



CAMOSUN COLLEGE
School of Health & Human Services
Department: Continuing Care
– Practical Nursing



PNUR 126 Variations in Health 2
Winter 2021

COURSE OUTLINE

The course description is available on the web:
<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/pnur.html#pnur126>

Camosun College will continue to follow the guidance of the Provincial Health Officer, the B.C. Government and WorkSafeBC, and as such may revise the delivery of courses. Courses with an approved face-to-face component may need to move to online or remote delivery if necessary.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges, and Camosun College is committed to helping you safely complete your education. Following guidelines from the Provincial Health Officer, WorkSafe BC and the B.C. Government to ensure the health and wellbeing of students and employees Camosun College is providing you with every possible protection to keep you safe including COVID Training for students and employees, health checks, infection control protocols including sanitization of spaces, PPE and ensuring physical distancing. Please refer to: <http://camosun.ca/covid19/faq/covid-faqs-students.html>
However, if you're at all uncomfortable being on campus, please share your concerns with your Instructor and if needed, alternatives will be discussed.

Ω Please note: This outline will not be kept indefinitely. Students are recommended to keep this outline for their records, especially to assist in transfer credit to post-secondary institutions.

1. Instructor Information

- (a) **Instructor** Julia Liska
- (b) **Office hours** By appointment
- (c) **Location** online
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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

This course focuses on pathophysiology as it relates to the aging process and selected chronic illnesses. The main focus is on the care of older adults experiencing a health challenge. Cultural diversity in healing practices are explored as well as evidence informed research and practice.

Upon successful completion of this course a student will be able to:

- a) explain the pathophysiology of common chronic illness related to the aging process.
- b) describe the nursing management of illness associated with aging
- c) identify altered presentations of illnesses in older adult clients.

- d) identify common mental health challenges and mental illness experienced by older adults (e.g., differences between normal aging and symptoms of a mental illness in older adults).
- e) give examples of diversity in traditional healing practices in management of chronic illness.
- f) describe how evidence informed practice impacts nursing care of older adults.
- g) identify holistic healing practices associated with chronic illness.
- h) explain the influence of culture and cultural competency in health and healing.

3. Required Materials

- **Canadian Fundamentals of Nursing**, 6th Edition (2019) by Potter, Perry, Stockert & Hall. Elsevier Canada
- **Medical-Surgical Nursing in Canada**, 4th Canadian Edition (2019) by Lewis, Bucher, Heitkemper, Harding, Barry, Lok, Tyerman & Goldsworthy. Elsevier Canada
- **Pharmacology for Nurses: A Pathophysiological Approach**, 3rd Canadian Edition (2020) by Adams, Urban et al. Pearson Canada
- **Davis’s Canadian Drug Guide for Nurses**, 17th Edition (2020). Vallerand & Sanoski. F. A. Davis
- **Gerontological Nursing**. 9th Edition (2018) by Eliopoulos. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins

4. Course Content and Schedule

CLASS #	TOPIC
1	Introduction to Course & Pain Management
2	Neurological System
3	Delirium, Dementia & Depression
4	Endocrine System
5	Exam #1 (content from classes 1-4); Integumentary System
6	Cardiovascular System
7	Respiratory System
8	Gastrointestinal Systems
9	Exam # 2 (content from classes 5-8): Genitourinary System
10	Musculoskeletal System
11	Sensory & Hematological Challenges
12	Immune System & Cancer
13	Multi-Morbidity/Course Review
14	Final Exam

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Exam #1	25%	Includes content from classes 1-4, inclusive
Exam #2	25%	Includes content from classes 5-8, inclusive
Exam #3	40%	Includes content from entire course with an emphasis on classes 9 - 14, inclusive

Care Plan Assignment	10%	Selective topic based on Evidence Informed Research and Practice Resources
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All evaluation criteria must be completed and students must achieve a minimum of 65% (cumulative) in exams to pass Variations in Health 2.

Test and Examination Procedures

There are policies regarding written test and examination procedures including late arrivals and missed tests. Please see the Health and Human Services Student Handbook item 5.4 for Test and Examination Procedures at <http://camosun.ca/learn/school/health-human-services/student-info/index.html>

Written Assignments

Assignments are due before 2400 hours (midnight) on the assigned day unless otherwise specified. Assignments about patients, residents or clients must be completed using the individual's initials only. Unless otherwise directed by individual course outlines, assignments must be: word processed, double spaced, font meeting APA 7th edition guidelines, with a title page and a reference list. Students requiring an extension for the due date of an assignment must negotiate with the instructor, at least 48 hours before the due date. Assignments submitted late without an approved extension will result in a 5% deduction in mark for each day late.

6. Grading System

- Standard Grading System (GPA)
- Competency Based Grading System

7. Recommended Materials to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

Camosun Library: <http://camosun.ca.libguides.com/apa>

Learning Skills: <http://camosun.ca/services/writing-centre/learning-skills.html>

Review the School of Health and Human Services [Student Handbook](#).

8. College Supports, Services and Policies

Immediate, Urgent, or Emergency Support



If you or someone you know requires immediate, urgent, or emergency support (e.g., illness, injury, thoughts of suicide, sexual assault, etc.), **SEEK HELP**. Resource contacts:

<http://camosun.ca/about/mental-health/emergency.html> or
<http://camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence/get-support.html#urgent>

College Services

Camosun offers a variety of health and academic support services, including counselling, dental, centre for accessibility, help centre, learning skills, sexual violence support & education, library, and writing centre. For more information on each of these services, visit Student Services at <http://camosun.ca/services>

College Policies

Policies are available on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies>. Camosun strives to provide clear, transparent, and easily accessible policies that exemplify the college's commitment to life-changing learning. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with college policies.

Education and academic policies include, but are not limited to, [Academic Progress](#), [Admission](#), [Course Withdrawals](#), [Grading](#), [Involuntary Health and Safety Leave of Absence](#), [Prior Learning](#)

[Assessment](#), [Medical/Compassionate Withdrawals](#), [Sexual Violence and Misconduct](#), [Standards for Awarding Credentials](#), [Student Ancillary Fees](#), [Student Appeals](#), and [Student Penalties and Fines](#).

Student Conduct Policy

The [Student Conduct Policy](#) provides clear expectations of appropriate academic and non-academic student conduct and establishes processes for resolution of conduct issues or the imposition of sanctions for inappropriate conduct. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy.

A. GRADING SYSTEMS

<http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf>

The following two grading systems are used at Camosun College:

1. 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		0

2. Competency Based Grading System (Non GPA)

This grading system is based on satisfactory acquisition of defined skills or successful completion of the course learning outcomes.

Grade	Description
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course practicum or field placement.
DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.

B. Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/E-1.5.pdf> for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete</i> : A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.

IP	<i>In progress</i> : A temporary grade assigned for courses that are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.
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