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NURSING 2950

Group A

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Nursing 2950 Course Outline

CALENDAR STATEMENT:

NURS 2950 Nursing Practice IV *7 (fi 14) (either term, 3-25c-3 in 7 weeks).

Practice focuses on restoration, rehabilitation and support (including health promotion and disease prevention) of clients with chronic and less acute variances in health across the life span. Practice occurs in homes or in community-based settings. Prerequisites: NURS 140, 150, 190, 191, 194, 195 and MMI 133. Pre- or corequisite: NURS 290.

COURSE HOURS: LEC: 0 SEM: 21 CLINICAL: 175 LAB: 21

Clinical: See Clinical Schedule.

Seminar: A2 - October 29-December 14th (Fridays): 0830-1120; Room: H225. Note: November 2nd Seminar will be held in Room A203. On Dec 14th – You will be completing instructor Summative Evaluations and Course Evaluations only.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will provide opportunities for students to continue to participate in health promotion and primary prevention activities while focusing on restoration, rehabilitation and support. Nursing practice will include health assessment and intervention with child-bearing families. In addition, opportunity to participate with support and/or prevention programs/projects for clients of any age in relation to chronic and less acute variances in health may occur. The student will experience nursing practice over a continuous block of time in community-based settings and in homes and some acute care experiences related to child-bearing families.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

LEVELS OF INDEPENDENCE

In evaluating objectives, the following levels of independence will be used:

With assistance: The student requires direction and information.

With minimal assistance: The student requires occasional direction and information.

With guidance: The student requires clarification, prompting and confirmation.

With minimal guidance: The student requires *occasional* clarification, prompting and confirmation.

Independently: The student works mostly on his or her own and seeks information, clarification and consultation as appropriate.

Direction: Clinical tutor tells the student what to do, about what steps to take.

Information: Clinical tutor tells the student specifics about a concept or topic.

Clarification: Clinical tutor, through questioning and feedback, assists the student to state their information in a different and clearer way, often with more details. The student asks questions to increase their understanding; questions asked demonstrate a sound knowledge base.

Prompting: Clinical tutor provides the student with a cue that answer is incomplete or incorrect and how to resolve the lack of information. A prompt is broader than a hint. Prompting is generally used to add breadth or depth.

Confirmation: Clinical tutor provides positive feedback for correct information and direction provided by the student.

Consultation: The student provides clinical tutor with information and/or direction and asks specific questions about the information or direction which the instructor confirms.

Occasional: Indicates that input is provided by clinical tutor now and then.

In addition to maintaining competency with previous course objectives, upon completion of Nursing 2950, the nursing student will be able to:

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICAL PRACTICE

- 1. Practise within the legal and ethical standards established by the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta and the Canadian Nurses Association, and according to legislated scope of practice, and provincial and federal legislation. Independently:
 - demonstrate integrity
 - demonstrate responsibility and accountability
 - demonstrate respect for client's values, beliefs and rights

With minimal assistance:

- demonstrate application of legal and ethical standards by:
 - practising according to policies and procedures of host agencies and educational institution
 - using knowledge of scope of practice and professional legislation and Code of Ethics
 - confidentiality
 - using informed consent
 - preparing for clinical practice to provide safe, competent care
- demonstrate commitment to the values of the profession of nursing and support of professional development of colleagues.

2. Engage in strategies for social and political action at a beginning level. With minimal assistance:

- differentiate own values/needs/rights/obligations from values/needs/rights/obligations of others
- discuss formal and informal power structures in the context of social/political action in nursing situations:
 - recognize vulnerable clients/families
- identify nursing issues requiring social and political action:
 - identify programs which have arisen from social/political action
- discuss the role of the individual nurse in social/political action:
 - identify role in existing programs
 - empower clients
 - discuss client responsibilities
 - promote client autonomy and collaboration
- discuss the role of professional nursing organizations in social and political action:

- protection of public
- position statements
- describe the planning process for engaging in social and political action:
 - identify information to be provided to client/family
 - identify funding sources (re: existing programs)
 - identify the funding process
 - discuss change theory
 - identify existing programs that address client/family needs
 - identify strategies and resources for social and political action.

3. Demonstrate skills and attitudes necessary for life-long learning. Independently:

- demonstrate personal responsibility for learning
- demonstrate an attitude of inquiry to enhance own learning related to nursing practice

With minimal assistance:

- demonstrate the ability to develop informal (verbal) focused learning goals based on personal and/or client needs
- identify strengths and limitations of own competence, seeking assistance when necessary
- demonstrate an openness and receptivity to change:
 - seek and be receptive to feedback
 - \circ act on feedback
- assume primary responsibility for attaining and maintaining competence based on nursing practice standards.

KNOWLEDGE-BASED PRACTICE

4. Apply a critical thinking approach to nursing.

With minimal assistance:

- apply critical thinking strategies in developing sound clinical judgment in relation to restoration, rehabilitation and support
- apply creative thinking, reflective thinking and insight for restoration, rehabilitation and support for developing sound clinical judgment.
- 5. Apply nursing knowledge, including knowledge from the arts, humanities, medical sciences, and social sciences into nursing practice. With minimal assistance:

With minimal assistance:

- utilize selected areas of knowledge related to biological, psychological, socio-cultural and spiritual dimensions of the human response to less acute variations in health
- use selected areas of nursing knowledge related to scope of practice and professional legislation in nursing practice.

6. Demonstrate evidence-based practice. With minimal assistance:

- utilize credible resources (research studies, experts, and others)
- examine research findings related to nursing situations
- describe the significance of research to practice (research studies, experts, and others)
- identify nursing practice problems that require investigation.

7. Apply nursing and other relevant models/theories in the professional practice of nursing.

With minimal assistance:

- explain the use of nursing models/theories/metaparadigms
- explore application of selected models/theories from other disciplines and their application into nursing
- explore the application of selected nursing models/theories into nursing practice.

8. Demonstrate competence in health care informatics.

With minimal assistance:

• use a variety of selected information technology and other technology to support all scholarly activities and clinical practice.

PROVISION OF SERVICE TO PUBLIC

9. Apply concepts and principles of primary health care (accessibility of health services, use of appropriate technology, individual and community participation, increased health promotion and disease prevention, inter-sectoral collaboration).

With minimal assistance:

- apply concepts and principles of primary health care with clients experiencing chronic and less acute variances in health
- apply knowledge of health determinants in client situations
- apply selected health promotion activities with individuals and families:
 - develop professional skills needed for taking action (e.g., teaching/learning)
 - 0 create supportive environments.

10. Demonstrate caring relationships in professional situations.

With minimal assistance:

- recognize how caring behaviours can influence health and healing
- recognize the uniqueness, worth and dignity of self and others
- demonstrate caring behaviours in interpersonal activities with clients, peers and others in the health care setting
- demonstrate ability to engage in caring relationships with clients in nursing practice:
 - initiate, maintain and terminate professional relationships in a supportive manner 0
 - social vs. therapeutic 0
 - recognize situations requiring client advocacy. 0
- 11. Collaborate with clients, community agencies, community members, and members of other disciplines in a variety of settings.

With minimal assistance:

- promote client participation, choice and control
- promote colleague participation, choice and control •
- develop partnerships with community members, community agencies, colleagues and members of other disciplines
- interact with clients with chronic and less acute variations in health
- engage in inter-professional interaction.

12. Demonstrate beginning leadership, management and administrative skills. With minimal assistance:

- use effective time management strategies in coordinating client care
- describe leadership and management roles and competencies
- use decision-making processes
- effectively lead a small group
- perform an accurate appraisal of self and others
- effectively follow quality and risk management processes to enhance nursing practice
- identify principles of delegation (right: task, circumstance, person, direction, supervision).

13. Demonstrate the ability to deal with ambiguity and diversity.

With minimal assistance:

- anticipate the need of clients
- deal with the effects of ambiguity and diversity in all learning environments
- identify ambiguity and diversity in selected nursing situations
- identify own pattern of dealing with the effects of ambiguity and diversity
- provide support to clients experiencing effects of ambiguity and diversity in times of transition
- select appropriate strategies for dealing with the effects of ambiguity and diversity in selected nursing situations.

14. Demonstrate competence in clinical reasoning in relation to verbal and written communication, psychomotor skills, nursing process, priority setting, client education, in the promotion, restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance of health. With minimal assistance:

- apply nursing process
- use appropriate verbal communication skills:
 - using appropriate lines of communication
 - communicating and reporting relevant information in a timely manner
- use appropriate written communication skills:
 - documenting relevant information accurately and in a timely manner
- provide effective client education by:
 - applying principles of teaching and learning
 - identifying needed referrals
- prioritize nursing activities
- perform selected assessment skills in a competent manner

Independently:

- perform selected psychomotor skills in a competent manner lab setting With guidance:
 - perform selected psychomotor skills in a competent manner clinical setting.

CONTEXT-BASED LEARNING

Demonstrate competency with the application of the elements of context-based learning to clinical experience seminars and pre-/post-conferences.

With guidance:

- effectively use self-directed learning
- effectively use critical thinking skills to facilitate learning of the group
- effectively use group process to facilitate learning of the group:
 - respect for the values and beliefs of others

- responsibility and accountability for the learning of the group
- group roles
- caring behaviours
- communication skills (verbal or written)
- factors which influence the group.

REQUIRED RESOURCES

- 1. Working Definitions Posted on Blackboard Course site.
- 2. Map of Theoretical Labs, Clinical Labs and Clinical Seminars Posted on Blackboard Course site.
- 3. Graduate Competencies and Year-end Outcomes Posted on Blackboard Course site.
- 4. Grade Descriptors
- 5. Other site-specific resources

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES (site specific)

- Ackley, B., & Ladwig, G. (2006) Nursing Diagnosis Handbook: A Guide to Planning Care. St. Louis: Mosby.
- Osis, M. (2003). Dosage Calculations in SI Units. (4th ed.). St. Louis: Mosby.
- Pilliteri, A. (2007). Maternal & child health nursing: Care of the childbearing and childrearing family (5th ed.). Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams Wilkins.

Potter, P. A. & Perry, A. G. (2006). Canadian fundamentals of nursing (3rd ed.). St. Louis: Mosby.

Wilson, S. F. & Giddens, J. F. (2005). Health assessment for nursing practice. St. Louis: Mosby.

REQUIRED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

In order to pass NURS 2950, students must demonstrate safe ethical nursing practice, professional behaviour, and complete the following experiences. Students are expected to implement previously learned nursing skills.

- 1. During this course, students will have a continuous experience in community-based practice and in homes and some acute care settings. Students will participate in nursing care of child-bearing families, health promotion programs, prevention programs, birthing and post-partum experiences.
- 2. Participate in site-selected labs (see 'Map of Theoretical Labs, Clinical Labs and Clinical Seminars').
- 3. Participate in a client experience during birthing, post-partum. If a live birthing experience is not available, a birthing film or simulation will be utilized.
- 4. Participate in health promotion activities in a public health setting.
- 5. Observe and/or participate during a Well Baby Clinic.
- 6. Utilize the CFAM/CFIM model.
- 7. Perform an assessment on a newborn.

8. Collaborate with clients, family, nurse, community members and members of other disciplines.

SUGGESTED OPTIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES (site specific)

- 1. Observe and/or participate during the immediate post-partum home visit.
- 2. Participate in a prenatal, labor and delivery, and post-partum follow-through experience.
- 3. Participate in a prenatal class.
- 4. Participate in community support activities organized by the health unit, if available.
- 5. Participate in immunization programs.
- 6. Observe and/or participate in health team meetings.

REQUIRED EVALUATION

Nursing practice must be evaluated using the Evaluation of Nursing Practice (ENP) tool.

- 1. ENP plus 1 other assignment (exceptions at discretion of Dean/Chair).
 - To encourage the development of self-reflective practice, it is recommended that client preparation, reflective practice, nursing care and learning plans be evaluated through discussion during the clinical day and post conference.
- 2. Evaluation of student's clinical performance:

A formative and written summative Evaluation of Nursing Practice will be completed by the student and the tutor.

This will be accomplished through observation assessment and evaluation of the student during nursing practice. Evaluations will be made by the tutor and may be supplemented with input from peers, the staff of an agency, and the client. Tutors are directed to refer to the current Evaluation of Nursing Practice document from the Evaluation Strategies Committee.

RECOMMENDED EVALUATION

• See *Evaluation Strategies Handbook*.

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING EDUCATION GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE & PEACE COUNTRY HEALTH REGION EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

The input of the nurse in the Clinical Agency is valued and welcome. GPRC and PCHR can benefit when the nurse:

- 1. Role models professional nursing behaviours including attitudes, techniques, awareness and adherence to agency policies.
- 2. Maintains an interest and openness to teaching and learning with faculty and students.
- 3. Alerts faculty and students to additional learning experiences.
- 4. Promotes learning opportunities for students as observers in addition to hands on practice.
- 5. Assists students when faculty is not available if appropriate for level of student and if responsibilities permit.
- 6. Gives constructive feedback about performance of faculty and student when asked. Receives constructive feedback about self.
- 7. Shares in open dialogue with faculty, concerns or difficulties related to student assignments.

As a Faculty Member in the Clinical Agency, the Nursing Instructors are expected to:

- 1. Role model professional nursing behaviour including attitudes, techniques and adherence to agency policies.
- 2. Maintain an interest and openness to teaching and learning with staff and students.
- 3. Clearly indicate the skills the students are allowed to practice. Ideally supervise students doing any skills or procedures for the first time.
- 4. Share in open dialogue with nursing staff, concerns and difficulties in the management of student assignments.
- 5. Assume responsibility for student evaluation and delegate supervision of students appropriately, after consultation with staff.
- 6. When asked by the unit manager, give constructive feedback about performance of staff. Receive constructive feedback about self.
- 7. Discuss student individual learning needs and assignments with nursing staff as appropriate.

Students in the Clinical Agency are expected to:

- 1. Demonstrate professional behaviour including attitudes, techniques and adherence to agency policies.
- 2. Maintain an interest and openness to teaching and learning with staff and faculty.
- 3. Prepare for clinical assignment.
- 4. Complete assignment in collaboration with instructor, assigned nurse and other health care professionals.
- 5. Document in a timely manner.
- 6. Communicate with instructor and assigned nurse regarding status of the client(s) and include a concise verbal or taped report when leaving.
- 7. When requested, provide constructive feedback about performance of faculty and staff. Receive constructive feedback about self.
- 8. Demonstrate an appropriate level of independence.

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ASSIGNMENT OF FINAL GRADE:

A grade will be assigned for each assignment using the marking criteria and then based on the grade descriptors (excellent, good, satisfactory, poor). Rationale will be given as to the assigned grade. Grading descriptors will be provided for each assignment.

Effective July 1, 2003 Grande Prairie Regional College uses the alpha grading system and the following approved letter codes for all programs and courses offered by the College.

Alpha Grade	4 Point Equivalent	Descriptor
A+	4.0	Excellent
Α	4.0	Excellent
A-	3.7	First Class Standing*
B +	3.3	First Class Standing*
В	3.0	Good
В-	2.7	Good
C+	2.3	Satisfactory
С	2.0	Satisfactory
C-	1.7	Satisfactory

Grading Criteria for Nursing Courses:

Passing Grades in Nursing Courses

Failing Grades in Nursing Courses

Alpha Grade	4 Point Equivalent	Descriptor
D+	1.3	Poor/Minimal Pass
D	1.0	Poor/Minimal Pass
F	0.0	Failure

Students **may** receive a grade of D or D+ in an assignment or component of a course, but must have an overall grade of C- to achieve a passing grade in a nursing course.

**Note: Refer to the 2007-08 College calendar p. 37 for further details regarding the grading policy and p. 123 regarding Progression Criteria in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

Evaluation	Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage of Total Mark	Value
ENP will be a combination of input from postpartum, pediatrics & public health			60%	
Research assignment			40%	
Critical Incident Journal			Complete/ Incomplete	
				Total:

Summary of the Evaluation Criteria of NS 2950

Total 4-Point Equivalent Values:

Final Grade:

Students **may** receive a grade of D or D+ in an assignment or component of a course, but must have an overall grade of C- to achieve a passing grade in a nursing course. If you receive a grade of "F" in any of the ENP criteria it constitutes a "clinical failure" on the ENP, as the student has then shown unsafe, unprofessional, or unethical nursing practice.

Grades for each assignment were translated into the 4-point equivalent, were then multiplied by the percentage of total mark for each assignment. The value of those percentages are added up to make a total. That total was converted back into the grade scale to receive your final grade. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your tutorial tutor.

REQUIRED EVALUATION:

In order to pass NURS 2950, students must demonstrate safe, ethical nursing practice; professional behavior; complete every one of the below activities and acquire a passing grade in the Evaluation of Nursing Practice (ENP).

PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING: Please refer to your rights and responsibilities in the Grande Prairie Regional College 2007-2008 Calendar on pages 43-47.

We expect honesty from our students. This demands that the contribution of others be acknowledged (GPRC Calendar, 2007-2008). Penalties will be given according to the degree of the plagiarism or cheating. If you are unsure whether an action is plagiarism or not, please

consult your tutor. Cheating refers to dishonest conduct such as speaking in an exam, bringing written material not authorized by the tutor, tampering with grades, or consciously aiding another student to cheat). Please refer to pages 44-45 of your GPRC Calendar.

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY:

All assignments and course evaluation strategies are required to be completed by the time and date specified in the course outline.

Extensions of the time specified for submission may be granted in case of illness or extenuating circumstances. Extensions must be negotiated with the instructor prior to the required submission time and date.

A penalty will be imposed for all late assignments and course evaluation strategies. If the instructor is unable to open electronic copy of an assignment on the due date, the assignment will be considered late. One Letter Grade per class day will be deducted from the total value of the assignment for each class day the assignment is late. For example, an assignment valued at B+ and handed in one class day late, will be valued at a B.

1. <u>Reflective Journal</u>

DUE DATE: 0900 on November 23rd & December 7th.

Students will choose **AN INCIDENT** that occurred in any two clinical setting (postpartum, paediatrics', & public health) of NS 2950 for a **TOTAL of TWO JOURNAL ENTRIES.** No grade will be assigned for journals, yet journals will be used as an evaluation tool in your ENP. Clinical instructors may photocopy and include student journals as part of their ENP.

* Think about an experience that has caused you to pause and reflect on that experience*

Approximately 2-4 pages, typed according to APA format. Confidentiality must be considered when choosing to share written or verbal information.

Guidelines for writing the Reflective Journal

- Describe a significant experience that you had during your week in each clinical setting. Describe the experience (example; what you or someone else did in intervention, communication, or other). Be as specific and objective as possible. Include thoughts, feelings, and perceptions. Also include what you perceive the other people could be feeling (patient, nurses etc.).
- Reflect on the experience. Describe why this experience was important to you, and what factors (such as assessments, previously learned experiences, values, beliefs, stereotypes or biases.) influenced yours/someone else's decisions/actions/feelings. What assumptions have you made? Were they true or false? Why?
- Evaluate your strengths and areas needing improvement in this situation. What were the strengths and areas for improvement in the other health care professionals involved? Explain why you think those were areas of strength or areas needing development. How are the client and/or family ultimately affected?
- Describe your significant learning. How does this impact your nursing practice? Describe what you would do differently/investigate/maintain if a similar incident should occur. Describe what you would teach someone else (example; a peer) about this incident in order to improve your nursing practice.

Patton, J., & Woods, S. (1997). Enhancing the clinical practicum experience through journal writing. *Journal of Nursing Education*, 36 (5), 238-240



2. Research Assignment (40%)

The purpose of this assignment is to introduce students to beginning concepts of nursing research and evidence based practice nursing through exploring the evaluation phase of the nursing process. Students will select an area of interest that pertains to their nursing practice in this clinical practicum. The student then develops a question, hypothesis and a method to obtain the data that is related to the specific area of interest. The student **MUST** identify whether their method of inquiry is qualitative, quantitative or both.

Students must interpret the data they have collected in their study and compare the results to current research on the same topic they have chosen. A variety of research articles are expected to be used. Students must have instructor approve research question and questionnaire prior to the start of their project.

Each student will have **20 minutes** to give an overview or their study, hypothesis, data collection, data analysis, comparison to the literature and relevance to nursing practice in *power point format*.

This assignment will be worth **40%** of your mark. It also counts as **16 clinical hours**. It is a project of your design and you must submit an outline to your instructor 1 week prior to presenting.

(Due: During Seminar. A sign up sheet will be passed around during orientation week to sign up for a particular date to present your work).

The dates that are available for presentations are:

November 30th December 7th

Evidenced-Based Nursing

According to the Centre for Evidenced-Based Medicine, the practice of evidence-based nursing involves the following steps: formulation of an answerable question to address a specific patient problem or situation; systematic searching for the research evidence that could be used to answer the question; appraisal of the validity, relevance and applicability of the research evidence; integration of the research evidence with other information that might influence the management of the patient's problems: clinical expertise, patient preference for alternative forms of care, and available resources; implementation of the evidence-based practice decision; and finally, evaluation of the outcome of the decision. (http://www.cebm.utoronto.ca/syllabi/nur/intro.htm)

ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE POWER POINT PRESENATION:

✓ Topic/Area of research

- How/Why was the topic selected?
- What is your question?
- Are there any ethical considerations you may think about before proceeding with your data collection

✓ Literature Discussion

- Literature search
 - How much information on your topic is in the literature?

✓ Make an hypothesis

• Predict what you think the answer to your question will be.

✓ Data collection tool

- Subject/ participants: Number and Demographics
- What were the questions that you asked your subjects?
- How did you collect your information?

✓ Data interpretation (be creative)

- What were the results of your data collection?
- ✓ Nursing Implications
 - What do the results mean to you as a nurse?

✓ Future considerations/conclusion

- Is there any information found in the literature that was not covered in your research?
- Are there any future considerations for practice, education and further research that you have concluded from the results of your study?

✓ Ensure that power point slides are:

- Legible and creative
- Free of mistakes and typographical errors
- References must be in APA format

Example: Tips

The proposal must include the following criteria:

1. What it is you want to learn or the question you want answered? If you ask yourself why you want to do this project or why it is interesting to you the question you want answered becomes obvious.

Example: How does adopting a newborn affect the bonding process between mom and babe? How does a diagnosis of infertility affect a woman?

2. The strategy is how you will get the information you need to answer the question you have asked.

- **Example**: I will find commonalities and differences in the data collected. I will compare the information collected to available literature.
 - 2. The method of delivery of information to classmates.
- **Example**: I will present my findings in seminar on ------date. I will accompany presentation with a poster presentation

** Remember to include how you want your presentation evaluated**



3. Evaluation of Nursing Practice (ENP) (60%)

A formative and written summative evaluation of Nursing Practice will be completed by the student and the instructor at the end of each clinical area. See attached form.

This will be accomplished through observation, assessment, and evaluation of the student during clinical practice. Evaluations will be made by the instructor and may be supplemented with input from peers, the staff of an agency, and the client. For the purposes of NS 2950, the ENP grade will be an AVERAGE of your performance in all mat/child areas of practice.

**Students are expected to be available for final evaluations during exam week (Dec 10-19th).

In order to pass NURS 2950, students must demonstrate safe, ethical nursing practice; professional behavior and acquire a passing grade in the Evaluation of Nursing Practice (ENP).

Students MUST pass the ENP in order to pass the course. If a student does not pass the ENP with a 50%, they will obtain an overall grade of no greater than D. If you receive a grade of "F" in any of the ENP criteria it constitutes a "clinical failure" on the ENP, as the student has then shown unsafe, unprofessional, or unethical nursing practice.

Please complete an ENP at the end of each clinical area (postpartum, public health.) Your performance on Labor and Delivery, NICU and Paediatrics will also be reflected in your ENP. Your ENP grade will be assigned at the end of the rotation in consultation with both NS 2950 instructors.

Journal Writing Criteria

Characteristic	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Marginal	Unsatisfactory
Dialogue	Responds to instructor feedback or questions in depth and poses questions or provides feedback to the instructor	Responds to instructor feedback or questions in depth	Responds briefly to instructor feedback or questions	Responds in yes/no format to feedback or questions posed by instructor	Does not respond to instructor feedback or questions in journal
Critical Thinking Reflective Practice	Recognizes critical clinical events and reflects on them substantively as they relate to clinical practice Includes thoughts, feelings, and perceptions of all people involved. Describes why event is important to them.	Recognizes critical clinical events and reflects on them to a large degree as they relate to clinical practice. Information is thorough, includes information on how they personally were feeling, and thoughts and feelings	Recognizes key clinical events and reflects on them superficially as they relate to nursing practice.	Able to recognize critical clinical events but does not reflect on those events as they relate to nursing practice. Is not specific with the events or why the incident is significant	Is not able to recognize or reflect on critical events in nursing practice
Identification of Strengths and Areas to Work on	Able to identify and critically analyse their strengths and areas to work on in great detail and how this can affect the client.	Able to analyse the strengths and areas to work on in some depth.	Provides some strengths and areas to work on. Does not explain why these are strengths or weaknesses.	Minimal analysis of strengths and weaknesses	No analysis.
Connection of Abstract to Practical	Recognizes actions are based on values and identifies values they are based on. Uses previous experiences and learning to apply to this situation. Critiques behaviours in clinical practice and examines and questions values and beliefs related to behaviours	Recognizes actions are based on values and identifies values they are based upon. Critiques behaviours in clinical practice as they relate to values and beliefs	Recognizes actions are based on beliefs Ties some personal values and beliefs to behaviours	Recognizes actions are a choice but no justification of actions given Mentions personal beliefs but does not tie them to behaviours	Does not take responsibility for own actions No references to personal values or beliefs in journal
Application of Knowledge	Is able to utilize knowledge from nursing and other disciplines and apply it to nursing practice now and for the future. Able to provide specific	Consistently applies them to nursing practice. Describes what they would do differently in the next situation.	Includes appropriate information and occasionally applies content to nursing practice. Briefly focuses on how they would teach a peer	Includes occasional theory information in journal but does not apply the content to own practice. Shows minimal insight into how this incident has taught	Does apply theoretical knowledge to practice. Does not describe what they would do differently or what they would teach a peer.

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of what they would teach a	how this is meaningful	1 to different. Does not discuss	
peer about this incident.	them.	what they would teach a	
Identifies what they would		peer about this incident.	
do differently in the		-	
situation			

NS 2950 Research Assignment Marking Guide

	Excellent (A)	Very Good (B)	Good (C)	Marginal (D)	Fail (F)
Ethics	Has research question and data collection tool approved by instructor				Does not have research question and data collection tool approved by instructor
Research Question	Research question is present, specific, clear and concise and realistic and is unbiased.	Research question is present, realistic and is unbiased, but is not specific	Research question is present, but unclear and is biased.	Research question is present, but unrealistic and is biased.	Research question is not included.
Hypothesis	Hypothesis is specific, clear and concise, related to the question and is measurable.	Hypothesis is related to the question and is measurable.	Hypothesis is related to the question and but is not measurable.	Hypothesis is not related to the question and is not measurable.	Hypothesis is not included.
Data Collection	Data collection tool is appropriate, clear and concise for the type of research (i.e. qualitative and quantitative or mixed) Questions are specific, clear concise, ethical, unbiased and measurable.	Data collection tool is appropriate, for the type of research (i.e. qualitative and quantitative or mixed.) Questions are ethical, unbiased and measurable.	Data collection tool is appropriate, for the type of research (i.e. qualitative and quantitative or mixed) Questions are ethical and measurable, but vague and biased.	Data collection tool is inappropriate, for the type of research (i.e. qualitative and quantitative or mixed) Questions are unethical, vague, biased and immeasurable.	Data collection tool is not used.

Data Interpretation	Provides clear, concise and specific analysis of data used to answer research question and provides outstanding evidence to clearly prove or disprove hypothesis.	Provides analysis of data used to answer research question and provides some evidence to prove or disprove hypothesis.	Provides a general analysis of data used to answer research question. Does not address evidence to prove or disprove hypothesis.	Provides a very vague analysis of data, and does not answer research question. Does not address evidence to prove or disprove hypothesis.	Does not provide analysis of the research question or provide evidence to prove or disprove hypothesis
Presentation	Extraordinary and creative presentation of research question, hypothesis, data interpretation. Outstanding integration from a variety of sources in the literature and literature review is thorough and complete. Thoughtfully evaluates major alternative points of view.	Presentation of research question, hypothesis, data interpretation, is thorough. Integration from the literature is evident but limited amount of sources.	Presentation of research question, hypothesis, data interpretation, is clear, but does not answer the question of the hypothesis. Integration from the literature is broad and has a limited amount of sources.	Presentation of research question, hypothesis, data interpretation, is unclear, does not answer the question of the hypothesis. Integration from the literature is vague, little evidence of analysis or evaluation from alternative points of view and has only 1 source	Does not present research questions, hypothesis and data interpretation or presentation is poorly organized and difficult to follow. Does not use literature to support hypothesis.

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Nursing Implications	Nursing	Nursing	Nursing	Nursing	Nursing
	interventions are	interventions are	interventions are	interventions are	interventions
	clear, concise and	present provides	superficial,	present but does	and/or
	provides specific	recommendations	provides some	not provide	recommendations
	recommendations	that are clear, and	recommendations	recommendations	are not provided.
	that are well	relate to further	that are brief, and	that relate to	
	organized and	research, education	relate to further	further research,	
	specifically relate	or practice.	research, education	education or	
	to further research,		or practice.	practice.	
	education or				
	practice.				

	specifically relate to further research, education or practice.	or practice.	research, education or practice.	education or practice.	
APA/Grammar/Spelling	Content is extraordinarily written, grammar, spelling and APA format requires minimal revisions	Content is well written, with minor grammar, spelling error and APA format requires minimal revisions	Content is well written, with some structure and organization needing improvement. Grammar, spelling error and APA format requires some revisions	Content is present, with most structure and organization needing improvement. Grammar, spelling errors evident throughout and APA format is inconsistent and incorrect	Organization and scope of ideas inadequate, grammar, spelling and APA is poorly done, or there is evidence of plagiarism.

Generic Grade Descriptors for ENP (June 20, 2006)

LEVEL OF INDEPENDENCE

In evaluating (clinical performance) objectives, the following level of independence will be used:

With assistance:	student requires direction and information.
With minimal assistance:	student requires occasional direction and information.
With guidance:	student requires clarification, prompting and confirmation.
With minimal guidance:	student requires occasional clarification, prompting and confirmation.
Independently:	student works mostly on his or her own and seeks information, clarification, and consultation as
	appropriate.

Definition of terms:

Direction: tutor tells student what to do, about what steps to take.

Information: tutor tells student specifics about a concept or topic.

- **Clarification:** tutor, through questioning and feedback, assists the student to state their information in a different and clear way, often with more details. Student asks questions to increase their understanding; questions asked demonstrate a sound knowledge base.
- **Prompting:** tutor provides student with a cue that answer is incomplete or incorrect and how to resolve the lack of information. A prompt is broader that a hint. Prompting is generally used to add breadth or depth.

Confirmation: tutor provides positive feedback for correct information and direction provided by student.

Consultation: student provides tutor with information and/or direction and asks specific questions about the information or direction which the instructor confirms.

Occasional: indicates that input is provided by tutor now and then.

	Excellent/Exemplary	Very Good	Good/Satisfactory	Minimal Pass	Fail
General	Clearly and consistently	Enthusiastic and	Keen interest in	Interest in learning	Lacks commitment,
Description	enthusiastic and committed	committed to	learning and nursing.	and nursing is	initiative/enthusiasm
1	to learning and nursing.	learning and nursing.	Requires guidance to	inconsistent over	regarding learning and
	Care is characterized by	Care is thorough and	meet the objectives at	the course. Requires	nursing. Fails to
	comprehensive, detailed and	competent, with	a satisfactory level.	on-going direction,	identify personal
	relevant assessments,	minimal guidance	This guidance	prompting and	learning needs or
	individualized, in-depth,	Almost always meets	decreases during the	information to meet	strategies.
	evidence-based care, and	and occasionally	course. Identifies	the course	Demonstrates unsafe
	anticipation of future client	exceeds course	personal learning	objectives. Care is	nursing practice, does
	needs. Highly competent at	objectives.	needs and abilities	generally superficial	not meet course
	the level expected for that		although may require	but is not	objectives.
	year in the program,		assistance to generate	considered unsafe.	
	consistently meets, and at		strategies to meet		
	times exceeds, the course		course objectives.		
	objectives.				
Professional	Consistently maintains an	With minimal	With guidance,	With minimal	Fails to maintain
Responsibility	exemplary standard of	guidance, maintains	maintains standards	assistance,	standards of personal
and Ethical	personal and professional	personal and	of personal and	maintains	and/or professional
Practice	ethics: confidentiality,	professional ethics:	professional ethics:	standards of	ethics:
	integrity, honesty. Meets	confidentiality,	confidentiality,	personal and	confidentiality,
	legal standards.	integrity, honesty;	integrity, honesty.	professional	integrity, and/or
	Consistently	meets legal	Aware of standards	ethics:	honesty. Needs on-
	demonstrates initiative,	standards and	and legislation. Needs	confidentiality,	going assistance to
	visionary in examining	incorporates this	guidance to apply this	integrity, honesty.	practice in
	personal learning needs	knowledge in	knowledge to clinical	Aware of standards	accordance with
	and abilities, as well as	practice. Engages in	situations or to	and legislation and	legislation. Lacks
	client needs (asks what if	reflective thinking	recognize relevance to	needs minimal	insight into own
	and why not). Seeks and	regarding own	own developing	assistance to apply	learning needs and
	recognizes opportunities	personal learning	professional practice.	this knowledge to	abilities, and/or
	for growth in self and	needs and abilities,	Requires guidance to	clinical situations	client needs. Fails to
	others including clients.	as well as those of	recognize	or to recognize	recognize
		client. With minimal	opportunities for	relevance to own	opportunities for
		guidance seeks and	growth in self and	developing	growth in self and/or
		recognizes	others including	professional	others including

		opportunities for growth in self and	clients.	practice. Demonstrates	clients.
		others including		minimal initiative	
		clients.		re: personal	
				learning needs and	
				abilities, and in	
				recognizing /	
				anticipating client	
				needs. Generally	
				does not seek or	
				recognize	
				opportunities for	
				growth in self or	
				others, including	
				clients.	
Knowledge-	Consistently	Demonstrates strong	Identifies areas for	Demonstrates a	Demonstrates a very
Based	demonstrates exceptional	level of knowledge	knowledge	weak level of	poor level of
Practice	level of knowledge related	related to course	development with	knowledge related	knowledge related to
	to course objectives.	objectives,	guidance to ensure	to course	course objectives.
	Knowledge is integrated	demonstrates	that all relevant factors	objectives.	Demonstrates
	into nursing practice	transference of	and areas of	Demonstrates very	minimal levels of
	through exemplary use of	components of	knowledge are	little contextual	contextual awareness
	the nursing process.	similar contexts from	considered. Depth of	awareness and	and flexibility when
	Demonstrates	previous learning	preparation for clinical	flexibility in	required to adapt to
	outstanding level of	experiences such as	practice may be	adapting to new	new situations. Level
	contextual awareness and	theory courses and	somewhat superficial	situations. Has a	of knowledge is weak
	flexibility. Care is	prior clinical courses,	but does not	superficial level of	with inadequate /
	characterized by	as well as flexibility	compromise client	knowledge and	inaccurate
	comprehensive and	in adapting to a	safety. Level of	generally is unable	integration in
	relevant assessments,	variety of situations.	knowledge related to	to integrate	applying the nursing
	individualized, in-depth,	With minimal	course objectives is	knowledge in	process. Care is
	evidence-based care, and	guidance,	adequate. With	planning care	characterized by
	anticipation of future	incorporates	guidance,	without assistance.	weak, superficial
	client needs. Competent	evidence-based	incorporates similar	Care is	assessments, and
	beyond the level expected	findings.	components from	characterized by	lacks individualized
	for the year in the	Knowledge is	previous learning	superficial	approach, depth,
		0 -	experiences. May be	assessments that	evidence / resources.

	program.	integrated into nursing practice through effective use of the nursing process. Consistently meets course objectives and achieves some course objectives above the level expected for the year in the program.	anxious or lacking confidence when required to adapt to new situations. With guidance, incorporates evidence- based findings.	lack some detail. Furthermore, care may lack an individualized approach, depth, or careful / thoughtful use of evidence / resources. Requires assistance to determine content areas needed to ensure complete or in-depth approaches to client care. May need assistance to ensure that all important factors are considered.	The care provided is below the level expected for the year in the program, and consistently fails to meets the course objectives.
Provision of Service to Public	Consistently anticipates and plans for actual and potential alterations in the needs of clients, including client families. Demonstrates competence and confidence in using the skills appropriate to the specific year of the program. Responds to situations of ambiguity and diversity with confidence in own ability to apply knowledge and sound clinical judgment.	With minimal guidance, anticipates and plans for actual and potential alterations in the needs of clients, including client families. With minimal guidance, demonstrates competence and is generally confident in using the skills appropriate to the specific year of the program. With	With guidance, care is characterized by relevant assessments; individualized, evidence-based care; and anticipation of immediate and possibly some future client needs. Competent with the skills for the year in the program, meets the course objectives at an acceptable and safe level. With guidance, anticipates	Generally fails to anticipate or plan for actual or potential alterations in the needs of clients, including client families. Demonstrates minimally acceptable competence and/or confidence in using the skills appropriate to the specific year of the	Consistently fails to anticipate or plan for alterations in the needs of clients or client families. Demonstrates a lack of competence in using the skills appropriate to the specific year of the program, Responds to situations of ambiguity and diversity with difficulty, lack of competence to apply

	Consistently demonstrates caring and supportive behaviors, and fosters professional relationships though verbal and non-verbal communication that is consistently exceeds expectations for this point in the program.	minimal guidance, responds to situations of ambiguity and diversity with confidence in own ability to apply knowledge and sound clinical judgment. Demonstrates caring and supportive behaviors, and fosters professional relationships through verbal and non- verbal communication that exceeds expectations for this point in the program.	and plans for actual and potential alterations in the needs of clients, including client families. With guidance, responds to situations of ambiguity and diversity. With guidance and support, uses sound clinical judgment, demonstrates caring and supportive behaviors, and fosters professional relationships through verbal and non-verbal communication.	program. Responds to situations of ambiguity and diversity with lack of confidence in own ability to apply knowledge or sound clinical judgment. Fails to consistently demonstrate caring or supportive behaviors, and may have difficulty fostering professional relationships at an acceptable level, through verbal and/or non-verbal communication.	knowledge, or exercising sound clinical judgment. Fails to demonstrate caring or supportive behaviors, and fails to foster professional relationships. These behaviors are not at an acceptable level for the point in the program.
Context- Based Learning	Consistently and independently demonstrates outstanding performance in all areas/components of CBL, including group process, self-direction, critical thinking, communication and where applicable, writing to enhance and support the learning that takes place in the group.	With minimal guidance, demonstrates a high standard in most areas/components of CBL, including group process, self- direction, critical thinking, communication and where applicable, writing to enhance and support the learning that takes	With guidance, demonstrates an acceptable level of perform in most areas/components of CBL, including group process, self-direction, critical thinking, communication and where applicable, writing to enhance and support the learning that takes	With assistance, demonstrates an acceptable level in most areas / components of CBL, including group process, self-direction, critical thinking, communication and where applicable, writing to enhance and support the	Fails to achieve an acceptable standard in most areas/components of CBL, including group process, self-direction in learning, critical thinking, communication and where applicable, writing to enhance and support the learning that takes place in the group.

	place in the group.	place in the group.	learning that takes place in the group.	
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Nursing 2950 Evaluation of Nursing Practice (ENP)

A: Excellent B: Very Good C: Good, Average, Satisfactory D: Minimal Pass F: Fail

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PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICAL PRACTICE					
1. Practice within the legal and ethical standards established by the College and Association of					
Registered Nurses of Alberta and the Canadian Nurses Association, and according to legislated					
scope of practice, and provincial and federal legislation.					
Independently:					
 demonstrate integrity 					
 demonstrate responsibility and accountability 					
 demonstrate respect for client's values, beliefs and rights 					
With minimal assistance:					
 demonstrate application of legal and ethical standards: 					
 practice according to policies and procedures of host agencies and educational institution 					
 use knowledge of scope of practice and professional legislation and Code of Ethics confidentiality 					
• use informed consent					
• prepare for clinical practice to provide safe, competent care					
 demonstrate commitment to the values of the profession of nursing and support of professional development of colleagues. 					
2. Engage in strategies for social and political action at a beginning level					
With minimal assistance:					
 differentiate own values/needs/rights/obligations from values/needs/rights/obligations of 					
others					
 discuss formal and informal power structures in the context of social/political action in 					
nursing situations:					
 recognize vulnerable clients/ families identification income constraints and a lititation income constraints and					
 identify nursing issues requiring social and political action: identify programs which have arisen from appiel (political action) 					
 identify programs which have arisen from social/political action discuss the role of the individual purse in social/political action; 					
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 identify role in existing programs <i>empower clients</i> 					
 empower clients discuss client responsibilities 					
 promote client autonomy and collaboration 					
 discuss the role of professional nursing organizations in social and political action: 					
 protection of public 					
 position statements 					
 describe the planning process for engaging in social and political action: 					
• identify information to be provided to client/family					
 identify funding sources (re: existing programs) 					
• identify the funding process					
• discuss change theory					
• identify existing programs that address client/family needs					
• identify strategies and resources for social and political action.					
3. Demonstrate skills and attitudes necessary for life-long learning.					

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	Independently:					
	 demonstrate personal responsibility for learning demonstrate an attitude of inquiry to enhance own learning related to nursing practice 					
	demonstrate an actitude of inquiry to emilance own learning related to hurship practice					
	With minimal assistance:					
	 demonstrate the ability to develop informal (verbal) focused learning goals based on 					
	personal and/or client needsidentify strengths and limitations of own competence, seeking assistance when necessary					
	 demonstrate an openness and receptivity to change: 					
	• seek and be receptive to feedback					
	 act on feedback assume primary responsibility for attaining and maintaining competence based on pursing 					
	 assume primary responsibility for attaining and maintaining competence based on nursing practice standards. 					
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	NOWLEDGE-BASED PRACTICE					
4.	Apply a critical thinking approach to nursing. With minimal assistance:					
	 apply critical thinking strategies in developing sound clinical judgment in relation to 					
	restoration, rehabilitation and supportapply creative thinking, reflective thinking and insight for restoration, rehabilitation and					
	support for developing sound clinical judgment.					
5.	Apply nursing knowledge, including knowledge from the arts, humanities, medical sciences, and					
	social sciences into nursing practice. With minimal assistance:					
	 utilize selected areas of knowledge related to biological, psychological, socio-cultural and 					
	spiritual dimensions of the human response to less acute variations in health					
	 use selected areas of nursing knowledge related to scope of practice and professional 					
	legislation in nursing practice.					
6.	Demonstrate evidence-based practice.					
	With minimal assistance:					
	 utilize credible resources (research studies, experts, and others) examine research findings related to nursing situations 					
	 describe the significance of research to practice (research studies, experts, and others) 					
	 identify nursing practice problems that require investigation. 					
7.	Apply nursing and other relevant models/theories in the professional practice of nursing.					
<i>.</i>	With minimal assistance:					
	 explain the use of nursing models/theories/metaparadigms 					
	• explore application of selected models/theories from other disciplines and their application					
	into nursingexplore the application of selected nursing models/theories into nursing practice.					
	emplore are application of selected maising models, encoded and maising practice					
8.	Demonstrate competence in health care informatics.					
	With minimal assistance:use a variety of selected information technology and other technology to support all					
	scholarly activities and clinical practice.					
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	ROVISION OF SERVICE TO PUBLIC					
9.	Apply concepts and principles of primary health care (accessibility of health services, use of	1		1		

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	appropriate technology, individual and community participation, increased health promotion					
	and disease prevention, intersectoral collaboration).					
	With minimal assistance:					
	 apply concepts and principles of primary health care with clients experiencing chronic and 					
	less acute variances in health					
	 apply knowledge of health determinants in client situations 					
	 apply selected health promotion activities with individuals and families: 					
	 develop professional skills needed for taking action (e.g., teaching/learning) 					
	 create supportive environments. 					
10	Demonstrate caring relationships in professional situations.					
10.	With minimal assistance:					
	 recognize how caring behaviors can influence health and healing 					
	recognize the uniqueness, worth and uginty of sen and others					
	• demonstrate caring behaviors in interpersonal activities with clients, peers and others in the					
	health care setting					
	 demonstrate ability to engage in caring relationships with clients in nursing practice 					
	• initiate, maintain and terminate professional relationships in a supportive manner					
	• social vs. therapeutic					
	 recognize situations requiring client advocacy. 					
11.	Collaborate with clients, community agencies, community members, and members of other					
	disciplines in a variety of settings.					
	With minimal assistance:					
	 promote client participation, choice and control 					
	 promote colleague participation, choice and control 					
	 develop partnerships with community members, community agencies, colleagues and 					
	members of other disciplines					
	 interact with clients with chronic and less acute variations in health 					
	 engage in inter-professional interaction. 					
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12.	Demonstrate beginning leadership, management and administrative skills.					
	With minimal assistance:					
	 use effective time management strategies in coordinating client care 					
	 describe leadership and management roles and competencies 					
	 use decision-making processes 					
	 effectively lead a small group 					
	 perform an accurate appraisal of self and others 					
	 effectively follow quality and risk management processes to enhance nursing practice 					
	 identify principles of delegation (right: task, circumstance, person, direction, supervision). 					
13.	Demonstrate the ability to deal with ambiguity and diversity.					
	With minimal assistance:					
	 anticipate the need of clients 					
	 deal with the effects of ambiguity and diversity in all learning environments 					
	 identify ambiguity and diversity in selected nursing situations 					
	 identify own pattern of dealing with the effects of ambiguity and diversity 					
	 provide support to clients experiencing effects of ambiguity and diversity in times of 					
	transition					
	 select appropriate strategies for dealing with the effects of ambiguity and diversity in 					
	selected nursing situations.					

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14. Demonstrate competence in clinical reasoning in relation to verbal and written communication,					
psychomotor skills, nursing process, priority setting, client education, in the promotion,					
restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance of health.					
With minimal assistance:					
 apply nursing process 					
 use appropriate verbal communication skills: 					
• using appropriate lines of communication					
 communicating and reporting relevant information in a timely manner 					
 use appropriate written communication skills: 					
• documenting relevant information accurately and in a timely manner					
 provide effective client education by: 					
 applying principles of teaching and learning 					
• identifying needed referrals					
 prioritize nursing activities 					
 perform selected assessment skills in a competent manner 					
Independently:					
 perform selected psychomotor skills in a competent manner – lab setting 					
With guidance:					
 perform selected psychomotor skills in a competent manner – clinical setting. 					
CONTEXT-BASED LEARNING					
15. Demonstrate competency with the application of the elements of context-based					
learning to clinical experience seminars and pre-/post-conferences.					
With guidance:					
 effectively use self-directed learning 					
 effectively use critical thinking skills to facilitate learning of the group 					
 effectively use group process to facilitate learning of the group: 					
 respect for the values and beliefs of others 					
 responsibility and accountability for the learning of the group 					
 group roles 					
 caring behaviors 					
 communication skills (verbal or written) 					
 factors which influence the group. 					
Tutor Comments:					
r dor Comments.					
Student Comments:					

Clinical instructor: _____ Date_____ Student*_____ Date_____

* Signature indicates student has read the above information