



Welcome to Nursing 120!!

This semester is filled with terrific learning experiences! The semester will be divided into 5 theory modules in medical- surgical and pediatric nursing. By way of introduction, I am Professor Barbara Kunkel, who will facilitate your theory learning. You will be introduced to college lab instructor as well as your medical-surgical clinical instructor during orientation. Orientation will be held in **January 18 from 12-2pm in CM108**. It will be time well spent providing you information dedicated to your success in this course!

I am optimistic that each of you will take an active part in the learning process by actively listening and actively participating in each three (3) hour theory class, a three (3) hour college lab, and two (2) 7-hour clinical lab days per week. Theory class will be interactive through case studies, presentations, and classroom discussions. There is the expectation that you complete each weekly Module readings prior to the respective class, and the assignments as you work through the week's Module. All course notes are available to you on-line along with links, lessons, references, and topics to review.

You will find the following on the Nursing Program Website:

NRS 120 Course Outline
NRS 120 Course Information and Forms
NRS 120 College Lab Manual
NRS 120 Skills Checklist

Please print these documents – take to each class and lab!

When Florence Nightingale wrote her “Notes on Nursing” in 1859, her primary focus was always on the patient and his needs. We have evolved through clinical research and theory development, but we continue to focus always on the patient and his needs. This course outline is the blueprint of how we will evolve through the semester, focusing on the Concept of Oxygenation with Collaborative Care Exemplars across the lifespan with medical – surgical and pediatric alterations.

N 120 concept is oxygenation - first two weeks we study pediatric and adult upper respiratory infections, then asthma, chronic bronchitis and emphysema. The next three weeks are devoted to cardiac - from risk factors to myocardial infarction, heart failure, pulmonary embolus, and more.

You can read the related chapters in your medical-surgical text ahead if you like.

I have all of my voiced over power points on Angel that you are welcome to access. Land students can access Angel. Go to the “Add-On Course” that is listed in N120. Online students access the main NRS 120 course.

To access Angel, you need to follow these directions: Go unto to Angel via the homepage, then using the standard credentials (Username = LASTNAME + Last 4 digits of Student ID, Password = Home phone #, no area code, no dashes, and no spaces).

If you still have problems getting access to Angel, please contact the Virtual College at 609.570.3389, and they will help you sign on.

Focus your energy on preparation for all aspects of the course and bring a positive attitude to each learning experience -- you will definitely succeed!

Please remember that I am available to help you during the semester. Contact me as the course progresses through my contact numbers listed below.

Please let me know of any request or concern you may have. I will work with you to insure that this course meets your educational needs.

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