

**COURSE SYLLABUS**  
Southeast Missouri State University

Department of Nursing

Course No. NS 182

Title of Course: Professional Practice: Rural Nursing

Revision: \_\_\_\_\_

New: X

I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours of Course:

Historical, traditional, and stereotypical characteristics of individuals in rural settings; related delivery of health care to healthy, vulnerable, and medically underserved populations. (1)

II. Prerequisite(s):

Satisfactory completion of first semester of BSN program.

III. Objectives of the Course:

- A. Define nursing as it applies to rural families.
- B. Identify major rural health problems.
- C. Recognize the importance of nurse-client confidentiality.
- D. Complete a rural family assessment.
- E. Identify health care services available in rural communities.
- F. Use nursing journal articles to support class discussion
- G. Recognize the association between nursing theory and practice.

IV. Expectations of Students:

- A. Regular class attendance and punctuality.
- B. Active and informed class participation.
- C. Satisfactory completion of all course assignments.
- D. Retrieval and discussion of appropriate nursing journal articles.
- E. Fulfillment of requirements identified in *BSN Student Handbook*

V. Course Content or Outline:

- A. History of rural family lifestyles. (2 hours)
- B. History of rural family nursing. (2 hours)
- C. The rural family of today. (2 hours)
- D. Rural community health problems (2 hours)
- E. Health care services in rural communities. (3 hours)
- F. The nurse-rural family relationship. (2 hours)
- G. Rural family assessment. (2 hours)
- H. Theoretical foundations for rural nursing practice (1 hour)

VI. Textbooks and Other Required Material:

- A. Professional nursing journal articles (located in Kent Library and on the Internet).
- B. Additional readings as assigned.

VII. Basis for Student Evaluation:

A. Class Participation	10%
B. Journal Articles	30
C. Community Agency Presentation	15
D. Rural Family Assessment	20
E. Reaction Paper	<u>25</u>
TOTAL	100%