N4400 Advanced Concepts for Professional Practice

Calendar Description:
This course will assist students to integrate multiple sources of knowledge gained in the program to engage in deep exploration of health/illness issues. (3 hours/week)

Expanded Course Description:
This course will provide an opportunity for the student to synthesize the theoretical, philosophical and ethical dimensions of the profession and nursing practice they have explored throughout their program of study. Students will demonstrate thinking and acting like a nurse incorporating relational inquiry into their practice. Various teaching-learning approaches will be used, which may include case study, self-directed learning, group and individual written assignments and tests. Through the various assignments, students will demonstrate an integrated and advanced application of nursing clients with complex health issues.

Essential elements for the success of each class are preparation and regular and active participation. Engagement with peers, guests, and course instructors, materials and activities to help develop, share, analyze, and critique ideas will enable students to gain knowledge of course concepts and attain the course objectives.

Course Goals:

1. Demonstrate advanced application of the concepts of the metaparadigm of nursing.


3. Utilize a strengths-based approach and relevant evidence in cases involving individuals and families across the lifespan.

4. Demonstrate an integrated approach in the development of nursing care for clients experiencing complex health challenges.

5. Demonstrate ability to communicate effectively within a variety of contexts.

6. Describe an advanced understanding of the role of the nurse within an interprofessional collaborative team and the importance of the therapeutic nurse-client relationship.

7. Incorporate scholarship and critical reflection into course learning activities.

8. Demonstrate an understanding of professional, interprofessional and nursing informatics competencies, ethical standards and professional accountability in nursing.
Major Concepts in the Course:

**Persons:** Clients, Ways of knowing, Time/transitions, Context/culture, Growth and development, Diversity

**Health and Healthcare:** Health, health promotion/disease prevention, primary health care, safety interprofessional collaborative practice, health system

**Nursing:** Strengths-based nursing care, client-centered care, communication, holistic care, patterns of knowing, professionalism, ethical practice, assessment, clinical judgment, critical reflection, evidence-informed practice

**Environment:** Social determinants of health, physical determinants of health, adverse events, political influences

**National Nursing Competencies Addressed in the Course:** 1-100

**Interprofessional Competencies (CIHC, 2010) addressed in the course:**

- Interprofessional communication
- Role clarification
- Patient/Client/Family/Community-centered care
- Team functioning
- Interprofessional Communication
- Interprofessional Conflict Resolution

**Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) Nursing Informatics Entry-to-Practice Competencies addressed in the course:**

- Information and knowledge management
- Professional and regulatory accountability
- Information and communication technologies

**Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) Mental Health and Addiction Entry-to-Practice Competencies addressed in the course:** Domains 1-5

**Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) Public Health Nursing competencies addressed in the course:**

- Health Promotion
- Collaborate and advocate

**Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) Palliative Care competencies addressed in the course:** Competencies 1-9

**How this Course will contribute to your development as a Professional Nurse**

The knowledge gained from this course is important in all aspects of nursing practice. This
course will refine your ability to apply critical ‘thinking like a nurse’, thus enabling you to ‘act like a nurse’ in the companion professional practice course.

**How this Course will contribute to your development as an Interprofessional Team Member**

The knowledge, skills, and attitudes you develop in this course will refine your role as a nurse in working with other team members. You will also see the importance of the role of the client and their family in working within health teams and seeing how, when team members work together, there is a combined benefit to their clients.

**How We Will Work Together**

We believe in the creation of a caring community within the classroom setting which will positively affect your interactions outside of the classroom as well. Teachers will serve in the role of facilitator to assist you to reach your goals. Group activities are a common teaching approach to provoke discussion and application of course concepts and assist you in self-reflection and in developing skill in knowing the other. You are encouraged to bring electronic devices that will facilitate access to resources for group work done in class.

**Required Resources and Texts**


**Recommended Resources and Texts**


# Weekly Schedule

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<td>Course Concepts: An Overview</td>
<td>Communication, collaboration, critical judgement, safety</td>
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<td>2 (Sept 17)</td>
<td>Nursing Care for Families Living with Pediatric Chronic Health Conditions: Asthma &amp; Cystic Fibrosis</td>
<td>Family centred care, clients, growth and development, social determinants of health, illness, health promotion/disease prevention, evidenced-informed practice</td>
<td>NCLEX Style Questions (5%)</td>
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<td>3 (Sept 24)</td>
<td>Illness, Health &amp; Health Promotion: Infectious Diseases</td>
<td>Client centred care, social determinants of health, health promotion/disease prevention, inter-professional practice, assessment, advocacy, strengths-based nursing</td>
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<td>All course goals are present in classes throughout the course</td>
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<td>Experiencing Concussion</td>
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<td>Illness &amp; Health Promotion: Diabetic Ketoacidosis in Children</td>
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<td>Homeostasis: Assessment &amp; Management of Sepsis</td>
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<td>Clinical Judgment: Metabolic Syndrome</td>
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<td>The Lived Experience of Long Term Care</td>
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<td>Palliative Care – Part 1: Nursing Concepts within Palliative Care</td>
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<td>Palliative Care – Part 2: Pain &amp; Symptom Management in the Palliative Client &amp; The Experience of Dying</td>
<td>Context/culture, assessment, caring, ethical practice, evidence-informed practice, interprofessional collaboration, hope, loss, grief, advocacy, political influences</td>
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<td>Clinical Judgment - Thinking Like a Nurse</td>
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Opportunities to Demonstrate Learning

Assignment #1: PEP Module – Pass/Fail
Due: September 10th at 2355hr via assignment link
Students will complete the “Giving and Receiving Feedback” module found in the Preceptor Education Program at www.preceptor.ca. This module will help to prepare students to understand their role in working with colleagues in a learning environment, in the classroom and clinical setting.

Assignment #2: Multiple Choice Questions
Due: September 17th at 2355hr
Following class students will work independently and submit two critical thinking multiple-choice NCLEX style questions on Pediatric Chronic Conditions. Each question should have 3 distractors, and the answer clearly identified. Each question is worth 2.5%. This assignment will be uploaded through the assignments tab on the course site. Late submissions will receive a grade of zero.

Assignment #3: Infectious Diseases Collaborative Quiz
Due: Week 3. Part 1 – in class. Part 2 – 2355h on day of class
Following class discussion on infectious diseases, students will work independently and complete a multiple-choice quiz in class (Part 1), which will be handed in prior to leaving class. After class on the OWL course site students will complete the quiz again (Part 2) in a collaborative fashion with fellow classmates and/or using readings to promote further learning and retention. Students will have until 2355h that day to complete the second quiz and the combined total of the two quizzes will form the students mark for this evaluation. The individual test is worth 7.5% and the collaborative quiz is worth 2.5%.

Assignment #4: DKA – SBAR Note
Due: In class, week 5 by 1300
Using the Situation, Background, Assessment and Recommendation (SBAR) format, students will work in their assigned group and prepare a report based on a case study explored in class. The SBAR Note is to be submitted to the designated assignment link on the course site by the end of class, with all student’s names clearly identified in the name of the document.

Assignment #5: Sepsis Collaborative Quiz
Due: Week 6. Part 1 – in class. Part 2 – 2355h on day of class
Following class discussion on sepsis, students will work independently and complete a multiple-choice quiz in class (Part 1), which will be handed in prior to leaving class. After class on the OWL course site students will complete the quiz again (Part 2) in a collaborative fashion with fellow classmates and/or using readings to promote further learning and retention. Students will have until 2355h that day to complete the second quiz and the combined total of the two quizzes will form the students mark for this evaluation. The individual test is worth 7.5% and the collaborative quiz is worth 2.5%.
Assignment #6: SOAP/FDAR Note
Due: In class, week 7 by 1300
Based on the case study explored in class, students will complete a SOAP/FDAR note in assigned groups. Notes will be uploaded to the assignment tab on the course site by the end of class. Student names are to be clearly identified in the name of the document.

Assignment #7: LTC Case Study
Due: In class, week 8 by 1300
Following an examination of key concepts related to transitioning to long-term care, students will work in assigned groups to discuss and work through a case study together. Answers must be completed electronically, and will be uploaded by one group member to the assignment link by the end of class, with all student’s names clearly identified in the name of the document.

Assignment #8: Ethical Issues in Palliative Care – Short Answer
Due: In class, week 10 by 1300
Nurses providing palliative care may encounter issues that require critical reflection and ethical nursing knowledge in caring for persons and their families at end-of-life. Additionally, nurses will need to attend to their own responses, such as moral distress, dilemmas, and successes with end-of-life decision-making. In assigned groups, students will prepare a written reflection to one “ethical issues within palliative care” question posted in class. The reflection is to be submitted by one group member to the designated assignment link on the course site by the end of class, with all student’s names clearly identified in the name of the document.

Assignment #9: Transfer of Care
Due: In class, week 11 by 1300
Based on the case study explored in class, students work in assigned groups and will complete a transfer of care report for a client being transferred from an acute care setting. Assignments will be submitted to the designated assignment link on the course site by the end of class, with all student’s names clearly identified in the name of the document.

Final Examination
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This examination will provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate their understanding of course concepts and application to their role as a senior student nursing student and refinement of a professional way of being.
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### Assignments and Exams

All policies related to assignments are in the Undergraduate BScN Programs Manual at owl.uwo.ca on the Undergraduate Student Information site. Please refer to the Undergraduate Programs Manual for information on penalties for late assignments, re-grading of assignments, and the protocol for missed mid-term or final exams. Marks will be deducted from late assignments according to the policy in the Programs Manual.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Attendance is mandatory for all in-class evaluation assignments. There will be no make-up assignments.

**Do not book personal/travel plans until the FINAL exam schedule is posted for the Summer Term.** Students who fail to appear for the final examination at the time set need to obtain permission to write the missed exam. Permission may be granted only on the basis of compassionate or medical grounds with appropriate supporting documents.

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

### Scholarly Requirements

In this program, scholarly writing is a requirement. Therefore, all scholarly papers will follow the sixth edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (2010), which includes guidelines for both content and format. In addition, all other writing, including journals, will follow APA (6th ed.) format when citing or referring to an author’s work or ideas. Failure to do so is unethical and is plagiarism.

### Plagiarism

Student work is expected to be original. Plagiarism is a serious academic offence and could lead to your expulsion from the nursing program. You are plagiarizing if you insert a phrase, sentence

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or paragraph taken directly from another author without acknowledging that the work belongs to
them. Similarly, you are plagiarizing if you paraphrase or summarize another author’s ideas
without acknowledging that the ideas belong to someone else. You are self-plagiarizing when
you reuse all or part of an assignment that you previously submitted. Students can not present
their credited work as new scholarship. You may be asked to submit your work, at the discretion
of the course instructor, to turnitin.com to verify originality (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the
Western Academic Calendar or Fanshawe College Policy Manual).
Western site students:
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf
Fanshawe site students:
http://www.fanshawec.ca/sites/default/files/legacy/oldfanshawe/sites/default/files/assets/policies/
pdf/a203.pdf

Electronic Devices
Electronic devices are useful in assisting with the teaching/learning process in both classroom
and professional practice settings. In the classroom or praxis setting, devices should be used in a
manner that is not distracting to others or oneself.

Attendance
Due to the significance of theoretical and practice knowledge in developing professional
competence, students are expected to demonstrate professional responsibility through regular
attendance at, and, participation in all scheduled learning activities. Much of the learning that
takes place is a result of preparation and engagement with the material and active dialogue with
colleagues and faculty.

Mental Health
Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to the following links for a complete
list of options about how to obtain help.
MentaHealth@Western http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing
Fanshawe College Counselling http://www.fanshawec.ca/student-life/student-
services/counselling-services

Student Safety
Please refer to the Undergraduate BScN Programs Manual section on Student Safety Concerns:
Guidelines for Responding in the Practice Setting Environment and the Student Safety Flow
Chart found on the Undergraduate Programs site at owl.uwo.ca, or Fanshawe, https://

Learning Skills Services
The Student Development Centre at Western provides free support for all students to strengthen
their skills and improve or maintain their academic performance. The focus is on helping
students learn and study more effectively so that they can achieve their academic goals. You can
find out more about this service at www.sdc.uwo.ca/learning