COURSE TITLE:  NUR 101 – Medical/Surgical Nursing I  (Assessment)  
(3 credit hours)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:  Nursing assessment skills are introduced and used to form the basis for nursing care planning. The nursing process and critical thinking skills are used to determine and prioritize nursing care. Basic nursing skills, drug calculations, documentation, and medical terminology are introduced and practiced in structured settings. The teaching role is explored. Clinical experience emphasizes the assessment of healthy persons.

NUR 101 Credit by Challenge Performance Objectives:

1. Without the use of reference materials, the student will take and pass the written prepared challenge examination with 80% accuracy.

2. Organize a Health Assessment for two clients.

3. Identify therapeutic communication in interpersonal relationships with individual clients.

4. Identify learning needs of clients and appropriate teaching methods.

5. Perform satisfactorily a Head-to-Toe assessment on an individual client in the clinical lab at GRCC.

6. Document assessment data collected accurately, completely, and concisely for individual clients using established forms with guidance.

7. Use the nursing process and information from multiple sources to complete a Nursing Plan of Care to maintain or improve human functioning.

8. Identify the principles of the health-illness continuum, teaching, life and psychosocial sciences for the Nursing Plan of Care.

9. Apply principles of the health-illness continuum, teaching, life and psychosocial sciences for the Nursing Plan of Care.
REQUIRED INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

NUR 101 Course Syllabus

Grand Rapids Community College Nursing Student Handbook

Please contact the GRCC Nursing Department at: 616 234-4238 or nursingprograms@grcc.edu for the items listed above and for a list of other current, relevant materials.

Note:


COMPETENCE EXPECTATION FOR WRITTEN EXAMINATION:

1. The written exam has a two (2) hour limitation.
2. The exam and the Scantron answer sheet will be provided by the college.
3. The student will bring a number two (2) pencil to take the exam.
4. The student must achieve 80% on the exam. A score of 79.9% is failing.
   There is no mathematical rounding of the final exam score. The grading scale is as follows:

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5. This test may only be taken once.

COMPETENCE EXPECTATION FOR LABORATORY SKILL PERFORMANCE:

1. The clinical skill performance is to be done only after successful completion of Part I, the Written Examination, on the first attempt. Please contact the NUR 101 lecture instructor for clarification and further directions to complete the clinical lab requirements. The instructor can be reached through the GRCC Nursing Department at 616 234-4238.

2. The student must perform one (1) Head-to-Toe Assessment on a client of their choice. The client must be at least 16 years of age and English-speaking. The student must achieve satisfactory performance on this assessment, including accurate documentation of findings using the Head-to-Toe Assessment documentation form. To begin this process (after successful completion of the written exam on the first attempt) the student must contact the NUR 101 lecture instructor through the GRCC Nursing Department at 616 234-4238.
3. The student must have the following items for the Head-to-Toe Assessments done on their individual clients in the Clinical Lab:

- Wristwatch with second hand
- Stethoscope (with bell & diaphragm)
- Penlight

Note: The clients assessed for the Head-to-Toe Assessments are required to wear tank tops and shorts.

4. The student must satisfactorily complete a Nursing Care Plan (NCP). Please contact the NUR 101 lecture instructor for clarification and further guidance in completing the Nursing Care Plan. The instructor can be reached through the GRCC Nursing Department at: 616 234-4238.

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NOTE: Please contact the NUR 101 lecture instructor for suggested references and readings. The instructor can be reached through the GRCC Nursing Department at: 616 234-4238.

COURSE OUTLINE:

I. Nursing Process applied to the Healthy Person (Adult & Child)

A. Assessment of the healthy person
   1. Sources of data
   2. Gordon’s Functional Health Patterns

B. Analysis

C. Planning

D. Implementation
   1. Documentation
      a. Nursing Care Plans
      b. Charting
   2. Informed Consent
   3. Confidentiality
   4. Safety
   5. Technical Skills
   6. Pharmacokinetics and Drug Calculations

II. Critical Thinking Applied to Nursing of Healthy Clients

III. Teaching/Learning
STUDENT INFORMATION

1. You must pass the exam with 80% or higher.

2. Once you have successfully passed the exam, contact the NUR 101 instructor for the clinical requirement of this course.

3. **NOTE:** Students are required to have completed the exam and the clinical component of this challenge course not less than one month before the beginning of the semester in which the course is due.

4. *Students testing out of NUR 101 will be assessed a course fee (in addition to the exam fee) for electronic references/software that will be used throughout the remainder of the program.*