

VERNON COLLEGE
SYLLABUS

DIVISION: Allied Health and Human Services

DATE: 2025-2026

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: VNSG 1222 Vocational Nursing Concepts

CREDIT HRS: 2

HRS/WK LEC: 2

HRS/WK LAB: 0 LEC//LAB COMB: 2

I. PROGRAM OUTCOME STATEMENT

LVN's provide medical support to physicians, registered nurses, and patients. They provide routine care, take vital information from patients, provide information about treatments and prescriptions and observe patient health. LVN's primarily work in the healthcare industry, but many are also employed in roles providing private health care, long-term facilities, private employers who need an on-staff, serving as consultants about health-related issues and working as health educators. Upon successful completion, graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN Examination to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

PROGRAM LEARNER OUTCOMES (PLO)

PLO1 Apply knowledge from biological sciences, nursing sciences, and pharmacology to provide a basis for clinical decisions.

PLO2 Demonstrate effective clinical judgement in the provision of safe and effective nursing care.

PLO3 Implement evidence-based practices to ensure patient safety in the healthcare setting.

PLO4 Utilize individualized health promotion strategies across the lifespan.

PLO5 Develop communication strategies to provide patients, families, and members of the interdisciplinary healthcare team with the information necessary to deliver effective healthcare.

*Program outcomes highlighted in bold are emphasized in this course

II. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisite BIOL 2401 with a grade of "C" or better. Co-requisite: Concurrent enrollment in BIOL 2402 with a grade of "C" or better if not previously completed; and VNSG 1323 and VNSG 1261. Introduction to the nursing profession and its responsibilities. Includes legal and ethical issues in nursing practice. Concepts related to the physical, emotional, and psychosocial self-care of the learner/professional. Program Fee: \$50.00; Assessment Fee: \$200.00; Nursing Central Fee: \$240.00; Software Fee: \$40.00

III. REQUIRED BACKGROUND:

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IV. STUDENT E-MAIL:

All students should activate and regularly check their Vernon College issued student email account. Student emails are an official form of communication between Vernon College and students and will be used by various components of the college including the Office of Financial Aid, Admissions & records, the Business Office, Student Services, and Instructional Services.

Additionally, an active VC student email account is required for students to access online courses and supplemental instruction provided on the College's Learning Management System – *Canvas*.

V. TEXTS, OTHER REFERENCE MATERIALS:

Fundamental Concepts and Skills for Nursing, Williams, P. (2019). 6th Ed, Elsevier, St. Louis: MO

VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

1. Lecture
2. Discussion
3. Audio-Visual Aids
4. Computer Simulations

Students desiring auxiliary aids and services for this course should make their requests to the instructor and the PASS Department Director/Office for Students with Disabilities Coordinator.

VII. COURSE CONTENT:

1. Practical Nursing as an Educational Program
2. The Three P's: the Profession, Professionalism, the Person
3. History and Trends of Professional and Practical Nursing
4. Concepts of Health, Health Promotion, and the Patient Care Team
5. Civility, Cultural Competence, and Delivery of Care
6. Dealing with Patients Who Have Special Needs and the Older Adult
7. Legal and Ethical Aspects of Nursing
8. Leadership and the Practical Nurse
9. Entry into Practice and Continuing Education
10. Practicing the Vocation
11. Organizations, Insurance, and Healthcare Agencies
12. Cultural, Spiritual Aspects of Patient Care at Home and Across the Globe
13. Complementary health approaches
14. Common physical and psychosocial problems of older adult care
15. Loss, grief, end of life care

VIII. STUDENT LEARNER OUTCOMES (SLO):

By the end of this course, each student should be able to:

SLO1 Discuss the personal adjustments essential to the development of the vocational nurse.

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SLO2 Identify the role of the licensed vocational nurse.

SLO3 Discuss legal and ethical responsibilities in vocational nursing practice.

SLO4 Demonstrate understanding of concepts related to vocational nursing practice.

SLO5 Identify needs associated with health promotion throughout the lifespan.

IX. ASSESSMENT:

A test will be administered after completion of each unit to evaluate the student's comprehension. Usually, multiple choice exams will be given, but pop quizzes and essay questions may be used at the instructor's discretion.

Students must achieve an average grade of 78%.

Demonstration of the skills identified in the competency section will be evaluated to the satisfaction of the instructor.

Course Grades:

-Unit exams 65%: 6 Module/unit exams and 2 hesi for a total of 8 exams

-Sherpath 5% /EAQ assignments 10%: All Sherpath assignments, chapter EAQ, NCLEX EAQ are required.

-Final Exam 25%: The final exam is worth 25% of the total grade. It is a comprehensive all content previously presented in the course.

Classroom Grading System

While work is graded using a numerical system, grade reports are recorded using the standard alphabetical system. To achieve acceptable competency levels, the minimum passing score GPA (Grade Point Average) shall be 78. The instructor will give each student, in writing, the requirements for each unit or course under their responsibility. Number grades and corresponding letter equivalencies are:

A 90 -100

B 84 – 89.99

C 78 – 83.99

F < 78

It is the student's responsibility to keep track of course progress. Notifications will be sent to the student's Vernon College e-mail account as an Early Alert if the GPA indicates unacceptable or unsatisfactory work. The student is responsible for arranging a meeting with the course instructor to improve poor academic performance and failing grades.

Assignments:

Completion of online Sherpath, Fundamentals Study Guide assignments, EVOLVE Case Studies/Practice Exam and all other instructor provided assignments **are required** at the designated time, per course schedule and instructor(s). **NO EXCEPTIONS. HESI Case Studies, Electronic Adaptive Quizzing (EAQ), and practice tests/quizzes through**

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Elsevier/Evolve will also be scheduled throughout the course, per your course schedule as assignment and remediation. These will be due on designated dates per the course schedule. *Students must achieve the designated score per the instructions provided in Canvas and be completed by the listed due dates.* Late or incomplete assignments will not be accepted. No extensions will be provided. **Failure to complete assignments/quizzes before the due date(s) or failure to achieve the designated score will result in a 0 Zero for that module, and cannot take that module exam unless all assignments have been completed and will have to make up exam at the end of the semester.** Review your Vocational Nursing handbook regarding Make-up Exams.

Make Up exams:

Students absent on the day unit exams are administered must take a make-up exam during finals week. At the instructor's discretion, make-up examinations may have an alternative testing format. **Students who fail to retake the missed unit examination or final exam will receive a grade of zero (0%).**