

COURSE SYLLABUS
Southeast Missouri State University

Department of Nursing
Title of Course: Advanced Assessment

Course NS 481
Revision _____

New X

- I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours of Course:
Application of basic assessment principles including physical, environmental and community assessment. Introduces advanced assessment techniques, synthesis of all aspects of assessment. (1)
- II. Prerequisite (s):
Senior standing within the nursing major.
- III. Objectives of the Course:
- A. Synthesize concepts from all previous nursing courses, humanities and arts to perform a holistic assessment on a variety of patients with a rural setting.
 - B. Demonstrate competence in physical assessment techniques.
 - C. Utilize creative thinking to identify patient needs in terms of health, education, community resources, etc. and formulate plans to meet those needs.
 - D. Recognize the importance of a holistic health assessment to the role of the caregiver.
- IV. Expectations of Students:
- A. Fulfillment of requirements identified in the *BSN Student Handbook*.
 - B. Completion of three complete health histories & physical examinations on patients in a rural setting.
 - C. Active participation in class discussion.
 - D. Completion of various weekly assignments.
- V. Course Content:
- A. Review of assessment information (4 hours)
 - B. Use of equipment (4 hours)
 - C. Common abnormal findings (4 hours)
 - D. Synthesis of information (3 hours)

One hour allotted to midterm examination.

VI. Textbook(s) and/or Other Required Materials or Equipment:

A. Weber, J. (1996). Nurse's handbook of health assessment, 3rd Ed. Lippincott: New York.

B. Selected journal articles

VII. Basis for Student Evaluation:

The final grade for this course will be based on:

A. Midterm examination	25%
B. Final examination	25
C. Health histories & examinations (100 points each)	40
D. Class participation/weekly assignments	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	100%