



MORAVIAN  
COLLEGE

Nursing Department

**COURSE NO:** NURS 534

**COURSE TITLE:** Advanced Health and Physical Assessment

**CREDIT HOURS:** Three

**SEMESTER:** Fall 2015

**CONTACT HOURS:** Two hours classroom and two hours laboratory weekly (division of time may vary on topics)

**INSTRUCTOR:** Ann Marie Szoke, DNP, CRNP

**CLASSROOM:** PPH-Education Center Room Classroom 104 and Skills Lab

**TEXTBOOKS:**

Bickley, L. S. (2012). *Bates' guide to physical examination and history taking (11<sup>th</sup> ed.)*. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams and Wilkins

**PREREQUISITES:** *completion of undergraduate health assessment course with a grade of C or better, or course equivalent to NURS 331.*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course prepares students for performing the components of a comprehensive health history and physical examination on patients across the lifespan with a variety of health concerns. This course builds upon prior assessment knowledge. Students learn advanced techniques and apply findings which may lead to the formulation of differential diagnoses.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate skills necessary for comprehensive health history and physical examination.
2. Demonstrate sound critical thinking and clinical reasoning.
3. Identify the relationship between assessment findings and pathophysiological conditions
4. Synthesize health history and physical examination findings to formulate differential diagnoses.

**TEACHING METHODS:**

Lecture, discussion, select audiovisuals, case study analysis, and laboratory experiences.

**EVALUATION:**

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| <b>1. Theoretical Examinations (3 exams)</b><br><b>(each exam will be worth 25%)</b>  | <b>75%</b>                         |
| <b>2. Assignment: Case Presentation (2- 2.5% each)</b>  | <b>5 %</b>                         |
| <b>3. Assignment: Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)</b>  | <b>10%</b>                         |
| <b>4. Comprehensive History and Physical Examination</b><br><b>(See directive)</b>  | <b>10%</b>                         |
| <b>5. Satisfactory Laboratory Performance</b>   | <b>Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance</li> <li>• Submission of required paperwork</li> <li>• Performance of comprehensive physical examination</li> </ul> |                                    |

Course grades are based on the following numerical equivalencies:

A = 93-100	C = 73-76.99
A- = 90-92.99	C- = 70-72.99
B+ = 87-89.99	D+ = 67-69.99
B = 83-86.99	D = 64-66.99
B- = 80-82.99	D- = 60-63.99
C+ = 77-79.99	F = Below 60

**IT IS WITHIN THE INSTRUCTOR’S PURVIEW TO APPLY QUALITATIVE JUDGEMENT IN DETERMINING THE GRADES FOR AN ASSIGNMENT OR FOR A COURSE.**

**THE SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE INSTRUCTOR.**

**ACADEMIC HONESTY:**

Academic honesty in all course-related assignments is an expectation of this course. Students who plagiarize on assignments will receive a zero for the assignment. Students who cheat on examinations will receive a zero for that examination. Students who plagiarize or cheat will be prosecuted in accordance with policies outlined in the *Moravian College Graduate Student Handbook*.

**LEARNING DISABILITIES:**

Students who wish to request accommodations in this class for a disability should contact the Academic Support Center, located on the first floor of Monocacy Hall (extension 1401). Accommodations cannot be provided until authorization is received from the Academic Support Center.

### COURSE OUTLINE

Week	Topic	Readings	Assignments/Exams
Week 1: 10/28/15	Course Introduction: Overview: Physical Exam & History Taking, Clinical Reasoning  Interviewing & Health History, Beginning the Physical Exam	Chapters 1 & 2  Chapter 3 & 4	
Week 2: 11/4/15	Behavioral and Mental Status Skin, Hair & Nails	Chapters 5 & 6  Review, Watch and Learn	<b>Topic Approval Presentation: CPG Completed Interview Exam I will be distributed (due 11/11/15)</b>
Week 3: 11/11/15	Head & Neck Thorax & Lungs	Chapters 7 & 8 Review Watch & Learn	Write-up (W/U) Skin, Hair & Nails Exam I due
Week 4: 11/18/15	Cardiovascular  Peripheral Vascular	Chapter 9  Chapter 12 Review Watch & Learn	W/U Head & Neck, Thorax & Lungs Exam II will be distributed (due date 11/24/15)
Week 5: 11/24/15	No class- Thanksgiving Break		Exam II due
Week 6: 12/2/15	Breast & Axilla Abdomen Genitalia: Female & Male Anus, Rectum & Prostate	Chapters 10 & 11  Chapters 13,14 & 15 Review Watch & Learn	W/U Cardiovascular, and Peripheral Vascular
Week 7: 12/9/15	Musculoskeletal & Neurological And the Older Adult Children Infancy – Adolescence , Pregnant Female	Chapter 16 & 17  Chapters 18 & 19 Review Watch & Learn	W/U Breast & Axilla, Abdomen <b>Presentations: CPG</b>  <b>Exam III to be distributed ( due back 12/16/15)</b>
Week 8: 12/16/15	Schedule Comprehensive Physical Exams		W/U for Musculoskeletal and Neurological Exam III due