

**NURS 1263: Clinical I**

**Course Description:** This course provides the student with an opportunity to obtain simulated and actual experience in the laboratory setting, long-term care facilities and acute-care facilities. This will provide students with an opportunity to apply principles studied in the classroom, particularly those learned in basic nursing and geriatrics. Students will perform return demonstrations of practiced lab skills in the presence of an instructor.

**Prerequisites:** The LPN program is progressive. Students must have successfully completed the following courses: Human Anatomy & Physiology I, Human Anatomy & Physiology II, Basic Nutrition, and Nursing of Geriatrics.

**Text:** DeWit, Susan C. Fundamental Concepts and Skills For Nursing. Philadelphia: Saunders, 2001. ISBN # 0-7216-0310-6

Pagana. Mosby's Manual of Diagnostic and Lab Tests Philadelphia: Saunders/Mosby, 2002. ISBN # 0323-01609X

Drug Guide for Nurses. F.A. Davis, 9th ed. 2004. ISBN#0-8036-1152-8

Myers, E. Rnotes. F.A. Davis 2003. ISBN#0-8036-1060-2

Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary. 20<sup>th</sup> ed. F.A. Davis, 2005. ISBN#0-8036-1207-9

**Instructor:** Peggie Orrell, Kim Ray and Nikki Calhoun

**Office Hours:** See posted office hours on the appropriate instructor's office door. See list of phone numbers in handbook.

**Attendance:** See Nursing Handbook for policies regarding attendance.

**Homework:** Any work/research needed to be prepared for the clinical experience. You must successfully complete two (2) satisfactory care plans to successfully complete the course by the assigned date. You may NOT complete care plans during makeup clinical time. There will not be makeup time scheduled for the purpose of care plan completion.

**Skills Checkoff:** The competency skills check off list should be brought to each clinical period and lab experience. It is your responsibility to obtain the instructor's/staff's signature on each skill in which you are evaluated.

- Exams:** There will be scheduled exams given during the course.
- Evaluations:** There will be 100 point evaluations given each week during the course. See handbook for evaluation criteria.
- Grading Policy:** Each clinical week you will be clinically evaluated based on clinical performance (see practical nursing handbook for copy of evaluation), which is worth 100 points and you will also have a clinical exam. A comprehensive clinical final will also be given. Points will be totaled at the completion of the course and your grade will be the percentage of what you scored related to the points possible. To progress through the program, students must pass this course with a 78% or above. 100-93% = A, 92-85% = B, 84-78%=C, .
- Conduct Code:** Disorderly Conduct: Any behavior which disrupts the regular or normal functions of the university community, including behavior which breaches the peace or violates the rights of others. See Nursing Handbook.
- Students with Disabilities:** It is the policy of the University of Arkansas at Monticello to accommodate individuals with disabilities pursuant to federal law and the University's commitment to equal educational opportunities. It is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor of any necessary accommodations at the beginning of the course. Any student requiring accommodations, should contact the Office of Special Student Services representative on campus: phone (870) 222-5360; fax (870) 222-4709.

UAM will no longer mail grade reports to all students. You may access your grades through Campus Connect [www.uamont.edu](http://www.uamont.edu). To have your grades mailed to you , complete the grade request form available at the Student Services office on the McGehee campus.

**Please refer to the Practical Nursing Handbook for important clinical policies.**

**Clinical I**  
**Basic Nursing & Geriatrics Clinical**  
**Assignment & Exam Schedule**

10/2	Clinical Orientation, a schedule will be given.	11/09	See Clinical Schedule
10/3	Clinical Orientation	11/10	<b>Evaluation &amp; Exam #5</b>
10/4	Clinical Orientation		
10/5	CPR	11/16	<b>Dermott</b>
10/6	CPR	11/17	<b>Wound and Skin Care, TX</b>
10/12	See Clinical Schedule	11/27	Dermott
10/13	See Clinical Schedule	11/28	See Clinical Schedule
	Evaluation & Exam #1	11/29	See Clinical Schedule
		11/30	<b>Second Care Plan Due</b>
10/19	See Clinical Schedule		<b>Evaluation &amp; Exam #6</b>
10/20	<b>First Care Plan Due</b>	12/06	See Clinical Schedule
	Evaluation & Exam #2	12/07	See Clinical Schedule
		12/08	<b>Evaluation &amp; Exam#7</b>
10/26	See Clinical Schedule		
10/27	Evaluation & Exam #3	12/11	See Clinical Schedule
		12/12	See Clinical Schedule
11/02	See Clinical Schedule		
11/03	<b>Evaluation &amp; Exam #4</b>		

**Objectives:**

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Exhibit a positive attitude.
2. Exhibit adaptability to change.
3. Maintain client confidentiality.
4. Manage time effectively.
5. Be on time for clinical assignments.
6. Be prepared for clinical assignments.
7. Accept constrictive criticism.
8. Exhibit willingness to learn new techniques.
9. Exhibit rapport with client and client family.
10. Demonstrate therapeutic communication.
11. Communicate effectively verbally and in writing.
12. Be willing to assist others with client care as needed.
13. Apply theoretical knowledge appropriately.
14. Demonstrate universal precautions appropriately.
15. Demonstrate accurate physical assessment.
16. Dress professionally.
17. Exhibit professional behavior.
18. Perform skills appropriately
19. Demonstrate safe nursing care.
20. Promote health maintenance through client teaching.
21. Exhibit willingness to seek assistance as needed.
22. Demonstrate effective use of the nursing process.
23. Demonstrate appropriate delegation, leadership skills.
24. Seek opportunities for continued education.
25. Exhibits respect to health care team/fellow students/clients and their family.