Your competence will be assessed as you complete the CAV1 objective assessment for Caring Arts and Science Across the Life Span, in conjunction with the skills assessment in the learning lab (AEA1), and the clinical intensive (AFA1). This course of study may take up to 10 weeks to complete.

Introduction

Overview
What does it mean to become a nurse? What does it mean to enter a profession that is highly respected and offers so many diverse opportunities? All nurses, no matter what their specialty, base their practice on the fundamentals of nursing. Fundamentals speak to the core of all nursing care by assessing the needs of patients with compassion and respect; advocating patients and their families; providing education and comfort; and integrating patient needs into a plan of care that embraces individuality, diversity, and belief.

Outcomes and Evaluation
There are 9 competencies covered by this course of study; they are listed in the “Competencies for Caring Arts and Sciences Across the Life Span (CAV1)” page.

You will complete the following assessments as you work through the course of study.

Objective Assessment
You will complete the following objective assessment:

- CAV1

For specific information about this assessment, click the link under the "Assessment Type" column of your Degree Plan. If you do not pass this exam, you will be required to participate in remediation before attempting to retake it. Failure to pass CAV1 may result in being dismissed from the nursing program.

Outside Vendor Assessment
You will complete the ATI Nursing Fundamentals Exam.

- The cut score for the Fundamentals exam is 67.7%. You will have 2 attempts to pass this exam during your term.

You will need to submit your scores to WGU after completing this exam.

Preparing for Success

The information in this section is provided to help you become ready to complete this course of study. As you proceed, you will need to be organized in your studies in order to gain competency in the indicated areas and prepare yourself to pass the final assessments.

Your Learning Resources
The learning resources listed in this section will be required to complete the activities in this course of study. Follow the instructions provided to access these resources as early as possible in order to give yourself time to become familiar with them.

Automatically Enrolled Learning Resources

You will be automatically enrolled at the activity level for the following learning resources. Simply click on the links provided in the activities to access the learning materials.

Soomo Learning Environment

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

- Caring Arts and Science Across the Lifespan I (CASAL 1)

This learning environment will contain links at the activity level to the following additional learning resources:

VitalSource E-Texts

The following textbooks are available to you as e-texts within this course. You will be directly linked to the specific readings required within the activities that follow.


Note: These e-texts are available to you as part of your program tuition and fees, but you may purchase hard copies at your own expense through a retailer of your choice. If you choose to do so, please use the ISBN listed to ensure that you receive the correct edition.

Enroll in Learning Resources

You will need to enroll in or subscribe to learning resources as a part of this course of study. You may already have enrolled in these resources for other courses. Please check the "Learning Resources" tab and verify that you have access to the following learning resources. If you do not currently have access, please enroll or renew your enrollment at this time.

Note: For instructions on how to enroll in or subscribe to learning resources through the "Learning Resources" tab, please see the "Acquiring Your Learning Resources" page.

Elsevier Evolve

The following online course is separate from the e-text enrollment. Enroll for the following online courseware through the Learning Resources tab:

- Potter & Perry: Fundamentals of Nursing (8th ed.)

For assistance locating the Evolve materials assigned in the activities of this course, see the
following help document:

- Elsevier Evolve Navigation Instructions

Evolve Case Studies Complete RN Collection 2014
In addition to the courseware aligned to your e-text, your enrollment in Elsevier Evolve also provides access to Evolve's HESI Case Studies Complete RN Collection 2014. Once you have enrolled, please follow the instructions below to access the case studies for this course of study:

1. Log in to your account at Evolve.
2. Under the "My Evolve" tab (top left).
3. Click on "HESI Complete RN Collection."
4. Click on "HESI Case Studies."
5. Click on the folder "Fundamentals."
6. Select the assigned case and read the directions.

You will be provided feedback throughout the case study and a performance score upon completion.

Mosby Skills
You will be enrolled in this resource manually by our learning resources staff within two business days of the starting month. Go to the following website to login with the listed credentials:

- Mosby Skills Login

Login Credentials:

- Username: [Your WGU portal login]
- Password: hello

The different sets of skills you will interact with throughout your program are listed under the Pending Tasks or Tasks link. Follow the instructions within the Soomo learning environment to access the appropriate skills for your course.

Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI)
This course of study utilizes learning modules from ATI. Enroll for access through the Learning Resources tab. Follow the instructions below for specific directions.

ATI Registration
You will need to create an account in ATI.

- First Time Registration in ATI document

Joining ATI Section
You will need to enroll in the ATI Nursing Fundamentals Section associated with this course of
study. See "How to Join a Section in ATI."

Skills Modules and Tutorials
Throughout this course you will be asked to complete skills and pharmacology tutorials available on the ATI website. Please complete the tutorial lessons and the post-tests as assigned. You must pass the post-test with a score of 75% or better. The time you spend in the tutorials is tracked by the program. Although you can repeat the post-test multiple times, only the first two attempts will be considered as an indication of your having mastered the content. The system does not permit you to repeat a post-test for 48 to 72 hours, so plan accordingly. If you do not pass on your second attempt, contact your course instructor for instructions about how you can further your understanding of the material. Be prepared to demonstrate your newly acquired skills in future learning labs and clinicals.

- How to Use Tutorials

Purchase Learning Resources

Listed below are the learning resource materials you will need to obtain.

Textbooks
If you have not already done so, purchase the following textbook in hardcopy format. You are required to bring this hard copy text to all your learning and simulation labs and to clinical at the hospital.


*Note: The WGU Bookstore has these books available for immediate purchase and delivery. To purchase these from the WGU bookstore, use the "Buy Now" link on the "Learning Resources" tab. You may shop at other online bookstores, but be sure to order early and use the ISBN listed to ensure that you receive the correct edition.*

iTtouch Software

- Nursing Central for Your PDA iTouch by Unbound Medicine

As a WGU nursing student, you are required to purchase Unbound Medicine’s Nursing Central. This software includes *Davis's Drug Guide, Davis's Laboratory and Diagnostic Tests, Diseases and Disorders,* and the *Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary.*

You will be required to have this software available on your iTouch throughout your program. You will be expected to bring your iTouch to both your learning labs and your clinical intensives.

Access "Nursing Central iPhone Demo" to view the YouTube demo.
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Note: Nursing Central can also be accessed from your desktop, but you are required to have it on your iTouch. You will automatically obtain the latest edition of Nursing Central when you purchase and download it. Every time you sync your iTouch PDA with Unbound Medicine, you will also automatically receive the latest updates and editions.

- Nurse's Pocket Guide for your PDA iTouch by Unbound Medicine

This application is a valuable resource and is being offered at a discounted price to WGU students. It is strongly recommended that you purchase the Nurse's Pocket Guide along with Nursing Central.

Access Unbound Medicine to purchase two years of access to these products at a discount.

Other Learning Resources

You will use the following learning resources for this course of study.

Supplemental NCLEX Study Guide
To assist you in preparing for the NCLEX exam and to review content, the following book is available to you in e-text form. This text is supplemental and will not be linked specifically in any of the activities, but you have access to this resource in e-text form by clicking the linked title provided below:


http://login.mns.elsevierperformancemanager.com/Login.aspx?VirtualName=jessner

Additional Preparation
There are many different learning tools available to you within your course of study in addition to the learning resources already discussed. Take the time to familiarize yourself with them and determine how best to fit them into your learning process.

Message Boards, Learning Communities, Study Notes, FAQs

Message boards, FAQs, and a note-taking tool are available in every course of study.

Use the "Additional Learning Tools" page to review these tools.

The WGU Central Library

The WGU Central Library is available online to WGU students 24 hours a day. The library offers access to a number of resources, including over 60,000 full-text e-books; articles from journals, magazines, and newspapers; course e-reserves; and tutorials on how to use these resources and the library. The library also includes a reference service for help with research...
questions or navigating the library.

For more information about using the WGU Library, view the "WGU Library: Finding Articles, Books & E-Reserves" video in the Student Resources section of The WGU Channel.

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.

Course Instructor Assistance

Course instructors are available to help you. Their job is to aid understanding in areas where you need to improve and to guide you to learning resources. Request their help as needed when preparing for assessments.

Course instructors cannot provide reviews of entire assessments. If you fail assessment attempts, review the provided feedback first, then ask the course instructor specific questions about what you can do to meet the competency standard. Request course instructor assistance as necessary in preparing for second attempts at objective assessments or performance task revisions. Mentors cannot guarantee you pass as they do not evaluate assessments; however, they can provide the assistance and advice necessary to help you succeed.

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

Clinical Preparations

Preparing for Clinical Intensive and Clinical Learning Labs

There is a great deal of preparation that accompanies a course of study with a clinical intensive. This course of study includes assignments that you must complete in order to attend clinical.

Attend Clinical Learning Labs

In the clinical learning labs, you will learn specific nursing skills that you need in order to provide safe, quality nursing care. You will be required to demonstrate your skills competency in a nursing skills assessment on the last scheduled day of lab. You must pass this assessment in order to progress to clinical. Please review "Course Progression" in the Student Handbook for more information.

Attend Clinical Intensive

Once you have completed the theory portion of this course of study and passed the clinical learning lab assessment, you will be ready to engage in the in-hospital clinical experience. This typically occurs during or after the eighth week of the course. Based on your performance in the
course, your mentor will refer you for clinical intensive. If referred, the Clinical Placement Scheduler will schedule and notify you of your clinical placement. Once in clinical intensive, you are expected to adhere to professional standards in clinical practice. Please refer to the Student Handbook and the CAV1 COS for more information.

**PASS-PORT**

**Accessing and Using Pass-Port**
You will need to access the portfolio software, Pass-Port, used in this course of study and many other courses of study. You will use this software to create a clinical journal and to receive feedback while attending clinical.

- Accessing PASS-PORT
- Creating a Clinical Experience Form
- How to Use Your Clinical Experience Form
- Requesting a Recommendation

**Caring Arts and Science Across the Lifespan (CASAL I)**

**Learning Environment**
All reading activities, discussion questions, quizzes, and learning resources for this course of study are found by accessing the Caring Arts and Science Across the Lifespan (CASAL I) learning environment.

**Learning Environment**
The material for this course of study 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 of study for the information for your exam.

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

- **Caring Arts and Science Across the Lifespan (CASAL I, DTV1)**

**Final Steps**
Congratulations on completing the activities in this course of study! This section will guide you through the assessment process.

**Assessment Information**
The activities in this course of study have prepared you to complete the CAV1 objective
assessment. If you have not already completed the assessment, you will do so now.

**Accessing Objective Assessments**

Complete the following objective assessment:

- CAV1

For directions on how to receive access to objective assessments, see the “Accessing Objective and Outside Vendor Assessments” page.

**Accessing Outside Vendor Assessments**

Complete the following outside vendor assessment:

- ATI Fundamentals of Nursing

For directions on how to receive access to outside vendor assessments, see the “Accessing Objective and Outside Vendor Assessments” page.

**Submitting Outside Vendor Assessment Scores**

After completing an external assessment, follow the directions for submitting a score report on the “Following Outside Vendor Assessments”.

**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](#)

**ADA Policy**

Western Governors University recognizes and fulfills its obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and similar state laws. Western Governors University is committed to provide reasonable accommodation(s) to qualified disabled learners in University programs and activities as is required by applicable law(s). ADA Support Services serves as the principal point of contact for students seeking accommodations and can be contacted at [ADASupport@wgu.edu](mailto:ADASupport@wgu.edu). Further information on WGU?s ADA policy and process can be viewed in the student handbook at the following link:

- [Policies and Procedures for Students with Disabilities](#)