

DE ANZA COLLEGE
NURSING 94L
MEDICAL/SURGICAL NURSING II: CARE OF THE OLDER ADULT
Spring 2022

UNITS: 2.5

PREREQUISITES: Nursing 93, 93A, 93L, 93AL, and 93PL

CONCURRENT: Nursing 94

CLASS: 6:30am – 12:45pm Mondays & Tuesdays

CLINICAL SITE: El Camino Health (Mountain View campus)

INSTRUCTOR:

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Questions also welcome by email or text (I can't respond

during class or clinical, I may not respond on weekends or evenings)

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The student will have the opportunity to apply theory concepts from N94 in a variety of health settings. These settings include acute care hospital settings, simulation laboratory, and/or community settings.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Per course syllabus.

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES (SLO's):

1. Apply age-related changes and developmental tasks when formulating a plan of care for an older adult
2. Analyze and apply salient trends of comprehensive assessment data during the clinical reasoning process for an older adult patient experiencing an acute or chronic problem

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Ignatavicius, D & Workman, M. Medical-Surgical Nursing; Patient-Centered Collaborative Care, *current edition*. St. Louis: Elsevier.

Touhy, C & Jett, K. Ebersole & Hess' Toward Healthy Aging, *current edition*. St. Louis: Elsevier.

De Anza College Department of Nursing, Nursing Student Handbook (current year). Also check the website for updates throughout year.

Any current Lab & Diagnostic Test Reference

Any current Drug Reference

Any current NANDA Reference

Highly recommended text:

Pathophysiology made Incredibly Easy. Springhouse Corp.(current edition). Other pathophysiology texts per student preference also acceptable.

Recommended:

Purnell, L. & Paulanka, B. *Guide to Culturally Competent Care, current edition*
Philadelphia: FA Davis.

REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS: Clinical Reasoning Worksheets, hand-off reports, online EHR documentation, clinical worksheets, anecdotal notes, and other written/experiential clinical assignments. PI and/or additional assignments will be given for ongoing unacceptable work. Failure to demonstrate critical thinking on paperwork or in clinical practice on the unit may cause recommendation for withdrawal with penalty and/or disqualification.

CELL PHONES: Students are not allowed to be seen with a cell phone when on the unit. Students may carry a totally silenced (no noise, AND no vibration) cell phone in a pocket during clinical **but cannot use it unless on break and in a non-patient care area.**

PLAGIARISM: Is not tolerated. All clinical work and documentation are to be done by each individual student, unless specifically instructed by instructor. An occurrence of plagiarism or documenting for another student will earn the student a failure of the assignment, a repeat of the assignment, and a program-long PI for plagiarism.

IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS: Students must have completed the second-year background check and drug screen for the program per Instructor directions (see Nursing Student Handbook for information).

MATERIALS/DOCUMENTATION: De Anza uniform, name badge, watch with a second hand (*NO "smart" watches*), bandage scissors, stethoscope, **QUART-size zip lock style bags**, blood borne pathogen packet, current AHA CPR card, current Covid and QFT documentation and required immunizations (including annual flu shot administered in the fall), current drug screen and background check, and transportation to and from clinical sites.

DRESS CODE: Clinical uniform must be worn (no blue scrubs). Students are expected to strictly abide by the dress code as set forth in the student handbook. A student who does not follow the dress code, including jewelry, shoes, watch, tattoos, nail polish, hair color, hairstyle, or cleanliness of self or clothing may be asked to leave the clinical site and/or receive a PI or recommendation for Withdrawal with Penalty. Students must wear uniform and name badge to all ACE Days, even if student will be required to change into scrubs for the experience. Uniforms and name badges will also be worn to any community agency days. Campus uniform (blue scrub) is to be worn whenever on campus, and during skills testing and simulations in the skills lab.

Per DAC and state policy, a mask is required to be worn while inside the classroom on

campus. Students that refuse to wear a mask will be asked to leave class and subsequent class period. If a student refuses to leave class, the entire class will be cancelled, and an administrative reporting will be followed for all occurrences pertaining to the refusal to wearing a mask.

Per ECH policy, students are required to wear a surgical mask from the parking garage and until the hospital entry. Then, students are expected to exchange their surgical mask for the hospital-provided mask upon entry in the main lobby. In addition, social distancing is implemented and expected throughout all inside & outside premises of the ECH campus. Anyone who is not practicing social distancing will be issued an immediate PI that will extend to the end of Quarter 5.

Every clinical day, a Symptoms Review Survey will be asked to be filled out by all students per ECH policy (this will be a red booklet in hand at clinical). Furthermore, in addition, students must login to their at Home Health Status reporting (<https://athome.optimumhq.com/login.jsp>) **before** coming to clinical and campus (DAC policy) for every visit.

ORIENTATION: Orientation is mandatory. Students who do not attend an orientation day in its entirety will not be able to attend clinical. Students are provided information about orientation and list of items that must be brought to orientation on the Lead Instructor's N94L web page. Additionally, there are multiple mandatory forms and other trainings required in advance by the clinical site. All students must attend full orientation days, complete all agency training, and submit all required forms; noncompliance will exclude a student from attending clinical at the agency and will therefore exclude the student from completing this course (i.e., Withdrawal with Penalty).

DOCUMENTATION: Students will document in the EHR a nursing assessment, interventions, and evaluation on **EACH** patient, each clinical day. When a student is assigned two patients, the student must document fully on **BOTH** patients. Each clinical unit has different requirements for use of the EHR; students must comply with agency policy around documentation.

IV PUSH MEDICATION POLICY: **The first IV push medication MUST be with a licensed staff RN and instructor.** ECH **only** permits a student to give IV push medications with a licensed staff RN, but **only** after the instructor **and** the licensed staff RN have **checked-off** the student to perform. The instructor **and** the licensed staff RN **only check-off** and provide permission to the student; **until then, no action is allowed.** Doing an IV push without first being **checked-off** by the licensed staff RN **and** the instructor will result in an immediate PI or Withdrawal with Penalty. **Saline lock flushes** may be given with either instructor **or** RN at any time **except** for **central line catheter flushes**, which a licensed staff RN **must supervise.**

BLOOD PRODUCT ADMINISTRATION POLICY: **All students providing blood or blood products MUST do so with two licensed staff RNs and the instructor – no**

exceptions. Blood and blood products must be checked with two licensed staff RN and instructor. Students may NOT, under ANY circumstances, EVER administer ANY blood or blood products without the direct supervision of licensed staff RN(s) and instructor present. Administering blood or blood products without the licensed staff RN(s) and instructor present will result in an immediate PI or Withdrawal with Penalty.

ACE DAYS: Students will be escorted to the ACE departments by instructor. If a student's ACE Day experience deviates from the original plan for any reason it is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor immediately. **Students will NOT give medications OR document in the EHR during an ACE Day experience.** Nursing procedures may be performed only if agency, supervising RN, and patient permits, and must be documented by the RN.

PATIENT CARE/ROOM RECORDING: Students must keep track of all rooms **entered at ECH.** A chart will be available each day during postconference for students to record the rooms they went into each day. *When PRN and/or on ACE Days, please be extra sure to note rooms entered as you may be on multiple unfamiliar units.*

GRADING: Grading is based on a Pass/No Pass (P/NP) basis. Students will be evaluated on SLO's and the elements on the clinical evaluation tool, including clinical performance and assigned paperwork. If a student has a Plan for Improvement (PI), all elements of the PI must be completed no later than the due date for a passing grade. Note: The student must pass N 94L and N 94 to progress in the program. If either of these courses is failed, both must be retaken (see Readmission policy in Nursing Student Handbook).

COURSE EVALUATION: Complete an online "Course Evaluation" and include written comments at the completion of the course. Each instructor reads and considers each evaluation and all comments when making modifications to his/her course. Also, the Nursing department Curriculum Committee reviews a summary of all course evaluations each year. All evaluations are to be completed anonymously. Refer to the Nursing Department Website for instructions to complete the evaluations. Please be sure to select the correct course name and instructor.

Please follow these directions:

- a) Go to the nursing webpage (www.deanza.edu/nursingstudentonly)
- b) Scroll to the bottom where it is labeled: 'Evaluation Links'
- c) Enter your 8-digit SID to continue and find the appropriate course

There are 3 separate links for the 3 different evaluation materials:

i) Student Evaluation- Written Comment Form:

Download the page. Complete on- line, print it off and turn in to the designated student representative on the scheduled date. It is to be anonymous.

ii) Theory Evaluation:

Complete and submit on-line anonymous evaluation of theory class.

iii) Clinical Evaluation:

Complete and submit on-line anonymous evaluation of clinical class.

**** You will need to evaluate this nursing course BEFORE you take your final exam.**

Remember to email a “screen shot” to the lead instructor for the course evaluation. Written comments will be collected by a student and taken to the Director until after grades are submitted. Please see Nursing Department website for instructions.

NOTE: ECH has a separate evaluation survey. The results go directly to ECH. You are to complete this survey. The link is on the Canvas site.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Attendance and timeliness are mandatory and essential for completion of all objectives. Any absence will place the student at risk for unsatisfactory clinical performance and, therefore, failure of the course. Any absence will result in makeup work, which will be assigned by the clinical instructor. Instructor must be notified per guidelines (failure to follow guidelines will result in a PI or recommendation for Withdrawal with Penalty). **More than one absence may result in a Withdrawal with Penalty.** Only one tardy is allowed. **More than one tardy may result in a PI.**

If you have been exposed to Covid, have symptoms, feel ill, or have experienced any change in health status, DO NOT COME TO THE CLINICAL SITE! If you develop symptoms, feel ill, or experience any change in health status DURING clinical, remove yourself from your unit and notify your instructor immediately.

****If you are absent:** It is **YOUR** responsibility to **do ALL of the following:**

1. Call or text your instructor at least 30 minutes prior to the start of your clinical to report your absence. Instructor will assign makeup assignment and/or required procedures.

2. Make-up work must be completed within 2 weeks of absence or as assigned. Makeup assignments are found on the Canvas site and will be assigned by instructor. Makeup work must be received prior to the N94 final exam, to complete the hours for this course, achieve a passing grade, and sit for the N94 final exam.

****If you are tardy:** It is **YOUR** responsibility to **do ALL the following:**

1. Call your instructor (at least 30 minutes prior to the start of your clinical) and give the time you anticipate you will arrive

2. Notify your instructor when you arrive on the unit

3. Be prepared for a possible alternate assignment or dismissal, if you arrive after the start of the shift and the staff or instructor deems it will disrupt the flow of the staff and/or patient care

SKILLS TESTING: All students must complete Skills Testing to earn a passing grade. Skills testing will occur on one clinical day. Attendance on this day is mandatory. Due to skills lab and faculty logistics, there can be no makeup for this day. Detailed information on Skills Testing can be found in the skills packet on the Nursing Department website.

RESPONSIBILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY: Students are expected to always perform safely. Students are not to perform any new skill or procedure unaccompanied by an instructor or staff RN. Students are expected to seek help from the instructor prior to performing a skill for the first time (or for any situation in which the student feels unsure). Students will not perform any nursing procedures, administer medications, or document in a patient's chart while in ACE Day experiences. Failure to demonstrate critical thinking in clinical practice on the unit or on paperwork (including but not limited to completion of the first page of the required daily Clinical Reasoning Worksheet for each patient prior to assessing your patients) may be cause for a PI or recommendation for withdrawal with penalty and/or disqualification. **Students will always maintain patient privacy and confidentiality (i.e., 100% of the time). ANY breach of HIPAA, privacy, confidentiality OR protected information will result in, at minimum, an immediate PI.** Students are expected to demonstrate responsible, professional behavior and acknowledge when they are not physically and/or mentally fit to attend clinical. If a student arrives or continues at clinical ill or incapacitated in any way and the instructor determines it is appropriate to send the student home, the student may receive a PI and/or an unsatisfactory mark in the appropriate sections of the clinical evaluation tool and/or recommendation for a Withdrawal with Penalty. Additionally, every student in the nursing program is responsible for the information provided in the current De Anza College Department of Nursing Student Handbook as well as ongoing policy changes. An updated version of the Nursing Student Handbook is available every September on the nursing department website and interim policy updates are posted in the "update" section on the website. You need to check the website periodically for updated policies. Your success in the program requires that you be informed of current policies.

HEALTH STATUS, CPR CERTIFICATION, AND BACKGROUND

CHECKS/DRUG TESTING: Per the Nursing Student Handbook, students MUST have documentation of CURRENT and valid immunizations, Covid & QFT testing, background check/drug testing, and AHA CPR certification on file in the Allied Health Resource Center prior to going to clinical. **Annual QFT TB documentation and/or CPR cannot expire in the middle of the quarter.** A student who fails to have all required documentation in place by the due date prior to the beginning of the quarter will be prohibited from entering the clinical setting and will result in a PI and/or Withdrawal without Penalty (See the current Nursing Student Handbook).

STUDENT CONCERNS: **The nursing faculty is committed to student success and wishes to address student concerns professionally and in a timely manner. We strive to resolve concerns in the way it will occur in the professional workplace. In general, most student concerns can and should be resolved directly with the course instructor, including the situation in which the student has an issue with that**

instructor. This is in standing with expectations in the professional employment setting. Per the Nursing Student Handbook, the student will **FIRST** contact the instructor and schedule an appointment to discuss the concerns or issue in question. If the issue is unresolved following this meeting, the student should make an appointment with the Director of the Nursing Program. If the issue remains unresolved following this meeting, refer to the Grievance Process section of the Nursing Student Handbook for the next appropriate steps.

CONDUCT: Professional behavior, conduct, communication (verbal and nonverbal, including volume of voice), and language is always expected. A student who does not demonstrate these or who is disruptive or suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol may be asked to leave the clinical site/skills lab and/or receive a PI, reflection, and/or recommendation for Withdrawal with Penalty or Disqualification. **This includes using a cell phone at a clinical agency when not on break and off the unit.** De Anza College will enforce all policies and procedures set forth in the Nursing Student Handbook and/or *Standards of Student Conduct* (see college catalog).

Students will address everyone with the utmost respect and not use exclamatory points in either verbal or written when addressing them - consider the clinical site and the program. Students will address the instructor by their first or last name without any exclamatory point after their name, verbal or written. (For example, Janice!) Students will always initiate an introductory greeting, verbally or written, before using the instructor's, staff's, or peer's name (for example, Hello Janice, or Dear Mrs. Valadez, is proper, instead of just Janice or Janice!). Instructors are not considered friends; therefore, students must constantly observe and practice professional relationships. (Teachers are present to teach, mentor, and facilitate student learning toward their academic goals). The teacher-student interaction may be friendly but must be always respectful and professional.

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR: De Anza College will enforce all policies and procedures set forth in the Standards of Student Conduct (see college catalog). Any student who is disrupting a class, clinical, nursing unit or personnel, post conference, etc., in any way, may be asked to leave the clinical setting. Administrative follow-up may result.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY: All assignments are considered to be individual (not group) work unless explicitly stated by the instructor. Dishonest behavior such as cheating (or attempts to cheat or placing yourself in a situation where cheating may be perceived) on *any* required class-related work will result in a failing grade *on that assignment and a program-long Plan for Improvement*. Falsifying records, omitting or failing to report any errors, or other unethical clinical behavior may be grounds for Withdrawal with Penalty or Disqualification (see current Nursing Student Handbook).

TUTORING AND SUPPORT SERVICES: If a student desires tutoring for skills, critical thinking, or paperwork in this course, please notify your Instructor and a tutor will be found for you. There are also free campus resources available to you (see below). In addition, students are encouraged to use the free online tutoring provided to De Anza students (see below). If the instructor feels that student's language skills are interfering

with the student's success in the class, the instructor may suggest the student to utilize the services of Academic Skills and Tutorial Center, Listening and Speaking Lab or other Student resources on campus.

Student Success Center

Need help? De Anza's Student Success Center offers free online and on-campus tutoring and workshops! Visit <http://www.deanza.edu/studentsuccess> for hours and information.

- Academic Skills Center for workshops in ATC 302
- General Subject tutoring in ATC 304
- Listening & Speaking and World Language support in ATC 313
- Math, Science and Technology tutoring in S43
- Writing and Reading tutoring in ATC 309

Student Success Center Resources are available online to all De Anza students on Canvas: <https://deanza.instructure.com/enroll/MAF7Y8>

OTHER IMPORTANT RESOURCES:

1. Nursing Department website: <http://www.deanza.edu/nursing/> NOTE: new policies are added to the website periodically; students are responsible for checking the site for updated policies on a periodic basis.
2. Library Web Address: www.deanza.edu/library