**Nurs 3561:** Nursing of Adults

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**Time and Place of Class Meetings:**

Tuesday – 1:00 – 3:50 pm, Pickard Hall 212

Wednesday – 1:00 - 3:50 pm Pickard Hall 212

**Clinical:**  Day and location will vary per clinical group

**Description of Course Content:**

**NURS 3561 NURSING OF ADULTS** (3-6) Application of the nursing process with emphasis on critical thinking, therapeutic nursing interventions, and effective communication for persons experiencing medical-surgical problems. Theory and clinical application in diverse settings. Prerequisite: NURS 3632.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

* Apply the existing body of scientific knowledge and apply evidence based findings in practice decisions using the nursing process, while utilizing awareness of one’s role in preventing errors and promoting quality improvement.
* Coordinate and collaborate with the interdisciplinary team in assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating the client’s care.
* Demonstrate knowledge of the impact of actual or potential illness on the client’s developmental, physical, social, emotional, age, spiritual, economic, vocational and leisure status.
* Develop assessment and management strategies based on a consideration of the physical, functional, cultural, social, economic, developmental, and spiritual dimensions of human responses to actual and potential health problems.
* Establish an effective professional relationship with the client and significant others to facilitate the development of the care plan.
* Participate with clients, families and other health care providers in collaborative decision-making that reflects the understanding that care should be culturally sensitive, ethical, legal, informed, compassionate and humane, and within the boundaries of available economic resources.
* Use the nursing process to develop and implement the plan of care: collect appropriate assessment data for each client, determine appropriate nursing diagnoses, identify expected client outcomes, determine the plan of care, implement interventions, and evaluate client outcomes.
* Utilize available information systems to timely asses, plan and deliver patient care in an efficient manner.
* Educate clients and family members about measures that promote, maintain, and restore health or promote comfort for patients with both acute and chronic health problems.
* Mobilize resources to provide an environment that supports health promotion, restoration, and maintenance.
* Serve as an advocate for clients and family members.

**Clinical Outcomes:**

* Conduct an initial and ongoing patient assessment(s).
* Diagnose patients’ nursing care needs based on assessment findings.
* Develops a theoretically based and individualized plan of care.
* Implement and evaluate the effectiveness of initial interventions and makes modifications, as the patient situation requires.
* Demonstrate safe nursing care.
* Communicate verbally and / or in writing the delivery of nursing care & patient’s response(s).
* Organize time and materials effectively in completing pt. care & attending clinical experiences and conferences.
* Assume responsibility for own learning, communicating need for assistance when necessary.
* Communicate appropriately with staff, instructor, peers, patients, family, and other health care providers.
* Demonstrate professional behavior.

**Requirements:** Read assigned text, case studies, and computer assisted instructional materials, and review other materials as necessary to support comprehension and understanding of course content.

Participate in the classroom discussions, including case studies and simulations.

Be responsible for any information presented in class, including lecture notes, announcements, etc. Students absent from class have the responsibility to obtain missed information from another classmate. (\*IF IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN CLASS, YOU HEARD IT!)

**Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials:**

Lewis, Heitkemper & Dirksen. (2011). *Medical-surgical nursing: Assessment and management of clinical problems.* (8th ed). C. V. Mosby. ISBN 97803230 65801

Pagana & Pagana*.* (2011). *Diagnostic and laboratory test reference.* (10th ed). Mosby. ISBN 9780323074056

Silvestri, Linda. (2011). *Saunders comprehensive review for the NCLEX-RN examination.* (5th ed). Saunders. ISBN 9781437708257

**Optional Or Supplemental Textbooks:**

Lewis & O’Brien. (2011). *Study guide for medical-surgical nursing:*  *Assessment and management of clinical problems.* (8th ed). Mosby ISBN 9780323066549

Lewis. (2011). *Medical-surgical nursing & VCE 3.0, Package.* (8th ed). Mosby. ISBN 9780323079761

HESI. (2007). *Evolve reach testing and remediation comprehensive review for the NCLEX-RN® examination.* (2nd ed). Elsevier. ISBN: 9781416047759

**Books from previous courses:** Please utilize textbooks from Nursing Foundations, Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, and Anatomy & Physiology.

**Descriptions of major assignments and examinations with due dates:**

Course Schedule with dates and assignments available on Blackboard

**EVALUATION METHODS:**

1. Quizzes

Eight scheduled quizzes will be given during class time throughout the semester. Any student who is absent on the day of a quiz will receive a grade of zero for that quiz. If a student enters the classroom after the start of a quiz, the student may begin the quiz at that point. The quiz questions the student missed will not be made up. *The lowest quiz grade will be dropped*. *If a student misses a quiz, they receive a zero and that will be their lowest quiz* *grade.* ( If used, each student must obtain 8 scantrons on the first class day from the lead teacher. These scantrons may be used ONLY for the quizzes.) Any student without a scantron on quiz day will receive a zero. The quiz questions will be shown on the computer screen and will not be repeated during or after the quiz.

**Quiz questions may include course content from previous lectures, assigned case studies and/or from assigned readings for that day’s lecture.**

1. Examinations

Five exams occur in the course. (Three exams, HESI, and comprehensive final) All exams consist of multiple-choice items. Math calculations are part of Exams 1, 2, 3 and the HESI.

The exams may be given either in the written (paper) format or on a computer at UTA. Tests are given at UTA only and are proctored. Students must bring their UTA ID card for all tests.

Exams may be rescheduled only for a legitimate reason such as personal **illness** or a **death** in the family. **Exams will not be rescheduled for convenience of vacation travel or work schedules. Any exam taken before or after the scheduled exam time ( for any reason) will be fill in the blank, matching, essay, and short answer format.**

***If you miss an exam due to illness, you will need a note from your health care provider stating as such, before you can take the make up exam.***

1. Missed Exams

Students absent on a scheduled test day are required to notify the lead teacher on or before the test day and make arrangements to take the test within seven days of the test day. The make-up test will be **fill in the blank, matching, essay, and short answer format.**

**The HESI test is a standardized examination and therefore no test blueprint is provided.** Procedure for Missed HESI Exam:

The medical-surgical HESI Exam is given on the Tuesday during dead week (see course schedule). It is developed and constructed by HESI/Elsevier. As this is a custom exam constructed specifically to test what has been covered in class, there is only one version of this exam available. Therefore, NO make-up HESI exams will be given if a student misses the exam. Students are expected to take this exam as scheduled, and a student will be excused only for a legitimate reason (personal illness or emergency). In the event a student misses the HESI exam, the student is expected to notify the lead teacher on or before the exam day. Students missing this exam will receive the grade achieved on the comprehensive course final exam as the missing HESI exam grade.

**Guidelines For Test Taking:**

* Students must present the UTA student ID in order to take an exam.
* No talking between students is allowed during testing.
* ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS MUST BE TURNED OFF AND PLACED AT THE FRONT OF THE ROOM DURING ALL EXAMS. NO CELL PHONES OR PAGERS, BOOKS, PAGES OF BOOKS, PAPERS, NOTES, OR NOTECARDS OF ANY TYPE MAY BE ON YOUR PERSON OR USED IN ANY MANNER DURING AN EXAM OR QUIZ.
* No food or drink containers will be allowed during testing.
* Purses, backpacks and all class materials are to be placed at the front of the room during the test period.
* Students are expected to KEEP THEIR EYES ON THEIR OWN COMPUTER and not look about the room during exams. The exam proctor will move you to a different seat if this requirement is not followed.

**If Scantrons Are Used For Testing:**

* Students are responsible for using a pencil for ALL quizzes. Scantrons written in pen will NOT be graded. The student will receive a zero for that exam. Remember to bring sharpened pencils to all classes and exams.
* Scantrons mutilated with holes, etc. will not be hand graded.
* Students must fill in complete scantron, test, and have name, last 4 digits of social security number, and ALL answers bubbled on the scantron when time is called. Students may not bubble in answers or information after time is called. All pencils are to be placed on the table when time is called. Anyone observed with a pencil in hand after time is called risks receiving a zero for that quiz or test.
* Non-compliance with these guidelines will result in disciplinary action and may result in course failure.

**Teaching Methods:**

Lecture

Discussion

Case Studies in class and on line

Computer Programs

Lab Simulations

Role Play

Clinical Experiences

Demonstration and Return

**Grading Policy**:

In order to successfully complete an undergraduate nursing course at UTA, the following minimum criteria must be met:

70% weighted average on proctored exams.

70% weighted average on major written assignments.

90% on math test (if applicable).

90% on practicum skills check offs (if applicable).

In undergraduate nursing courses, all grade calculations will be carried out to two decimal places and there will be no rounding of final grades. Letter grades for tests, written assignments and end-of-course grades, etc. shall be:

A 90.00 100.00

B 80.00 89.99

C 70.00 79.99

D 60.00 69.99

The existing rule of C or better to progress remains in effect; therefore, to successfully complete a nursing course, students shall have a course grade of 70.00 or greater.

In calculating the course grade for N3561, the weighted average on proctored exams will be checked first. If the student achieved a 70.00% with no rounding on weighted average on exams, the quizzes will count toward the final course grade. If the student did not achieve a 70.00% with no rounding on weighted average on exams, the course grade calculation stops and the grade stands as a D or F as determined by the numerical value from the weighted average on exams.

The following grades will be recorded. Percentage indicates the contribution of each grade to the overall course grade. Students must also pass clinical in order to pass the course. The course grade will be based upon the following percentages:

Math 5%

Quizzes (7) 5%

Exam 1: 15%

Exam 2: 17%

Exam 3: 17%

Group testing 2%

HESI (Standardized Exam): 9%

Comprehensive Final: 30%

100%

Grades WILL NOT be posted on Blackboard immediately. An average of 18-24 hours after the test is taken the grades will be posted.

**N3561 Medications and Dosages Math Test 1, 2, and 3:**

* All students will take the N3561 Medications and Dosages Math Test 1 during the first week of the semester.  The score achieved by the student on Math Test 1 will count 5% towards their grade for the course and is a proctored exam.
* Each student will be required to achieve a minimum score of 90.00%.  If a student does not achieve this minimum score on Math Test 1, the student will be required to take the N3561 Medications and Dosages Math Test 2; after a required math test remediation session. If a student does not achieve 90.00% on Math Test 2, the student will be required to take Math Test 3.
* If a student does not achieve the minimum score of 90.00% on Math Test 3, the student will not be allowed to continue taking the course and will withdraw from the course for the semester.
* Students will not be allowed to administer medications during their clinical experience sessions until they have achieved the required minimum score (90.00%) on the N3561 Medications and Dosages Math Test.

**Attendance Policy:**

Attend class, be on time, and exhibit attentive and respectful classroom behavior. Inappropriate and/or disrespectful comments made to faculty and/or students, including side comments, will not be tolerated in the classroom and clinical settings.

**Drop Policy:**

Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance**. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

**Americans with Disabilities Act:**

The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities, University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

**Academic Integrity:**

It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University. According to the UT System Regents’ Rule 50101, §2.2, "Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts."

**Student Support Services Available**:

The University of Texas at Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. These resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals to resources for any reason, students may contact the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107 or visit [www.uta.edu/resources](http://www.uta.edu/resources) for more information.

**Electronic Communication Policy:**

The University of Texas at Arlington has adopted the University “MavMail” address as the sole official means of communication with students. MavMail is used to remind students of important deadlines, advertise events and activities, and permit the University to conduct official transactions exclusively by electronic means. For example, important information concerning registration, financial aid, payment of bills, and graduation are now sent to students through the MavMail system. All students are assigned a MavMail account. ***Students are responsible for checking their MavMail regularly.*** Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/email/>. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, and it remains active even after they graduate from UT Arlington.

To obtain your NetID or for logon assistance, visit <https://webapps.uta.edu/oit/selfservice/>. If you are unable to resolve your issue from the Self-Service website, contact the Helpdesk at helpdesk@uta.edu.

During class, **THE AUDIO MODE OF BEEPERS AND CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF.** Ringing of cellular phones and/or cellular phone conversations during class **WILL NOT** be tolerated.

The following are inappropriate behaviors as outlined in UTACON student handbook:

* Cell phones ringing in class
* Bringing infants or children to class
* Sleeping in class
* Arriving late and leaving early
* Coming unprepared for class
* Taping lectures without permission.
* Conducting side conversations
* Using a computer in class unrelated to course
* Dominating conversations
* Cheating, plagiarism, academic dishonesty
* Taunting and belittling other students or professor
* Using profanity in the classroom/website
* Inappropriate e-mails to professor, staff or other students

**Additional:**

* Communicate needs/concerns related to the course directly to the lead teacher or other course faculty.
* Make an appointment with the faculty member regarding personal progress as necessary.
* Submit required written course and clinical assignments on time. Students must have a **VALID** reason (serious illness, death in family) for requesting an extension.
* Students should provide their families with class and clinical schedules, as well as phone numbers of the College of Nursing and clinical agency, so that messages may be given to students in an appropriate manner.

**Professional Conduct on Blackboard and Social Media Sites**

The Blackboard Discussion Board is to be viewed as a professional forum for student discussions. Students are free to discuss academic matters and consult one another regarding academic resources. The tone of postings on the Blackboard Discussion Board is to remain professional in nature at all times. It is not appropriate to post statements of a personal or political nature, or statements criticizing classmates or faculty. Statements considered inappropriate will be deleted by course faculty.

Announcements from student organizations may be posted to the designated level discussion board (not associated with this course).

Students are to refrain from discussing this course, including clinical situations, written assignments, peers, or faculty on all social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, etc. Failure to comply with these expectations may result in further action including but not limited to removal from the discussion board.

***If you have concerns related to class or clinical, you must speak to the other person involved, such as the lead teacher or your clinical instructor. Professional nursing includes utilizing the proper chain of command when seeking resolution to a concern.***

**Librarian to Contact:**

**Helen Hough**, Nursing Librarian

817-272-7429

Email [hough@uta.edu](mailto:hough@uta.edu)

Library Home Page <http://www.uta.edu/library>

Subject Guide <http://libguides.uta.edu/nursing>

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**College of Nursing Information:**

**APA Format**

*APA* style manual will be used by the UTACON with some specific requirements for the undergraduate courses. The sample title page & instructions, as well as a Manuscript Preparation document can be found at: [www.uta.edu/nursing/handbook/bsn\_policies.php#apa](http://www.uta.edu/nursing/handbook/bsn_policies.php#apa)

**Honors College Credit**

Students who are members of the Honors College may wish to take this course for Honors credit. If you wish to do so, please provide the Lead Teacher (or other designated faculty member) with an Honors Credit Contract (downloaded from http://honors.uta.edu/documents/credit.pdf). You and the Lead Teacher/faculty member will together determine an appropriate supplemental assignment to justify the awarding of Honors credit. If you are not in the Honors College and would like to learn more about the benefits of membership, visit the website at http://honors.uta.edu/, where you will find an application form for electronic submission.

**Classroom Conduct Guidelines**

The Faculty of the BSN Program believes that classroom teaching has two goals: the provision of content pertinent to the discipline of nursing and the socialization of students into the professional role. We are committed to providing the curriculum in an atmosphere conducive to student learning and in a manner that will prepare graduates to be successful in the health care workplace. Refer to the Student Handbook for more information.

**Essential Skills Experience**

Each UTACON clinical course has a designated set of essential nursing skills. An essential nursing skill is one that is “required” for each student to have instruction on AND either laboratory or clinical experience performing. Experience is defined as “hands on” performance of a skill in a laboratory setting using standardized patients, manikins, human patient simulators, task trainers, and computer simulation modules or in a clinical setting involving actual patients or communities.

UTACON students are responsible for acquiring essential skills experiences, documenting these experiences, obtaining verification from their clinical instructors, and maintaining an ongoing record of essential skills experience during all Junior and Senior clinical courses.

UTACON students must obtain a printed copy of the BSN Pre-Licensure Essential Skills Experience Passport from Blackboard and maintain this copy for use in all clinical courses. This Passport must be used to document skills experiences during clinical or simulation laboratory sessions. After performing an essential skill, a student will record the date and the setting, and then his/her initials in the appropriate boxes on the passport. The student will then provide the record to his/her clinical instructor for verification. Students are responsible for the accuracy and integrity of Passport documentation. Any attempt to falsify or alter Passport information may result in disciplinary action related to UTA’s Academic Dishonesty policies.

UTACON students are required to perform and document ALL the essential skills in order to obtain a passing grade for the clinical component of the course. Throughout the semester, as part of the clinical evaluation process, clinical instructors will monitor student progress in completing all essential skills designated on the Passport. It is the student’s responsibility to obtain the required essential skills experiences in a timely manner throughout the semester.

**CLINICAL PASS/FAIL:**

Clinical Failing Behaviors

Clinical failing behaviors are linked to the Texas Board of Nursing Standards of Professional Practice. Issues related to professional conduct, management of stress, clarification of course, clinical assignment, and/or professional role expectations, may warrant clinical warnings, contracts for remediation, or course failure.

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| Clinical Failing Behaviors | Matched to NPA |
| 1. Performance is unsafe. | 1,2,3,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,13,14 |
| 2. Questionable decisions are often made. | 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14 |
| 3. Lacks insight into own behaviors and that of others. | 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12,13,14 |
| 4. Difficulty in adapting to new ideas/functions. | 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,13,14 |
| 5. Continues to need additional guidance and direction. | 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,14 |

**Standards of Professional Nursing Practice (BON 213.27, 217.11, 217.12)**

1. Knows rationale for side effects of medications and treatments, and correctly administers same 217.00 (1) (C).
2. Documents nursing care accurately and completely, including signs and symptoms, nursing care rendered medication administration. Contacts health care team concerning significant events in patient health 217.11 (1) (D).
3. Implements a safe environment for patients and/or others, i.e., bed rails up, universal precautions 217.11 (1) (B).
4. Respects client confidentiality 217.11 (1) (E).
5. Accepts assignments commensurate with educational level, preparation, experience and knowledge 217.11(1) (T).
6. Obtains instruction and supervision as necessary when implementing nursing procedures or practices 217.11(1) (H).
7. Notifies the appropriate supervisor when leaving an assignment 217.11(1) (I).
8. Recognizes and maintains professional boundaries of the nurse/patient relationship 217.11(1) (J).
9. Clarifies orders, treatments, that nurse has reason to believe are inaccurate, non-effective or contraindicated 217.11(1) (N).
10. Able to distinguish right from wrong 213.27(b) (2) (A).
11. Able to think and act rationally 213.27(b) (2) (B).
12. Able to keep promises and honor obligations 213.27(b) (2) (C).
13. Accountable for own behavior 213.27(b) (2) (D).
14. Able to promptly and fully self-disclose facts, circumstances, events, errors and omissions when these disclosures will enhance health status of patients or protect patients from unnecessary risk or harm 213.27(b) (2)(G).

Please refer to the Board of Nursing at [www.BON.state.tx.us](http://www.bne.state.tx.us) for any additional information regarding the Texas Nursing Practice Act.

**Clinical Dress Code:**

The clinical dress code applies to all graduate and undergraduate students of The University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing (UTACON), and has two primary purposes: to insure that, whenever in the clinical setting, students of the UTACON: 1) represent the nursing profession and UTACON in a professional and appropriate manner, and 2) are readily identifiable as students.

Students are to adhere to the dress code any time they present themselves to a clinical agency in the role of nursing student. This includes going to the agency prior to clinical to select a patient, arriving at the agency in street clothes to change into hospital scrubs, and attending post-conference or classroom time at the agency, as well as when attending clinical. Clinical faculty has final judgment on the appropriateness of student attire. Refer to the Student Handbook for more information.

*Undergraduate, prelicensure student nurses should wear their UTACON uniform and UTACON insignia patch ONLY when in simulation, clinical or other learning experiences authorized by UTACON faculty. Students are to provide nursing care to patients at clinical facilities ONLY when authorized by their UTACON instructor and when their clinical instructor and/or preceptor are present on site. Students who provide nursing care to patients when an instructor or preceptor IS NOT present on site will receive a FAILING grade for clinical and a course grade of “F”.*

**Clinical Attendance When University is Closed**

Some programs in the College of Nursing, such as the Academic Partnership Program, may require students to attend clinical on evenings, nights, week-ends, or holidays. Students are expected to attend their assigned clinical rotation as scheduled, even when the University is otherwise closed.

**Award for Student Excellence in Clinical Nursing**

This award is for an exceptional student who consistently exceeds the clinical expectations of the course.  The student will be honored at an awards ceremony at the end of the semester.  Clinical faculty will further discuss the award during the clinical rotation.

Criteria for selection:

* Consistently exceeds clinical performance standards in the application of theoretical concepts, evidence-based practice, and communication (written and verbal).
* Demonstrates exemplary performance in the use of critical thinking and problem solving skills.
* Demonstrates exemplary performance in the application of leadership principles and professionalism.

**No Gift Policy:**

In accordance with Regents Rules and Regulations and the UTA Standards of Conduct, the College of Nursing has a “no gift” policy. A donation to the UTA College of Nursing Scholarship Fund would be an appropriate way to recognize a faculty member’s contribution to your learning. For information regarding the Scholarship Fund, please contact the Dean’s office.

**Hazardous Exposure To Blood, Blood Products Or Body Fluids:**

Note:  The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that individuals who have been exposed to needle sticks or to potentially infectious blood, blood products, or body fluids should be evaluated and, when appropriate, have treatment initiated within two hours.

Upon sustaining a contaminated needle stick or being exposed to hazardous blood or blood products, the student will:

1. Immediately report the incident to the clinical faculty member and the appropriate person in the clinical agency.
2. Have the wound inspected, cleansed, and dressed.
3. Complete the institutional incident report and follow institutional policy as applicable.
4. Seek medical attention as necessary based on level of exposure.

Please note that all students are responsible for obtaining and maintaining their own health insurance and are responsible for the costs of medical/health care assessment, treatment and follow-up that are not covered by the student's health insurance.  Students should be aware of the coverage on their health insurance policy as most may not cover the full cost of required medical treatment and services in the case of a contaminated needle stick or hazardous exposure to blood or blood products.

**Policy on Invasive Procedures**

Allowing students to practice invasive skills (e.g., IM, SQ, IV's, NG tubes, intubation) on other students in the learning lab will no longer be used as a teaching strategy. Skills may be practiced on the simulators in the learning lab. Students will be able to perform the skills in the clinical setting under the appropriate faculty or preceptor supervision.

***The Student Handbook can be found by going to the following link:*** <http://www.uta.edu/nursing/handbook/toc.php> or by going to the nursing website [www.uta.edu/nursing](http://www.uta.edu/nursing) and using the link provided under Current Students.