



School of Health & Human Services  
*International Pathway to Practical Nursing*

Spring 2017

**Course Name: Intercultural Learning & Academic Success (24 hrs)**

**Course Number: PNUR 104**

## COURSE OUTLINE

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### Introduction:

This course is designed to meet the learning needs of international students who arrive with different educational backgrounds and learning experiences from their own cultures and countries. It is designed to introduce international students to the knowledge and skills necessary for success in a Canadian college environment. The goal is for students to become self-directed learners aware of, and responsible for, their educational experiences within diverse classroom settings. It will address variations in educational and cultural perspectives and enhance communication skills for confident participation in class discussion and interactive group work.

### Instructor Information

<b>(a) Instructor</b>	Ros Giles-Pereira
<b>(b) Office hours</b>	By appointment
<b>(c) Location</b>	WT 210
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### Intended Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course the learner will be able to:

- Understand cultural influences on educational perspectives
- Understand the expectations academic institutions have of college students
- Compare and contrast previous classroom experience with that of a Camosun classroom
- Assess personal strengths and weaknesses and develop strategies to enhance success
- Develop effective intercultural communication skills
- Participate effectively in active learning
- Demonstrate confidence expressing opinions in class and small group discussions
- Work effectively and contribute responsibly in groups

## Learning Resources

A detailed list of course readings will be provided by the instructor at the onset of the course.

## Course Content and Schedule (see term schedule for specific dates and times)

Class 1 - Introduction to Course & Evaluation Strategies/Cultural Differences in Education

Class 2 - Cultural Influences in the Classroom

Class 3 - Academic Expectations

Class 4 - Student Success & Communication in the Classroom

Class 5 - Working Effectively in Groups

Class 6 - Participating in Class Discussions

Class 7 – Poster Presentations

Class 8 - Final Exam

## Student Assessment

<b>Class Participation</b>	<b>20%</b> An effective strategy for learning is to attend and actively participate in all scheduled classes. Actively participating will be assessed by class attendance in addition to individual student engagement in class discussions, contributions to small group learning activities, and completion of assignments and individual learning tasks.
<b>Guided Question/Reflection</b>	<b>30%</b> See D2L for additional details
<b>Group Presentation</b>	<b>20%</b> See D2L for additional details
<b>Exam</b>	<b>30%</b> This 2.5 hour comprehensive exam will cover all course contents and will be a variety of multiple choice and short answer questions. The exam will be written on D2L in a computer lab in the final week of the course.

## Grading System

Additional information regarding grading policies at Camosun College can be found at the <http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/policies.php>

### Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

### LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College Calendar, Student Services or the College web site at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca>

### STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, Registration, and on the College web site in the Policy Section.  
<http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf>