

Department of Practical Nurse & Health Care Aide

COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2023

NP2400: Practical Nursing Preceptorship – 5 (0-0-28) 225 Hours in 8 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

A concentrated clinical practice experience for consolidation of practical nurse theory and practice. Focus is on Entry-Level Competencies for LPNs and transition to graduate practice.

Note: Available only to Practical Nursing Students

PREREQUISITE(S): NP2200, NP2300, NP2350

COREQUISITE(S): None

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS: All texts and resources used in the program.

REQUIRED ONLINE RESOURCES:

Canadian Council for Practical Nurse Regulators [CCPNR] (2013). Becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse in Canada: Requisite skills and abilities. Retrieved from https://www.clpna.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/doc_CCPNR_CLPNA_Requisite_Skills_Abilities.pdf

- Canadian Council for Practical Nurse Regulators [CCPNR] (2013). Code of ethics for Licensed Practical Nurses in Canada. Retrieved from https://www.clpna.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/doc_CCPNR_CLPNA_Code_of_Ethics.pdf
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- Canadian Council for Practical Nurse Regulators [CCPNR] (2020). Standards of Practice for Licensed Practical Nurses in Canada. Author. Retrieved from https://www.clpna.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/doc_CCPNR_2020_Standards_of_Practice-ID-15906.pdf
- College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta [CLPNA] (2020). Competency profile for licensed practical nurses (5th ed.). Author. Retrieved from https://www.clpna.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/doc_Competerency_Profile_for_LPNs_5th_Ed_2020.pdf
- College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta [CLPNA]. (2023). Standards of Practice for Licensed Practical Nurses on Restricted Activities, Advanced Practice, and Supervision. Author. Retrieved from https://www.clpna.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/doc_CLPNA_Standards_of_Practice_Restricted_Activities_Advanced_Practice.pdf

DELIVERY MODE(S): Clinical

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of NP2400 learners will be able to:

- 1.) Demonstrate the ability to provide competent nursing care to clients in a practice environment.
- 2.) Demonstrate therapeutic communication skills with clients in a practice environment.
- 3.) Demonstrate the ability to practice in accordance with the Entry-Level Competencies for Licensed Practical Nurses (2019).
- 4.) Demonstrate critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and clinical judgement in a practice environment.
- 5.) Demonstrate self-directed learning.
- 6.) Integrate growth and development, anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, and pharmacology knowledge into nursing practice.
- 7.) Demonstrate personal and client safety in a practice environment.
- 8.) Evaluate evidence to support and implement evidence-informed practice in a selected practice environment.

TRANSFERABILITY:

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.**

*Warning: Although we strive to make the transferability information in this document up-to-date and accurate, the student has the final responsibility for ensuring the transferability of this course to Alberta

Colleges and Universities. Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferalberta.ca>

EVALUATIONS:

Assignment	Weight	Date	Related Course Learning Outcome
Practicum Evaluation Tool (PET) - Midterm	---	Week of September 25, 2023	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Practicum Evaluation Tool (PET) - Final	Pass/ Fail	Week of October 23, 2023	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Weekly Check-In Updates	Pass/Fail	Due weekly on Sunday at 2359PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Comprehensive Exam	Pass/Fail (Learners must achieve at grade minimum grade of C- to pass)	October 27, 2023	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Note: In order to successfully complete NP2400 and receive credit, learners must achieve a Pass on the final Practicum Evaluation and a minimum grade of C- on the comprehensive exam.

1. Practicum Evaluation Tool (PET)

****Students must receive a pass in all sections of the PET (Practicum Evaluation Tool) to pass the clinical course.**

A formative assessment of nursing practice will be completed by the student and preceptor midway and at the end of the course. This will be accomplished through observation, assessment, and evaluation of the student in various activities in the clinical setting. Feedback may be supplemented with input from the peers, faculty and staff at the clinical site, and the clients/families.

The preceptor will provide the students with a summative written final evaluation at the end of the course.

At midterm, students who are at risk for failing or failing any section of the PET will develop a Learning support plan in collaboration with the clinical instructor. Students must successfully meet the requirements of the learning support plan by the agreed-upon date. At the final, students must achieve a “Pass” in all areas of the PET to successfully complete NP2400.

A copy of the PET is available on the D2L page.

2. WEEKLY CHECK-IN UPDATES:

Students are expected to provide a weekly written overview of their clinical experiences and upload it in the dropbox on MyClass. The overview should include (but is not limited to) a description of their routines, and other experiences or events they had during the week as well as the patients they cared for along with the patient's diagnosis/presenting problem(s). Weekly overviews should be double-spaced, size 12 font, with a minimum of a half-page in length and not exceed 2 pages. APA formatting is not required. Students should also include any clinical absences as well as their weekly and cumulative clinical hours. These are due every Sunday at midnight.

3. COMPREHENSIVE EXAM:

This exam is a comprehensive exam including concepts and content covered throughout the 2-year diploma program. Students are expected to prepare for this exam as they would for the CLNPA Licensure Examination. The exam will be completed on MyClass. This exam will include a variety of question formats including but not limited to, multiple choice questions, multi-select questions, ordering questions and case study questions. The exam will cover nursing knowledge from a variety of concepts and nursing practice settings. This exam will evaluate the student's knowledge, problem-solving, and critical thinking. Students are expected to complete the exam individually. No textbooks, papers, notes, phones, SMART watches, or SMART technologies of any kind will be permitted in the exam. Academic dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in a grade of zero.

This final exam must be proctored and completed in person as scheduled by the course instructor(s). Students placed in clinical practice areas less than 300 km will be expected to write the final exam on the Northwestern Polytechnic (NWP) campus. Only students who are placed in clinical practice areas greater than 300km have the option to choose to write their exam on the Northwestern Polytechnic (NWP) campus or choose to write their exam in a clinical-instructor-approved setting with an approved exam proctor. Students are required and expected to pay all incurred fees involved when choosing to write the final exam off campus.

Instructions regarding exam location, completion, format, and proctoring will be provided to the students in advance and will be posted on the NP2400 myClass page prior to the exam. This exam will be completed within scheduled and allotted time limits as determined by the course instructor(s). Please ensure you are familiar with the NWP Final Examination Policy.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

Grading Chart for courses with Alpha Grading:

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100	C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-94	C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84	C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79	D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76	D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72	F	0.0	00-49

PROGRESSION CRITERIA

Academic Progression Criteria

A grade of C- is the minimum passing grade for all Practical Nursing courses in the program. For promotion from term to term in the program and for graduation, students must have successfully completed all the required Practical Nursing and non-Practical Nursing courses of the previous term.

A student with a GPA of 1.69 or lower must withdraw from the Practical Nursing program.

Readmission to the program is subject to departmental review.

Students who withdraw or fail twice from a required practical nursing course will be withdrawn from the program and ineligible for re-admission.

Clinical Progression Criteria

A student who is absent more than two clinical days in one clinical nursing course may need to make up the lost time before being allowed to continue in the program. Absences from the clinical site may result in the instructor being unable to evaluate the student's clinical performance. If clinical performance cannot be evaluated, a failing grade may be assigned in the course. Whenever a student's clinical performance is considered marginal in a nursing course, the student's total academic and clinical performance in the program is reviewed and considered in determining continuation in the program.

An instructor, in consultation with the Chair, may immediately deny assignment of a student to, may withdraw a student from, or vary the terms or conditions or a site of a practicum/clinical placement, if the instructor has reasonable grounds to believe that this is necessary in order to protect public interest.

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Students will work the clinical schedule of their preceptors. This likely will include evenings, nights, and weekends.

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>.

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.