



School of Health Sciences
Program: Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Option:

NURS 3020
Clinical Techniques 3 — Laboratory

Start Date:	August 17, 2009	End Date:	December 11, 2009
Total Hours:	34	Total Weeks:	17
Hours/Week:	2	Lecture:	1
		Lab:	1
		Shop:	
		Seminar:	
		Other:	
Prerequisites		NURS 3020 is a Prerequisite for:	
Course No.	Course Name	Course No.	Course Name
NURS 2020	Clinical Techniques 2	NURS 7030	Nursing Practicum

■ **Course Description**

This laboratory course presents nursing skills related to intermittent infusion devices, patient-controlled analgesia and epidural analgesia, complex wound care, gastrointestinal tubes, vascular access devices, enteral and parenteral nutrition, medication administration by IV push, urethral catheterization, blood glucose monitoring, administration of blood products, chest drainage systems, tracheostomy care, and neurological assessment. Emphasis is placed on: student understanding regarding the purpose of the skill, focused assessment related to the skill, and safe and confident demonstration of the skill. The communication and research aspects of the skills are also included. Independent and laboratory practice, demonstrations, and examinations are part of the course.

■ **Detailed Course Description**

This course facilitates student learning of particular hands-on nursing skills used in professional nursing practice.

■ **Evaluation**

Midterm Multiple Choice Exam	50%	Comments: To successfully complete this course, the student must: 1. participate in weekly practice labs according to the BCIT attendance policy. 2. achieve a final mark of 50%.
Final Multiple Choice Exam	50%	
TOTAL	100%	

■ Course Learning Outcomes/Competencies

The student will:

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

■ Verification

I verify that the content of this course outline is current.

Authoring Instructor

Date

I verify that this course outline has been reviewed.

Program Head/Chief Instructor

Date

I verify that this course outline complies with BCIT policy.

Dean/Associate Dean

Date

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

■ Instructor(s)

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■ Learning Resources

Required Textbook:

Perry, A.G., & Potter, P.A. (2005). *Clinical nursing skills and techniques* (6th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Mosby, Inc.

BCIT. (2006/2007). *Clinical techniques 3: Laboratory manual*. Burnaby: Author.

A current medical-surgical textbook:

Required Readings:

See course schedule and reading list.

■ Information for Students

The following statements are in accordance with BCIT Student Regulations Policy 5101, BCIT Student Code of Conduct (Non-Academic) Policy 5102, BCIT Student Evaluation Policy 5103, and BCIT Academic Integrity and Appeals Policy 5104. To review the full policies, please refer to <http://www.bcit.ca/about/administration/policies.shtml>

Attendance/Illness: In case of illness or other unavoidable cause of absence, the student must communicate as soon as possible with his/her instructor or Program Head or Chief Instructor, indicating the reason for the absence. After an illness of three or more consecutive days, students must arrange to have a BCIT medical certificate sent to the department. Excessive absence may result in failure or immediate withdrawal from the course or program.

Cheating, Fabrication, Plagiarism, and/or Dishonesty:

First Offense: Any student in the School of Health Sciences involved in an initial act of academic misconduct — **cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, and/or dishonesty** will receive a Zero (0) or Unsatisfactory (U) on the particular assignment and may receive a Zero (0) or Unsatisfactory (U) in the course, at the discretion of the Associate Dean.

Second Offense: Any student in the School of Health Sciences involved in a second act of academic misconduct — **cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, and/or dishonesty** will receive a Zero (0) or Unsatisfactory (U) on the particular assignment and may receive a Zero (0) or Unsatisfactory (U) in the course, and the Associate Dean will recommend to the BCIT Vice-President, Education and/or President, that the student be expelled from the program.

Attempts:

BCIT Nursing Program Student Guidelines, Policies and Procedures which are located online at <http://www.bcit.ca/health/nursing/> state: "Applicants who have any combination of two instances of withdrawal or failure in a Nursing Theory course will be readmitted to the program with written permission from the Associate Dean, who will detail any special considerations. Applicants who have any combination of two instances of withdrawal or failure in any Nursing Practicum course(s) for academic or performance reasons will not be readmitted to the program."

■ Information for Students (cont'd.)

Accommodation: Any student who may require accommodation from BCIT because of a physical or mental disability should refer to BCIT's Policy on Accommodation for Students with Disabilities (Policy #4501), and contact BCIT's Disability Resource Centre (SW1-2300, 604-451-6963) at the earliest possible time. Requests for accommodation must be made to the Disability Resource Centre, and should not be made to a course instructor or Program area.

Any student who needs special assistance in the event of a medical emergency or building evacuation (either because of a disability or for any other reason) should also promptly inform their course instructor(s) and the Disability Resource Centre of their personal circumstances.

Makeup Tests, Exams, or Quizzes:

There will be **no** makeup tests, exams, or quizzes. If you miss a test, exam, or quiz, you will receive zero marks. Exceptions may be made for **documented** medical reasons or extenuating circumstances. In such a case, it is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor **immediately**.

■ Learning Process Threads

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

- **Professionalism** — Students recognize the necessity to use sound assessment and clinical judgement in relation to skill performance. Students carry out skills safely while considering contextual and individual needs. They adhere to the standards for nursing practice in BC.
- **Communication** — Students use relevant and appropriate vocabulary when communicating about skills (verbally, in writing, and when using electronic charting). Students dialogue with colleagues and instructors in the process of learning.
- **Systematic Inquiry** — Students have an increased awareness of relevant research related to skill performance. They use a variety of sources to understand what evidence supports skill protocols. They discuss evidence-based practice with health care professionals. Students raise questions about clinical techniques.
- **Professional Growth** — Students have individual responsibility in how skills are learned, practiced, and demonstrated. Students value continually updating knowledge to practice safely. Students are responsible and accountable for their actions.
- **Creative Leadership** — Students collaborate with other health professionals about skills. Students recognize the need to make decisions about skills. Students recognize the need to make decisions about skill performance in individual patient situations. Students recognize potential risks to the patient and carry out the skills in a manner that would not increase the risk to patients.
- **Technical Skills** — Laboratory class and practice assists the students to develop competency with the skills used in nursing practice.

■ **Assignment Details**

1. **Midterm Multiple Choice Exam**

Midterm exam is worth 50% of total final grade.

The multiple choice and short answer exam will be based on the clinical techniques covered in Weeks 1–8.

2. **Final Multiple Choice Exam**

Final exam is worth 50% of total final grade.

A multiple choice and short answer exam will be given during examination week. The questions will be based on the skills from midterm to the end of the term (Weeks 10–16).

