

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Operating Unit: Health Sciences

Program: Nursing

Option:

# Course Outline

NURS 1020 Clinical Techniques 1 — Laboratory

Start Date: August 16, 1999			End Date:		
Course Credits:	3.5	,			Term/Level: 1
Total Hours:	51				
Total Weeks:	17 .				
Hours/Week: 3	Lecture: 1	Lab: 2	Shop:	Seminar:	Other:
Prerequisites			NURS 1020	is a Prerequisite for:	
Course No. Cours	se Name		Course No.	Course Name	
			NURS 2020 NURS 2030	Clinical Techniques 2 – Nursing Practicum 2	– Laboratory

# **Course Calendar Description**

This course presents basic nursing skills related to hygiene, touch therapies and therapeutic touch, movement and rest, feeding, oxygen use, voiding, bowel care, and oral and topical medications. Emphasis is placed on student understanding of the purpose of the skill, focused assessment related to the skill, as well as the safe and confident performance of the skill. The communication and research aspects of the skills are also included. Student independent and laboratory practice, demonstrations and examinations are part of the course.

### **Course Goals**

Clinical Techniques 1 — Laboratory facilitates student learning of particular hands-on nursing skills used in professional nursing practice.

### **Evaluation**

Multiple choice exam (Midterm)	15%	Students must achieve a 50% average between the 2 multiple
Multiple choice exam (FINAL)	35%	choice exams in order to achieve credit for this course.
Skill demonstration	30%	
Research activity	20%	
TOTAL	100%	

# Course Learning Outcomes/Competencies

The student will:

- 1. prepare a focused assessment of the patient related to the skill.
- 2. describe the safety principles for all hands-on nursing skills.
- 3. describe the purpose of the skills to the patient.
- 4. demonstrate selected skills safely and confidently while maintaining patient comfort.
- 5. demonstrate the communication aspects of hands-on nursing skills.
- 6. demonstrate responsibility for attaining and maintaining a safe level of skill performance.
- 7. think and reflect about nursing skills by:
  - 7.1 demonstrating awareness of the research base associated with the skills.
  - 7.2 recognizing the real potential risks associated with the skills.
  - 7.3 making judgements about the skill considering the context.

This course facilitates student growth in relation to these graduate outcomes:

- Creative Leadership decision making, risk management, priority setting, collaboration with other healthcare professionals.
- Communication giving information to people what helps, what hinders? Developmental considerations, using a focused assessment relevant to the skill, identifying vocabulary related to the skill. Patient documentation.
- Systematic inquiry the research process posing questions, sources of data, reliability, generalizability, etc. Using written sources textbooks, hospital policy manuals, research articles to understand what evidence supports skill protocols. Using questioning and modeling to develop thinking and reflection during the lab session.
- Professionalism keeping standards of practice and ethics in mind for all skills.
- Learning focus on individual responsibility related to how skills are learned, practiced and demonstrated.
- Technical Skills competency with hands-on skills nurses use in their daily practice.

# **Course Content Verification**

I verify that the content of this course outline is current, accurate, and complies with BCIT Policy.

Program Head/Chief Instructor

June L6 199 Date

Note: Should changes be required to the content of this course outline, students will be given reasonable notice.



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### Instructor(s)

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# Text(s) and Equipment

### Required:

A nursing fundamentals text.

Kerr, J., & Sirotnik, M. (Eds.) (1997). Canadian Fundamentals of Nursing. Toronto, ON: Mosby Yearbook

#### OR

DuGas, B.W., Esson, L., & Ronaldson, S.E. (1999). Nursing Foundations: A Canadian Perspective (2nd ed.). Scarborough, ON: Prentice Hall Canada Inc.

A math for medications book. 2.

> Henke, G. (1999). Med-math: Dosage calculation, preparation and administration (3rd ed.). Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott Co.

# Supplemental:

The following textbooks are compulsory for other courses but will be used as a supplement to NURS 1020.

- Sims, L.K., D'Amico, D., Stiesmeyer, J.K., & Webster, J.A. (1995). Health Assessment in Nursing. Meno Park, CA: Addison Wesley.
- A medical-surgical nursing text.
  - Black, J.M., & Matassarin-Jacobs, E. (1997). Medical-surgical nursing: Clinical management for continuity of care (5th ed.). Philadelphia: Saunders.

Phipps, W.J., Sands, J.K., & Marek, J.F. (1999). Medical-surgical nursing: Concepts and clinical practice (6th ed.). St. Louis: Mosby.

A medical dictionary.

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# Text(s) and Equipment (cont'd.)

4. Wilson, D.D. (1999). Nurses guide to understanding laboratory and diagnostic texts. Philadelphia: Lippincott.

#### OR

Malarkey, L.M., & McMorrow, M.E. (1996). Nurse's manual of laboratory tests and diagnostic procedures. Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders Co.

#### Recommended:

Carpenito, L.J. (1999). Nursing care plans and documentation: Nursing diagnoses and collaborative problems (3rd ed.). Philadelphia: Lippincott.

# **BCIT Policy Information for Students**

- 1. Course delivery and evaluation methods will be discussed during the first week of the class.
- 2. Clinical techniques will be practiced during laboratory periods and tested at specific times on the class schedule. These are noted on the class schedule.
- 3. Unforeseeable circumstances may necessitate the alteration of course content, sequencing, timing or evaluation. As much as possible, students will be given adequate notice of such changes.

# Participation/Attendance

- 1. Regular attendance in lecture, seminars and laboratory periods is required of all students. If a student is absent for any cause other than illness for more than ten percent (10%) of the time prescribed for any subject, he/she may be prohibited from completing the course (4.07.10 BCIT Policy Manual).
- 2. If a lecture and/or laboratory period is missed, the student is responsible for the content of the class. The skill must be learned and practiced **prior** to performing the technique in the clinical area. The student must discuss with the course instructor how he or she plans to learn this content. This must be completed within a week. You will be expected to perform this skill in the clinical area ASAP. Your clinical instructor will be notified about your plan.

### **Assignment Details**

- 1. The final multiple choice exam covers all course content. Students must achieve a 50% average between the midterm multiple choice exam and the final multiple choice exam in order to achieve credit for the course.
- 2. The skill testing demonstration is worth 30% of your final grade. Your demonstration of specific techniques will be graded satisfactory/unsatisfactory according to criteria on a checklist which you will have seen prior to the test in practice labs. If you meet all criteria you will receive a satisfactory and be granted 30%. One opportunity to retake this test will be offered. If the second demonstration is satisfactory, the student is awarded 15%. If neither the first or the second demonstration is satisfactory, the student will receive 0%. For all techniques demonstration tests, you will be asked to perform the technique as well as answer questions about the particular technique being demonstrated.

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# Assignment Details (cont'd.)

# 3. Research Activity

Identify a *clinical technique* or related issue to a *clinical technique* taught in Level 1 (NURS 1020). Investigate current knowledge, thinking and research significant to this technique or related issue. Conduct your investigation by:

- reviewing current research literature.
- comparing nursing textbook information with research reported in nursing journals.
- reviewing appropriate hospital documents, e.g., policy and procedure manuals.
- reviewing RNABC discussion papers.
- interviewing a practicing nurse and/or client.

By following these steps you should be able to locate a research article related to your topic of interest.

You might begin this process of inquiry by asking a question such as: "Does a back rub before bedtime promote relaxation and consequently induce sleep?"

# **Expectations and Evaluation Methods**

Once you have chosen a research article, you are ready to go on to the following.

- 1. You are to analyze the research article by looking at the critical components essential to a research study. These criterias will be discussed in class.
- 2. You are to convey your research findings to your classmates in a **poster** presentation format. It must meet the recommended criterias for a poster presentation.
- 3. You must submit a reference list. All printed and oral (interviewee) sources of information must be acknowledged and included in your reference list by the assignment deadline.
- 4. A class day will be scheduled for students to present and share information about the research topic. Faculty and students from the other levels will be invited to attend.
- 5. This research assignment is worth 20% of your final grade.
- 6. The grading of this assignment will be the responsibility of you and your clinical techniques instructors.

# **Evaluation of Research Assignment**

- 1. You will work in groups of 4 students (quads) from the same practicum area to complete this assignment.
- 2. Marks are assigned based on three criterias and the self-reported work of each individual. Therefore, each person in the quad receives his/her own mark.
- 3. Your clinical techniques instructors will grade the assignment. The distribution of marks is outlined for you.

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# Assignment Details (cont'd.)

### A. Content (10 marks)

Content presented should reflect the thinking of a beginning researcher. The thinking shows familiarity with the research process. A question or problem is clearly identified and is relevant to Nursing practice. It should describe the sample studied, the method and tools used and a data analysis. A summary and conclusion should be clearly stated. Implications of research findings for nursing practice are identified and discussed. Ideas for further research are identified.

# B. Organization (5 marks)

The research study must relate to the skills you have learned in this course. Information is presented in a logical and orderly manner. A systematic approach to gathering evidence is evident. Language used is clear and precise, condensed and is free of jargon, vagueness and ambiguity. Research nursing and medical terms are defined for the audience (Level 1 Nursing students). Sources of information are acknowledged and a typed bibliography is handed in. APA style of referencing is utilized. A reference list must be submitted along with a copy of the research paper.

# C. Creativity (5 marks)

Creativity refers to the visual impact the poster illicits. The research findings should be presented in an interesting, stimulating and thought provoking manner. Look at the sample posters in 418 to get an idea of some of the possibilities.

4. Students may request one review of their assignment mark. This may involve a meeting with the instructors and students involved in the assignment.

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Week of/ Number	Outcome/Material Covered	Reference/Reading	Assignment
Aug. 19/99	Introduction to Clinical Techniques 1	Readings:	
Week 1	Overview of course content, course outcomes relevant process threads	Nursing Fundamentals text	
11 00X 1	Discussion of course delivery methods	In Class:	
•	Discussion of course requirements and evaluation methods	Handouts	
		<ul><li>Course outline</li></ul>	
	Concept and Principles of Medical Asepsis	<ul> <li>Clinical do's and don'ts</li> </ul>	
	Hand washing	<ul> <li>Proper hand washing technique</li> </ul>	
	Clean gloving	- Borton, D. (Jan. 1997). Isolation	
		precautions: Clearing up the confusion.	
	Standard Precautions	Nursing, 49–51.	
	Universal precautions	V: 1	
	Body substance precautions	Video     Hondweshing (PCIT 1004)	
	Modes of transmission	<ul> <li>Handwashing (BCIT 1994)</li> <li>Body Substance Precautions (VC 4016)</li> </ul>	
	Perineal Care	= Body Substance Freeautions (VC 4010)	
	• Incontinent briefs	Practice Activities:	
	Bed pans	During this session you will practice hand	
	Urinals	washing, clean gloving, changing an	
4		incontinent brief, perform pericare on a	
Ň		mannequin and place a classmate on a bed pan.	
		Next Week in Practicum:	
		Locate the bed pans, urinals and incontinent	
•		briefs in your practicum area.	
•	ty	Locate and read your practicum areas	
v.		infection control policy.	

Outcome/Material Covered	Reference/Reading	Assignment
Feeding	Readings:	
Nutritional intake	Nursing Fundamentals text	
• Measuring and monitoring intake	Oral suction	
Feeding techniques	<ul><li>Dugos, Esson &amp; Ronaldson, p. 754</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>Dysphagic patient</li> </ul>	- Kerr & Sirotnik, p. 1221	
<ul> <li>Confused patient</li> </ul>		
	Nursing, 26(2), 78–84.	
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• Denture care	Columbia Hospital.	
	In Class:	
	• Video	
	Practice Activities:	
	In groups of two, you will brush each others	
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	Feeding  Nutritional intake  Measuring and monitoring intake  Feeding techniques	Feeding  Nutritional intake  Measuring and monitoring intake  Feeding techniques  Dysphagic patient  Confused patient  Readings:  Nursing Fundamentals text  Oral suction  Dugos, Esson & Ronaldson, p. 754  Kerr & Sirotnik, p. 1221  Articles: (Library reserve)  Lugger, K.E. (1994). Dysphagia in the elderly stroke patient. Journal of Neuroscience  Nursing, 26(2), 78–84.  Hineman, M., Anderson, C., & Hardy, J. (Nov. 96). Self-learning package:  Dysphagia nursing assessment. Royal Columbia Hospital.  In Class:  Video  Practice Activities:

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Sept. 2/99 Week 3	Mobility Concepts and principles of mobility Body mechanics Criteria to assess in a patient before transferring Moving patient up in bed 1-person pivot transfer 2-person front and back transfer  Assistive Aids and Devices Transfer belt for assisting patient to walk Crutches Canes Walkers  Restraints Chemical Physical Alternatives to restraints	Readings: Nursing Fundamentals text  Articles: (Library reserve) Goodridge, D., & Laurila, B. (1997). Minimizing transfer injuries. Canadian Nurse, 93(7), 38-41.  Cohen, C., Neufeld, R., Dunbar, J., Pflug, L., & Breuer, B. (1996). Old problem, different approach: Alternatives to physical restraints. Journal of Gerontological Nursing, 23-29.  In Class: Handout - 1-2-3 Lift - Applying Wrist Restraints  Volunteer for wheelchair study  Video - Transfers (BCIT 1996)  Practice Activities: In groups of three, you will practice and evaluate partners performance with mobilizing patients maintaining proper body mechanics and utilizing assistive devices and restraints.	

Week of/ Number	Outcome/Material Covered	Reference/Reading	Assignment
Sept. 9/99 Week 4	<ul><li>Hygiene Practices</li><li>Bed bath (complete or partial)</li><li>Tub bath</li></ul>	Readings:  • Nursing Fundamentals text	
week 4	<ul> <li>Eye care</li> <li>Hair care</li> <li>Nail care</li> <li>Shaving</li> <li>Perineal care (review)</li> <li>Catheter care</li> <li>Condom care</li> </ul>	Articles: (Library reserve) Skewes, S.M. (1997). Bathing: It's a tough job.  Journal of Gerontological Nursing, 23(5), 45-49.  Poznaski-Hutchinson, C. (1999). Healing touch: An energetic approach. American Journal of Nursing, 99(4), 43-48. (Focus	
	Touch Therapy  • Back massage  Occupied Bed Making	on p. 44).  In Class:  • Video	
		- Bed Bath (BCIT 1996)  Practice Activities: Come prepared to practice a bed bath and making an occupied bed. You will be bathing your partners arm and leg, as well giving them a back massage. Bring your own comb and massage lotion. Bring shorts and a tank top to change into. A scenario involving catheter care will be set up.	
Sept. 16/99 Week 5	Clinical Techniques Assessment Course: Testing Day 0830–1020 Multiple Choice Exam 1030–1230 1330–1630 Assessment Skill Performance Testing	NO NURS 1020 this week.	

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Sept. 23/99	Positioning	Readings:	
_	Dorsal recumbent (supine)	Nursing Fundamentals text	
Week 6	Lateral		
	Semi-prone	In Class:	
	Fowler's	• Video	
	- Semi-Fowler's (45–60°)	<ul> <li>Impaired Mobility: Physical</li> </ul>	
	- High Fowler's (>60°)	Consequences (VC 4610)	
	• Prone		
		Practice Activities:	
	Hazards of Immobility	In groups of two, you will practice passive	
	D 636.41 D 1 (DO) 0	ROM exercise and place your partner in the	
	Range of Motion Exercises (ROM)	five positions.	
	Passive range of motion exercises		
Sept. 30/99	Common Hour	Readings:	Scenario for
	Midterm Multiple Choice Exam (1 hour)	Nursing Fundamentals text	Week 8. Prepare
Week 7	0830-0930 Town Square A and B	• Henke pp. 79–84	medication cards
		BCIT student policies related to medication	for all medications
	Medications Part 1	administration	in the scenario.
	Legal aspects of drug administration	- a	
	Foundations for administering medications	In Class:	
	- Medication orders	• Video	
•	Medication knowledge and calculations	- Oral and Topical Meds (VC 4657)	-
	- Focused assessment	Practice Activity:	
	- Medication preparation, e.g., 3 checks	One clinical scenario present opportunities to	
	<ul><li>Health protecting strategies, e.g., 5 rights</li><li>Documentation (Chart, MAR)</li></ul>	perform a focused assessment, prepare and	The second secon
	- Documentation (Chart, MAX)	administer oral medications.	
	Administering oral medications	administration of an inocioantonic.	

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Week of/ Number	Outcome/Material Covered	Reference/Reading	Assignment
Oct. 7/99 Week 8	Medications Part 2  Routes of drug administration Oral-narcotic medications Topical Transdermal Powders Creams Ung Pastes Aerosols Suppositories Focused assessments Documentation Medication errors responsibilities incident reports	Readings:  Nursing Fundamentals text  Henke p. 81, 261-279, 299-304  BCIT student policies  In Class:  Video  Medication Error, A Closer Look (VC 4624)  Practice Activity: Six different clinical scenarios present opportunities to perform focused assessments and prepare and administer oral and topical medications. Come prepared to play the role of both a patient and nurse.	Bring completed med cards for meds in scenario
	<ul><li>focused assessment</li><li>documentation</li></ul>		

Week of/ Number	Outcome/Material Covered	Reference/Reading	Assignment
Oct. 14/99	Medications Part 3	Readings:	
	Anorectal Interventions	Nursing Fundamentals text	
Week 9	- Enemas	• Henke, p. 301	
•	- Cleansing		
	- Oil retention	In Class:	
7	- Carminative		
	- Micro	·	
	- Fleet		
	- Medicated	Practice Activity:	
	<ul> <li>Rectal suppository</li> </ul>	First hour:	
	- Rectal disimpaction	Three different clinical scenarios present	
	- Rectal check	opportunities to perform a focused assessment,	
	- Rectal tube	prepare, administer and document an anorectal	
	<ul> <li>Preparation of bowel for diagnostic tests</li> </ul>	intervention to a mannequin.	
	Focused assessments		
	Documentation	Second hour:	
		Game — "Anorectal Jeopardy"	
		Next Week in Practicum:	
		Locate oxygen therapy equipment	
		Observe how nurses and respiratory	
		therapists collaborate to provide care	

Week of/ Number	Outcome/Material Covered	Reference/Reading	Assignment
Oct 21/99	Medications Part 4	Readings:	in the second se
	Oxygen Therapy	Nursing Fundamentals text	
Week 10	Oxygen delivery devices	Laboratory Diagnostics text	
	- Cannula		
	- Simple face mask	Articles: (Library reserve)	
	- Venturi	Carroll, P. (Feb. 1977). Pulse oximetry at your	
	- Face tent	fingertips. RN, 22–27.	
	Mobilizing pulmonary secretions		
Ÿ	- Humidity therapy	Calianno, C., Clifford, D., & Titano, K. (Dec.	
	- Aerosol-nebulization therapy	1995). Oxygen therapy: Giving your patient	
	<ul><li>Maintaining patent airway:</li><li>Coughing techniques</li></ul>	breathing room. Nursing, 33–38.	
	- Oral suctioning (review)	In Class:	
	- Oral suctioning (review) - Oral airway	• Video	
	- Oxygen saturation/oximetry	- Oxygen Therapy (VC 5035)	
	Focused assessments	- Pulse Oximetry (VC 3519)	
	- Documentation	Tuise eximetry (10 331))	
	Dodanomanom	Practice Activities:	
		Four scenarios present opportunities to perform	
		a focused assessment, administer oxygen	
		therapy, insert an oral airway in a mannequin	
		and perform oxygen oximetry.	4
Oct. 28/99	Practice Skill Testing		
Week 11			

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Week of/ Number	Outcome/Material Covered	Reference/Reading	Assignment
Nov. 4/99	Intake and Output	Readings:	
$\setminus$	Monitoring	Nursing Fundamentals text	
Week 12	Measuring	Laboratory Diagnostics text	
Week 12 Nov 18/99 Week 14	Documenting		
NOV 18/97	• Evaluating	Articles: (Library reserve)	
Week 14	<ul> <li>Problems related to voiding</li> </ul>	• MRSA	
	Promoting voiding		
		In Class:	
	Specimen Collection		
	• Types		
	- Urine	Duranti and Andrewski and	
	- Routine urinalysis, 24 hour urine, double voided	Practice Activities:	
,	specimen, C&S	In groups of two, you will rotate through six scenarios which will provide you the	
	<ul> <li>Stool</li> <li>Occult blood, C. difficile, ova and parasite</li> </ul>	opportunity to perform focused assessments	
,	- Sputum	and collect a variety of samples. A game will	
	- Throat	be provided for you to reinforce your	
	- Vaginal	knowledge.	
	- Eye and ear		
	Collection for screening for MRSA		
,	<ul> <li>Use of reagent strips for testing urine</li> </ul>		
	Research Process Introduction		
	Overview of poster project		
Nov. 11/99	No class.		
Week 13	Remembrance Day		

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Nov. 18/99 Week 14	Therapeutic Touch	Readings:  Nursing Fundamentals text  Articles: (Library reserve) Egan, E.C. (1992). Therapeutic touch. In M. Snyder (Ed.), Independent nursing interventions (2nd ed.), pp. 173–183. Albany, NY: Delmar Publishers, Inc.  Poznaski-Hutchinson, C. (1999). Healing	Complete assumption assignment prior to class.
	ţ	touch: An energetic approach. American Journal of Nursing, 99(4), 43-48.  In class:  Guest speaker	required during week 4
, ·		Practice Activity: In groups of two, you will practice therapeutic touch.	
Nov. 25/99 Week 15	Research Project  • Presentation of poster		
Dec. 2/99 Week 16	Skill Testing Exam (A schedule for testing will be posted.)		
Exam Week	Final Multiple Choice Exam (2 Hours) Date, time and place TBA.		