



NURSING 543 L01

Senior Practicum

**BACHELOR OF NURSING
PDBN PROGRAM**

COURSE OUTLINE

Fall Session 2009

Dates:	September 8 to December 8, 2009
Classroom:	Blackboard
Course Instructor(s):	Dr. Nina Hrycak Faculty of Nursing Office: PF 2280 Telephone: (403) 220-4628 Email: hrycak@ucalgary.ca

Virtual Office hours:

If you have questions or concerns about the course, refer to the following guidelines:

1. Check the 'Course Discussion', 'Questions About NURS 543' topic first, to see if your question has already been posted.
2. Post your question on the 'Course Discussion'.
3. Respond to your classmates' questions as you are able.
4. The professor will check to verify or clarify the responses several times each week.

If you have administrative questions about the program, please contact Laura Hampson, Senior Student Advisor, at (403) 220-4636 or by email at (pdbninfo@ucalgary.ca).

DETAILED COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course description Synthesis and application of theoretical concepts within a selected area of practice with emphasis on further development of self-directed skills and professional attitudes.

Prerequisite(s) NURS 441/532, current CPR Basic Rescues Certificate, and proof of current, active professional registration.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course is designed to provide you with the opportunity to plan, develop, and implement a practicum of particular interest to you. You will have the opportunity to:

1. demonstrate accountability for professional practice of nursing within current legal, ethical, and professional standards.
2. use a nursing framework in the planning, provision and/or evaluation of nursing care.
3. integrate concepts from nursing with concepts from such disciplines as humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences into your professional practice.
4. apply research findings in the practice of and for the advancement of nursing.

Your learning objectives must reflect these course objectives.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In order to be successful in Nursing 543, students will complete the following requirements:

1. Compile a LEARNING PLAN that addresses all the course objectives and is built on the basis of the literature on Self-Directed learning –see several references on the NURS 543 SUGGESTED READING List (which has hotlinks to the articles) that is located on your Nursing 543 Blackboard.
2. Headset (microphone and earphones) for participation in audioconferences using Elluminate Live

FACULTY OF NURSING UNDERGRADUATE GRADING SCALE

If the percentage on your assignment is:	The grade on your assignment is:	The weighted grade points will be taken from:	If the total for all assignments is:	Your final grade will be:	And the GPA for the course will be:
98.0 – 100	A+	4.0	3.95-4.00	A+	4.0 Outstanding -- exceptional analysis and synthesis of subject matter.
93.0 – 97.9	A	3.9	3.85-3.94	A	4.0 Excellent -- superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter.
88.0 – 92.9	A-	3.7	3.50-3.84	A-	3.7
83.5 – 87.9	B+	3.3	3.15-3.49	B+	3.3
78.0 – 83.4	B	3.0	2.85-3.14	B	3.0 Good -- clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete.
73.5 – 77.9	B-	2.7	2.50-2.84	B-	2.7
69.0 – 73.4	C+	2.3	2.15-2.49	C+	2.3
63.5 – 68.9	C*	2.0	1.85-2.14	C	2.0 Satisfactory - basic understanding of the subject matter. [Minimum passing grade for NURS 203/211.]
59.0 – 63.4	C-	1.7	1.50-1.84	C-	1.7
54.5 – 58.9	D+	1.3	1.15-1.49	D+	1.3
50.0 – 54.4	D	1.0	0.50-1.14	D	1.0 [Minimum passing grade for theory courses.]
49.9 or less	F	0	0.00-0.49	F	0.0

Approved by Faculty of Nursing, Executive Committee of Council, June 9, 2005 [Editorial Revisions: August 7, 2009]

WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE

For detailed information and dates please refer to the online calendar: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/fees-schedule.html>

CLINICAL ABSENCES

Within the Nursing Practice Standards established by CARNA (2005) it states that a nurse must ensure their 'fitness to practice' (pg. 5). This means that the nursing student must be able to perform essential functions of the nursing role expected for the lab or clinical practice that they have been assigned to without any mental or physical disabilities/illnesses. Therefore, it is your professional accountability to maintain your state of health and recognize the impact of ill- health may have on patients and colleagues.

To fulfill course requirements, attendance at all scheduled lab and/or clinical practice is required. If you are ill or experience an unforeseen circumstance, you must inform your Clinical Instructor and Course Coordinator as soon as possible. If you miss one or more lab/clinical days due to illness or unforeseen circumstance, you may be at risk for not successfully completing the course. You may be asked to withdraw from the course and complete the course requirements at a later date, or you will be required to make-up the missed hours. Your situation will be reviewed by the Course Coordinator and Associate Dean, Undergraduate Program.

Requests for absences related to nursing scholarship and service learning will be considered.

Please note that travel/social/recreational activities will not be accepted as reasons for absence.

A medical note may be requested.

STUDENT MISCONDUCT

Plagiarism is a serious offence which will result in the following penalty and application:

1. In cases in which the dean and/or faculty is satisfied that a student is guilty of plagiarism, cheating or other academic misconduct in circumstances which suggest a clear intention to deceive or otherwise commit an academic offence, the normal penalty will be either suspension or expulsion from the faculty.
2. In cases in which the dean and/or faculty is satisfied that an offence has been committed, but doubt is left as to the existence of a clear intention to deceive or otherwise commit an academic offence, the normal penalty will be probation.
3. In cases where a student is found guilty of more than a single offence, the normal penalty will be expulsion from the faculty, and in the most serious cases, expulsion from the University.

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted.

Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged.

For further information on Student Misconduct Policies, please refer to the official online University of Calgary Calendar 2009-2010, Academic Regulations, K. Student Misconduct: www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/

Intellectual honesty is viewed most seriously at the University of Calgary and compliance with standards of intellectual honesty is an expectation.

ACADEMIC WRITING

The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well; therefore, written assignments in this course will be evaluated based on the required elements as well as quality academic writing.

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For further information, please refer to the official online University of Calgary Calendar 2009-2010, Academic Regulations, E. Course Information, E.2 Writing Across the Curriculum: www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/

EXAMINATION AND TESTS

For detailed information regarding Examinations and Tests, please refer to the official online University of Calgary Calendar 2009-2010, Academic Regulations, G. Examinations and Tests: www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/

1. Final examinations are scheduled by the Registrar's Office, University of Calgary.

The exam period is posted in the University of Calgary Calendar. A final exam can be scheduled anytime during this time period. Students must be available for examinations up to the last day of the examination period.

[NOTE: This policy may not apply to some BNAT block courses which finish mid-semester.]

2. Deferred Examinations

A student who becomes ill prior to the examination and is unable to write the examination at the scheduled time will notify the course instructor. Please call the course instructor (voice mail) and leave a message stating the date and time you called, reason for missing the scheduled examination and a phone number where you can be reached so that arrangements can be made for you to write a deferred examination. You may be expected to submit a doctor's certification prior to writing the deferred examination. For further information regarding Deferral of Final Examinations Policies, please refer to the official online University of Calgary Calendar 2009-2010, Academic Regulations, G. Examinations and Tests, G.6 Deferral of Final Examinations:

www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/

REAPPRAISALS AND APPEALS

For information on reappraisals and appeals, refer to the official online University of Calgary Calendar 2009-2010, Academic Regulations, I. Reappraisal of Grades and Academic Appeals: www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/

Please note the 15 day timeline from the receipt of a mark and a request for reappraisal and/or appeal to the Associate/Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Programs.

ACADEMIC ACCOMODATIONS

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation, you must officially register with the Disability Resource Centre. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor within the first week of the start of this course.

Further information can be obtained at: www.ucalgary.ca/drc/ or by calling 403-220-8237.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY (FOIP)

The information (such as a phone number, addresses, tracking sites of practicum's, etc.) that you may be asked to provide is collected under the authority of the Colleges/Universities Act and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 32(c). It will be used for practicum placement and for contract purposes. Your personal information is protected by Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection and Privacy Act and can be reviewed on request. If you have any questions about the collection or use of this information, contact your Student Advisor, Laura Hampson (hampson@ucalgary.ca)

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/RESOURCES

The following required textbooks and reading packages are **available for purchase at the University of Calgary Bookstore.**

American Psychological Association. (2001). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th Ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

For help with understanding APA formatting <http://www.psywww.com/resource/apacrib.htm>

CPR/Nursing Registration

Proof of current, active nursing registration and CPR Certification at the Basic Rescuer or Basic Cardiac Life Support level is required for this clinical course. Please fax verification of this to your course professor during the first week of classes.

OTHER INFORMATION:

For other relevant information, see **Nursing 543 Blackboard, especially the SYLLABUS Section:** <http://blackboard@ucalgary.ca>

If you have trouble with using any aspect of it, please contact **the HELP DESK** at University of Calgary: ITsupport@ucalgary.ca or telephone 403-220-5555 during regular business hours (and on weekends: 10am to 2pm Mountain Daylight time)

And see **PRECEPTOR'S MANUAL** has been posted on Blackboard so that you are familiar with her role. A copy of the Preceptor Manual will be emailed to each preceptor along with a covering letter.