

CLASS SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: PNUR 126 – Variations in Health 2
CLASS SECTION: X01
TERM: W2023
COURSE CREDITS: 3
DELIVERY METHOD(S): Synchronous

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.
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<https://camosun.ca/about/covid-19-updates>

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Caitlan Gau
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OFFICE: CHW 317
HOURS: By appointment; Please email me to make an appointment.

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

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.

PREREQUISITE(S): **COM** in PNUR 181
CO-REQUISITE(S): **All of:** PNUR 124; PNUR 125; PNUR 127; PNUR 128; PNUR 129
PRE/CO-REQUISITE(S): n/a

COURSE DELIVERY

ACTIVITY	HOURS / WEEK	# OF WEEKS	ACTIVITY HOURS
Lecture	3.5	14	
Seminar			
Lab / Collaborative Learning			
Supervised Field Practice			
Workplace Integrated Learning			
Online			
		TOTAL HOURS	49

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

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.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

Canadian Fundamentals of Nursing, 6th Edition (2019) by Potter, Perry, Stockert & Hall. Elsevier Canada

Medical-Surgical Nursing in Canada, 5th Canadian Edition (2023) 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, 18th Edition (2023). Vallerand & Sanoski. F. A. Davis

Gerontological Nursing, 10th Edition (2021) by Eliopoulos. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor. Please refer to published program schedule on D2L.

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
1	Course Introduction & Pain Management	
2	Nervous System - CVA	
3	Delirium, Dementia & Depression	
4	Endocrine System	
5	Exam #1 & Integumentary System	
6	Cardiovascular System	
7	Reading Break	
8	Respiratory System; Gastrointestinal System	
9	Exam #2 & Genitourinary System	
10	Musculoskeletal System	
11	Sensory & Hematology System	

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
12	Immune System & Cancer	
13	Multi-Morbidity	
14	Final Exam	

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

STUDENT EVALUATION

Students must achieve a minimum of 65% to pass PNUR126. All evaluation criteria must be met in order to pass the course. Terminology spelled incorrectly on examinations may result in a loss of marks.

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Exam #1 (Content from Classes 1 – 4)	30%
Exam #2 (Content from Classes 5 – 8)	30%
Final Exam (Comprehensive exam with emphasis on content from classes 9-13)	40%
TOTAL	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information. <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

TEST & 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 Manual (Section 5.4) for Test and Examination Procedures: <https://legacy.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 meet APA 7th edition requirements 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. Assignments submitted more than 3 days late may not be accepted without previous approval by instructor.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Health & Human Services Student Handbook: <http://camosun.ca/learn/school/health-human-services/student-info/index.html>

General Practicum Information: <http://camosun.ca/learn/school/health-human-services/student-info/practicum-info.html>

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

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(<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html>) and the Grading Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf>.

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-370-3841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this Syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.