responsibility, self-esteem, sociability, self management, integrity, and honesty.
  1. Responsibility: exert a high level of effort and persevere toward goal attainment.
  2. Self-Esteem: believe in one's own self-worth and maintain a positive view of oneself.
  3. Sociability: demonstrate understanding, friendliness, adaptability, empathy, and politeness in group settings.
  4. Self-Management: assess oneself accurately, set personal goals, monitor progress, and exhibit self-control.
  5. Integrity and Honesty: choose ethical courses of action.
2. Workplace competencies are defined in five areas: resources, interpersonal skills, information, systems, and technology.
  1. Resources: A worker must identify, organize, plan, and allocate resources effectively.
    1. Time: select goal-relevant activities, rank them, allocate time, and prepare and follow schedules.
    2. Money: Use or prepare budgets, make forecasts, keep records, and make adjustments to meet objectives.
    3. Material and Facilities: Acquire, store, allocate, and use materials or space efficiently. Examples: construct a decision timeline chart; use computer software to plan a project; prepare a budget; conduct a cost/benefits analysis; design an RFP process; write a job description; develop a staffing plan.
  2. Interpersonal Skills: A worker must work with others effectively.
    1. Participate as a Member of a Team: contribute to group effort.
    2. Teach Others New Skills.
    3. Serve Clients/Customers: work to satisfy customer's expectations.
    4. Exercise Leadership: communicate ideas to justify position, persuade and convince others, responsibly challenge existing procedures and policies.
    5. Negotiate: work toward agreements involving exchange of resources, resolve divergent interests.
    6. Work with Diversity: work well with men and women from diverse backgrounds. Examples: collaborate with a group member to solve a problem; work through a group conflict situation, train a colleague; deal with a dissatisfied customer in person; select and use appropriate leadership styles; use effective delegation techniques; conduct an individual or team negotiation; demonstrate an understanding of how people from different cultural backgrounds might behave in various situations.
  3. Information: A worker must be able to acquire and use information.
    1. Acquire and Evaluate Information.
    2. Organize and Maintain Information.
    3. Interpret and Communicate Information.
    4. Use Computers to Process Information. Examples: research and collect data from various sources; develop a form to collect data; develop an inventory record-keeping system; produce a report using graphics; make an oral presentation using various media; use on-line computer databases to research a report; use a computer spreadsheet to develop a budget.
  4. Systems: A worker must understand complex interrelationships.
    1. Understand Systems: know how social, organizational, and technological systems work and operate effectively with them.

2. Monitor and Correct Performance: distinguish trends, predict impacts on system operations, diagnose deviations in systems' performance and correct malfunctions.
3. Improve or Design Systems: suggest modifications to existing systems and develop new or alternative systems to improve performance. Examples: draw and interpret an organizational chart; develop a monitoring process; choose a situation needing improvement, break it down, examine it, propose an improvement, and implement it.
5. Technology: A worker must be able to work with a variety of technologies.
  1. Select Technology: choose procedures, tools or equipment including computers and related technologies.
  2. Apply Technologies to Task: understand overall intent and proper procedures for setup and operation of equipment.
  3. Maintain and Troubleshoot Equipment: Prevent, identify, or solve problems with equipment, including computers and other technologies. Examples: read equipment descriptions and technical specifications to select equipment to meet needs; set up and assemble appropriate equipment from instructions; read and follow directions for troubleshooting and repairing equipment.