

San Angelo Central High School/Lake View High School
Medical Terminology/Science of Nursing
Mr. Rivero – Oakes Campus 114-B

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Course Description

Medical Terminology: the structure of medical terms, including prefixes, suffixes, word roots, singular and plural forms, and medical abbreviations. The course allows students to achieve comprehension of medical vocabulary appropriate to medical procedures, human anatomy and physiology, and pathophysiology.

Science of Nursing:

The Science of Nursing course introduces students to basic research-based concepts in nursing. Topics include the nursing process, the importance of critical thinking to patient care, regulatory agencies, and professional organizations. Instruction includes skills needed to pursue a nursing degree and training requirements required for specialty nursing roles. Knowledge and skills learned will include emergency care, patient assessment, basic interpretation of vital signs, identification of patients with physical and mental disabilities, patient positioning, use of assistive devices, and application of nursing theories in patient care plans.

Materials/Supply List

Please be sure to bring your Chromebook every day as well as writing utensils and paper. I will supply everything else and will notify you all with plenty notice if that changes.

Computer Usage

Misuse of school computers can result in DAEP placement. Please see Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook for further details.

Tutorial Times

Since I am off campus, my tutorial times are by appointment before or after school

Grades

60% Major; 3 per nine weeks

40% Minor; 10 per nine weeks

Schoology

Schoology is a daily part of our class routine. This is a great way to know what is expected and due each day. *It is your responsibility to login everyday and assess what needs to be done.* As you know, Schoology can be accessed anywhere via the internet; which means if you are

out, you can log in and see what was assigned that day or get caught up on any missing/late assignments.

Student login: id@students.saisd.org

SAISD Schoology site: schoology.saisd.org

Class Expectations

1. Make an effort. You get out as much as you give.
2. Treat others and equipment with respect.
3. Be kind. You never know someone else's story.

Tardies

Be on time. Even though we are located off the main campus, we still have designated start times. Tardies will affect your Final Exam exemptions as 3 tardies equal 1 absence.

Attendance

Attendance matters and can affect your grades. Be where you are supposed to be when you are supposed to be there. Being off campus is not an excuse to miss class. You can and will still adhere to attendance guidelines and proper consequences.

Students are **NOT** permitted to drive to the Oakes campus. You must ride the bus to and from the main campus.

Since we are a double blocked class that is located off campus, there may be times when you will need to be released after the 1st of our 2 periods here to attend extra curriculars, or you may be released back to class after the first of our 2 periods. Whether it be sports, groups, or clubs that will be traveling or will just be busy during one of the periods that we have. We will not offer transportation back to campus or vice versa. The only transportation will be the regular scheduled bus that runs to get you here, or after both of our periods are over to get you back to campus. During those days, you may stay on campus and either report to the front office, or with a teacher that will be willing to keep you during the period. Whoever you are staying with, have them email me confirmation that you are with them, or else you will be counted absent. Be sure to inform me of this at least 1-day prior to that event. Do not just stay on campus without informing and receiving a response from me. If your release time is after both of the periods that you will be here for, then you still come to class.

Final Exams

The exemption policy states: Students must maintain an 80 average for the semester and have no more than 3 absences in the respective class to be exempt. This also includes the day of the exam. Should you have 3 absences and choose to miss the exam, that day will be your 4th absence and will receive a 0 for the exam since you are no longer exempt.

Absences, Makeup Work

[SAISD Grading Guidelines](#) states: Students are allowed the number of days absent plus one in order to complete make up work. You will check Schoology for all assignments and lessons that you need to make up. It is important that you understand the assignment and its requirements. Make sure to ask questions when needed. ****Being absent is not an excuse for not knowing.**** Schoology is your best resource in this class; it is a repository for all class material. --- Remember, you can log into Schoology anytime from anywhere that has internet access. ***Being granted an extension only counts if you were absent on the day the assignment was given, or if you spoke to me before the due date*. Not any time between or afterwards.** If you so choose, you could login from home and get caught up!

Late Work

[SAISD Grading Guidelines](#) states: Late work will be -10 points off for each day that it is late! After the 3rd day, work turned in will be at my discretion to accept or not. That being said, I normally will NOT accept work passed the 3 days. I will have a late form posted in Schoology you can fill out to request for me to take any late work. You are only allowed to fill it out for 1 assignment per 9 weeks. Talk with me ahead of time when you think you will be needing to turn in work late so we can work together on a solution. Extensions can be granted if we talk BEFORE the assignment is due. Not after.

Use of AI

We are in the age where A.I. is a wonderful tool to have and will continue to shape how we progress in the future. While A.I. can help you learn, it is still not YOU. You are responsible for your own learning and doing your own assignments. You will receive a 0 for any unauthorized use of A.I. on any assignments you turn in. You will not be offered a chance to redo the assignment.

Consequences

1. A warning will be given.
2. Teacher Detention and/or Parent Contact.
3. For repeated offenses or deliberate misconduct, a referral.

Cell Phones/Chromebook

Texas House Bill 1481, passed during the 89th Legislative Session, requires all school systems to adopt and implement a policy prohibiting the use of personal communication devices by students on school property during the school day. Meaning no phones will be allowed to be visible during the school day. Phones will need to stay in your backpack/bag throughout the entirety of the class time. Failure to do so will result in me taking up phones at the start of class time.

[Here](#) is the link that goes into full detail about the bill.

[Here](#) is the link for the school district's cell phone policy

Parents/Guardians

Everything we cover in class is available to you on Schoology. Students have verbal, written, and video instruction for almost every assignment, all can be found within Schoology.

Calendars with projects and due dates are located in class and on Schoology.

Use Your Resources

If I'm the only answer, then I'm the answer!! I want to help you learn how to FIND the answer. You will always have instructions in multiple forms; written, verbal, and via video. Most likely the answer is right in front of you. Be on time to class and wait until instruction is over to go to the bathroom.

Bathroom Breaks

You will generate a Hallpass request in Minga to go to the bathroom. You must always get my approval before you leave class. It's best to use bathrooms during the passing period. I know this is not always possible. Restroom breaks cannot occur during the first and last 10 minutes of class. Even though we are off the main-campus, only 1 student may go the restroom at a time.

Non-Negotiables

- Don't line up at the door before class is over.
- No sound coming from your computer unless approved ahead of time
- Water is allowed in a container with a sealable lid.
- Adhere to the dress code.
- Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated

Averaging Out

The credit you receive for this class is based on your semester grade(s). The first nine weeks and second nine weeks average together for your fall semester grade and likewise, the third nine weeks and fourth nine weeks average together for your spring semester grade. If you failed one of the 2 9-weeks during a semester, your other 9-week grade will be averaged together in hopes that you "average out" and receive credit for the class. If your 2 combined 9-weeks average, per semester, is a 70 or better, you will receive credit for that class.

In short, do not give up if you fail a 9-week. You will always have an opportunity to improve your grade in hopes of averaging out.

Given that Medical Terminology is a separate class from Science of Nursing, your 2 semester grades can not be used to average together. Passing or failing a semester will not affect the other semester. So, a failing fall or spring semester grade cannot be saved by the other semester grade since they are 2 separate classes. Be sure to always stay on top of your work when it is assigned.

Dual Credit

As part of this class, you have the opportunity to earn college credit through Howard College. This is offered to you at no charge but a parent signature is required. It is important to note that the grade you make in this class goes on your official college transcript. Whether or not you continue your education with Howard College, all colleges and universities will require a transcript of your grades. If you fail this class, it will negatively affect your college GPA, future scholarships, grants, and other possible opportunities. Conversely, if you do well, which is doable, it will be a great achievement to include on job and scholarship applications.

Rigor

You will work in this class. Don't fall behind. Utilize tutorial time if needed. I do not hound you to get your work done or follow up with you after you have been out. I have implemented Schoology as part of our class routine so that we will all know what is expected and due each day. As you know, Schoology can be accessed anywhere via the internet; which means if you are out, you can log in and see what was assigned that day or get caught up on any missing/late assignments.

Student Success

This class is built so that you may succeed. I want you to pass and to do well in class. If you work on each assignment and turn everything in, there is no reason for you not to do well in this class this year. Good luck!

I have read through this syllabus thoroughly and understand it in full detail.

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____