This course supports the simulation assessment in the clinical learning lab for Chronic Care of the Adult (BBA1), in conjunction with the didactic course (DUV1). The simulation assessment (BBA1) concludes the lab series and qualifies you for clinical intensive (BDA1). The course covers 5 competencies and represents 1 competency units.

Introduction

The clinical learning lab portion of Chronic Care of the Adult is integrated with the didactic course (DUV1). All learning resources, and the Soomo learning environment for this portion of the course, are also utilized in the DUV1 course.

After approximately six weeks, you will complete the "first attempt" simulation assessment, which takes place in the clinical learning lab. This is an assessment of your ability to respond appropriately in patient care scenarios, and demonstrate clinical skills and your ability to think critically. If you are not successful in this "first attempt" you will participate in a debriefing to identify your challenges to help you prepare for your final attempt (see DUV1 course for further information). The simulation assessment (first or final attempt) must be passed in order for you to attend clinical intensive (BDA1). Please review the "Course Progression" policy in the Student Handbook for further information.

Competencies

This course provides guidance to help you demonstrate the following 5 competencies:

- **Competency 726.5.1: Patient Centered Care of the Adult II**
  The graduate uses cognitive knowledge and clinical reasoning to provide safe, quality nursing care to adults impacted by common injuries and/or diseases that result in a chronic condition with a focus on health perception/health management.

- **Competency 726.5.2: Care of the Adult with Alterations in Physiologic Defense Mechanisms**
  The graduate uses cognitive knowledge and clinical reasoning to provide safe, quality, patient-centered care to adults experiencing alterations in physiologic defense mechanisms.

- **Competency 726.5.3: Care of the Adult with Alterations in Nutrition, Metabolism, & Elimination**
  The graduate uses cognitive knowledge and clinical reasoning to provide safe, quality, patient-centered care to adults experiencing alterations in nutrition, metabolism, and elimination.

- **Competency 726.5.4: Management of the Care Continuum**
  The graduate uses cognitive knowledge and clinical reasoning to provide safe, quality, patient-centered care to adults as they transition within a care environment or from one environment to another.

- **Competency 726.5.5: Care of the Adult with Alterations in Functional Ability**
  The graduate uses cognitive knowledge and clinical reasoning to provide safe, quality, patient-centered care to adults experiencing alterations in functional ability.
Nursing Standards
You will be able to access Nursing Professional Standards as they apply to your program through the WGU Library. Please access these documents at the following website:

- Nursing Standards E-Reserves

Nursing Dispositions Statement
Please review the Statement of Nursing Dispositions.

Course Instructor Assistance
As you prepare to successfully demonstrate competency in this subject, remember that course instructors stand ready to help you reach your educational goals. As subject matter experts, mentors enjoy and take pride in helping students become reflective learners, problem solvers, and critical thinkers. Course instructors are excited to hear from you and eager to work with you.

Successful students report that working with a course instructor is the key to their success. Course instructors are able to share tips on approaches, tools, and skills that can help you apply the content you’re studying. They also provide guidance in assessment preparation strategies and troubleshoot areas of deficiency. Even if things don’t work out on your first try, course instructors act as a support system to guide you through the revision process. You should expect to work with course instructors for the duration of your coursework, and you are encouraged to contact them as soon as you begin. Course instructors are fully committed to your success!

Preparing for Success

The information in this section is provided to detail the resources available for you to use as you complete this course.

Learning Resources
The learning resources listed in this section are required to complete the activities in this course. For many resources, WGU has provided automatic access through the course. However, you may need to manually enroll in or independently acquire other resources. Read the full instructions provided to ensure that you have access to all of your resources in a timely manner.

Automatically Enrolled Learning Resources
The clinical learning lab (BBA1) and the clinical intensive (BDA1) portions of Chronic Care of the Adult are taken together with and completed in progressive fashion with the didactic assessment (DUV1). You will be automatically enrolled in all of the learning resources for these assessments. They are found within the following Soomo environment.

Soomo Learning Environment
The following learning environment will be utilized as the primary learning resource for
completion of this course of study:

- **Chronic Care of the Adult**

For a complete listing of the resources utilized in the Soomo environment, please see the course of study for the didactic assessment (DUV1).

**Clinical Preparation**

**Preparing for Clinical Learning Labs**
In the clinical learning labs, you will learn specific nursing skills. You will also learn to apply them in simulated patient care scenarios. Please refer to the DUV1 course for further information.

**Attend Clinical Learning Labs**
In the clinical learning labs, you will learn specific nursing skills that you will then apply in simulated patient care scenarios. After approximately five weeks, you will complete the "first attempt" simulation assessment, which takes place in the clinical learning lab. This is an assessment of your ability to respond appropriately in patient care scenarios, and demonstrate clinical skills and your ability to think critically. If you are not successful in this "first attempt" you will participate in a debriefing to identify your challenges to help you prepare for your final attempt (see DUV1 course for further information). The simulation assessment (first or final attempt) must be passed in order for you to attend clinical intensive (BDA1). Please review the "Course Progression" policy in the Student Handbook for further information.

**Chronic Care of the Adult Learning Environment**

All reading activities, discussion questions, quizzes and learning resources for this course are found by accessing the Chronic Care of the Adult learning environment.

**Learning Environment**
The material for this course is housed in a separate learning environment. In this learning resource, you will be able to

- complete the activities and reading assignments to prepare for the assessment for this course,
- answer the quizzes to gauge your learning, and
- communicate with your mentor and other students as you study

Once you have completed the material within the learning environment, you should return to this course for your exam information.

This topic addresses the following competencies:

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  The graduate uses cognitive knowledge and clinical reasoning to provide safe, quality
nursing care to adults impacted by common injuries and/or diseases that result in a chronic condition with a focus on health perception/health management.

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  The graduate uses cognitive knowledge and clinical reasoning to provide safe, quality, patient-centered care to adults experiencing alterations in functional ability.

### Learning Materials

Access the learning environment for this course at the following link and complete the readings, activities, and quizzes for the following section:

- [Chronic Care of the Adult](#)

### Final Steps

Congratulations on completing the activities in this course! This course has prepared you to complete the assessments associated with this course. If you have not already been directed to complete the assessments, schedule and complete your assessments now.

### The WGU Library

The **WGU Library** is available online to WGU students 24 hours a day.

For more information about using the WGU Library, view the following videos on **The WGU Channel**:

Introducing the WGU library
Note: To download this video, right-click the following link and choose "Save as...": [download video].

Searching the WGU library

Note: To download this video, right-click the following link and choose "Save as...": [download video].

### Center for Writing Excellence: The WGU Writing Center

If you need help with any part of the writing or revision process, contact the Center for Writing Excellence (CWE). Whatever your needs—writing anxiety, grammar, general college writing concerns, or even ESL language-related writing issues—the CWE is available to help you. The CWE offers personalized individual sessions and weekly group webinars. For an appointment, please e-mail [writingcenter@wgu.edu](mailto:writingcenter@wgu.edu).

### Feedback

WGU values your input! If you have comments, concerns, or suggestions for improvement of this course, please submit your feedback using the following form:

- [Course Feedback](#)