



**Kingsborough Community College**  
**The City University of New York**  
***Department of Nursing***

## **Nursing 2400 – Issues in Nursing**

### **Course Syllabus: Fall 2026**

Welcome to NUR 2400 and congratulations on your success in NUR 2000 and NUR 2200.

The NUR 2400 faculty is committed to serving students from all diverse backgrounds and viewpoints. The diversity of our KCC students is a resource, strength, and benefit. Therefore, it is expected that we maintain an atmosphere of mutual respect for diversity: gender identity, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, nationality, religion, and culture in class, simulation lab, and the clinical setting.

The nursing faculty is committed to your success and wellbeing. This class is a survey of issues/transitions faced by the beginning Associate Degree Nurse as an individual and as a member of the nursing profession. The history of nursing, the role and responsibilities of the nurse, legal aspects of practice and issues and current trends in nursing are discussed. Instruction may be in the classroom, online, or both (hybrid). The nursing interventions explored in this class are grounded on the physiological and psychological needs of our patients. The nursing 2400 faculty is aware of the stress and volume of work ahead and we are here every step of the way to support and guide you. If you encounter any academic difficulties during this course, please contact us; we are here for you to offer support and learning/studying suggestions and resources. We encourage you to also lean on each other for support. Together we are better, please do not struggle alone.

If you experience other hardships and challenges, please take advantage of the available resources at KCC (<http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/arc/Homepage.html>). Again, together we are better; please do not struggle alone.

Please know that your questions, both inside and outside of class, are strongly encouraged and will be met with dignity and respect. Feel free to bring your own lived experiences related to health and illness to our classroom. If you have any questions during non-class hours, feel free to email your course lecturer to schedule a mutually convenient time to meet.

**Important information will be shared with you via email and in the announcement section on Brightspace. It will be very beneficial to you to check these frequently to avoid missing any pertinent information.**

## **Meet the full-time and part-time Nursing Faculty:**

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| Professor Karen Colombo DNP RN RNC<br>APRN AHCNS CCRN FNP NEABC<br>Associate Professor<br><a href="mailto:Karen.Columbo@kbcc.cuny.edu">Karen.Columbo@kbcc.cuny.edu</a> |                                        | Professor MaryAnn Edelman, RN MS<br>Adjunct Professor<br><a href="mailto:MaryAnn.Edelman@kbcc.cuny.edu">MaryAnn.Edelman@kbcc.cuny.edu</a> |                    |
| <b>Credit</b> – Hours: 1 credit, 14 hours.                                                                                                                             |                                        |                                                                                                                                           |                    |
| <b>Pre-requisites</b>                                                                                                                                                  | NUR 1800, NUR 2100, NUR 2000, NUR 2200 |                                                                                                                                           |                    |
| <b>Pre or Co-requisite</b>                                                                                                                                             | NUR 1900, NUR 2300, SOC 3100, ENG 2400 | <b>Recommended</b>                                                                                                                        | SOC 3100, ENG 2400 |

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Nursing of the adult patient with common recurring health alterations includes advanced nursing interventions based on physiological and psychological needs of adult patients. This course builds on concepts of commonly recurring health alterations presented in all pre-requisite nursing courses (NUR 1800, NUR 2000, NUR 2100, NUR 2200). The physiological and psychological needs of the adult patient are addressed through Quality and Safety for Nurses (QSEN) Initiative incorporating the concepts of patient centered care, teamwork and collaboration, evidence-based practice, safety, quality improvement and informatics; the Nursing Process; and the Categories of Patient Needs. The principles of priority setting, leadership and delegation are incorporated throughout the course.

Class work for typical week consists of: one (1) hour of classroom instruction, logging in to Brightspace at least once each week.

## **END OF PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (EPSLOs)**

Upon completion of NUR 2400 and the Kingsborough Community College Nursing Program, using the Nursing Process in a variety of health care settings to a diverse population of patients the student will:

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**Course SLOs**

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| 1. Organize nursing care to provide a safe patient environment.                                              |
| 2. Prioritize nursing interventions in the delivery of patient care.                                         |
| 3. Integrate evidence-based practice while delivering nursing care.                                          |
| 4. Integrate critical thinking modalities while providing care.                                              |
| 5. Interact collaboratively with members of the healthcare team.                                             |
| 6. Develop appropriate leadership/ management strategies when providing nursing care.                        |
| 7. Incorporate the utilization of informatics principles and technology systems while providing nursing care |
| 8. Apply understanding of ethical and legal principles related to the practice of nursing.                   |

**ASSESSMENT MEASURES for COURSE SLOs**

Students will perform satisfactorily in all course work as evidenced by achieving a grade of 75% on various course specific written assignments.

**ATTENDANCE**

Nursing 2400 is a hybrid course. Students are expected to log onto Brightspace weekly. These logons will be used to determine class attendance. A student is deemed excessively absent in any course when he/she has been absent 15% or more of the contact hours a class meets during the semester. More than one week not logged on to Brightspace constitutes excessive absence.

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Access-Ability Services (AAS) serves as a liaison and resource to the KCC community regarding disability issues, promotes equal access to all KCC programs and activities, and makes every reasonable effort to provide appropriate accommodations and assistance to students with disabilities. Your instructor will make the accommodations you need once you provide documentation from the Access-Ability office (D-205). Please contact AAS for assistance.

## EVALUATION

Grades will be calculated according to college and departmental policy as follows:

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|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| A+ 97 – 100 | B+ 87 – 89 | C+ 78 – 79 | D+ 66 – 69 |
| A 93 – 96   | B 83 – 86  | C 75 – 77  | D 60 – 65  |
| A- 90 – 92  | B- 80 – 82 | C- 70 – 74 | F < 60     |

W Withdrew without penalty

WU Unofficial withdrawal (counts as failure)

INC Doing passing work, but missing an assignment or an examination; changes to a “FIN” if work is not made up by the 10th week of the next 12-week session

FIN Failure as a result of an Incomplete

## Nursing 2400 grades will be calculated as follows:

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| Resumania Attendance and Resume Review   | 10% |
| Discussion Question                      | 10% |
| PrepU Mastery assignments (10 X 8% each) | 80% |

All written assignments must comply with college standards for written work. Written assignments are to be turned in on the date that they are due. All assignments must be handed in by the end of the course to complete the requirements of the course. A late assignment will meet the requirements of the course but will not receive full credit. If written assignments are not submitted by the end of the course, the student will receive a grade of "INC" for the course. Students must submit all assignments prior to the beginning of the next semester in order to progress in the program.

## Teaching Styles

The faculty utilize various teaching styles in Nursing 2400 to promote and strengthen your learning. Please see below for the diverse teaching styles.

| Teaching Strategies                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                        |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lecture/Discussion/Brightspace</li> <li>• Problem Solving</li> <li>• Group Work</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course Point/Prep-U</li> <li>• Case Studies</li> <li>• Multi Media</li> </ul> |

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS and POLICIES FOR ONLINE/HYBRID COURSE

Students participating in hybrid/online courses **MUST HAVE** access to one of the following Operating Systems: Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, and MAC OSX 10.5 MAC OSX 10.6

Attendance: Students in online courses must access Brightspace at least once each week in order for their attendance for that week to be confirmed.

## REQUIRED ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOK (see Course Letter)

You are required to use CoursePoint Plus Enhanced for all PrepU assignments and are to utilize your NUR 2100/2200 e-book (enhanced version) to access these assignments: Hinkle & Cheever: Brunner & Suddarth's Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing, Fifteenth Edition Janice L. Hinkle; Kerry H. Cheever ISBN: 978-1-9751-8677-7

## REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:

Amy Stegen Buckway, Holli Sowerby. *Nursing in Today's World: Trends, Issues, and Management*, 12th ed. Philadelphia: Wolters Kluwer. 2022 ISBN/ISSN: 9781975184940

## Nursing Student Handbook

**Your Nursing Student Handbook outlines the policies of the Nursing Department. Please read your Nursing Student Handbook, located on our webpage, carefully and let me know if you have any questions and/or concerns. The policies addressed include:**

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| Attendance                                                | Netiquette                                           |
| Malpractice insurance, health clearance, and CPR training | Specific dress requirements for each clinical course |
| Evaluation and grading                                    | Drug calculation policy                              |
| Exam policy                                               | Mandatory skills review                              |
| Clinical competencies                                     | Criteria for retention in the nursing program        |
| College laboratory practice requirements                  | Civility                                             |
| Clinical Agency experience requirements                   | Integrity                                            |
| Integrity                                                 | Civility (including appropriate dress)               |

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## PrepU Mastery Assignments:

Students must achieve a minimum level of 5 on all PrepU Mastery Assignments. Five (5) points per day will be penalized for late completions. If all PrepU Mastery assignments are not completed by the end of the course, the students will receive a grade of “INC” for the course and will not be eligible for graduation. The **ten** Mastery Level topics are as follows:

1. Nursing Concepts: End of Life
2. Nursing Concepts: Behaviors and Addiction
3. Neurosensory Disorders, Chapters 62, 63
4. Oncologic Disorders, Chapters 51, 52
5. Respiratory Disorders, Chapters 19, 20
6. Cardiovascular Disorders, Chapters 23, 27
7. Gastrointestinal Disorders, Chapters 39, 41
8. Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders, Chapters 44, 46
9. Nursing Concepts: Clinical Decision Making/Clinical Judgement
10. Nursing Concepts: Critical Thinking

**\*Note: Completion of 1 Concept counts as one completed PrepU Assignment  
Completion of 2 Chapters counts as one completed PrepU Assignment**

**One PrepU Assignment is Due Each Week as Indicated on the Course Schedule  
on Pages 7 - 10**

## Topical Outline

Each unit incorporates the Categories of Patient Needs: Safe and Effective Care Environment (Management of Care, Safety and Infection Control), Health Promotion and Maintenance, Psychosocial Integrity, Physiological Integrity (Basic Care and Comfort, Pharmacological and Parenteral Therapies, Reduction of Risk Potential, Physiological Adaptation).

Unit 1 – Moving Into the Profession of Nursing

Unit 2 – Understanding Healthcare in Today's Society

Unit 3 – Accepting Greater Responsibility for Nursing Practice

## Course Schedule

| Week   | Topic(s)                             | Assigned Activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Week 1 | Credentials for Healthcare Providers | <p>Readings: <i>Nursing in Today's World</i><br/>Chapter 3- Credentials for Healthcare Providers<br/>Chapter 3—PowerPoint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Assignment- Discussion Question-due no later than 9/22/26</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Week 2 | Healthcare Employment                | <p>Readings: <i>Nursing in Today's World</i><br/>Chapter 5—The World of Healthcare Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter 5—PowerPoint</li> </ul> <p><b>Assignment- File for January 2027 graduation – Period for filing opens Monday 9/28/2026 – Monday 11/23/2026 (last day to file). Please note the following instructions which are listed on the following KCC website:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/registrar/graduate_this_semester.html">https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/registrar/graduate_this_semester.html</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign into CUNYfirst (<a href="https://home.cunyfirst.cuny.edu">https://home.cunyfirst.cuny.edu</a>) with your CUNYfirst UserName and Password.</li> <li>Select “Student Center” then “Graduation” lastly “Apply for Graduation”. Follow all prompts to complete the process.</li> <li>If you are not currently attending (OR do not see the link in your account) and you wish to apply for graduation, please reach out to the KCC Graduation team at: <a href="mailto:online-graduation.filing@kbcc.cuny.edu">online-graduation.filing@kbcc.cuny.edu</a> to request assistance in reactivating your record (OR if attending, activating the link), and then continue the online filing process.</li> <li>Alternate method of request: Contact your academic advisor for assistance should the link be missing. The advisor will the contact the Graduation Registrar directly to provide the online link to you</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mastery Level Assignment #1-due no later than 9/29/26</b></li> </ul> |

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| Week 3 | Professional Goals                       | <p>Readings: <i>Nursing in Today's World</i><br/>Chapter 4—Making Professional Goals a Reality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 4—PowerPoint</li> <li>• Resumania PowerPoint</li> <li>• Assigned Article-<br/><a href="http://downloads.lww.com/wolterskluwer_vitalstream_com/journal_library/nsg_03604039_2011_41_1_8.pdf">http://downloads.lww.com/wolterskluwer_vitalstream_com/journal_library/nsg_03604039_2011_41_1_8.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>Mastery Level Assignment #2-due no later than 10/6/26</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Week 4 | Healthcare Environment and Its Financing | <p>Readings: <i>Nursing in Today's World</i><br/>Chapter 6—Understanding the Healthcare Environment and Its Financing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 6—PowerPoint</li> <li>• <b>Assignment: Resumania Workshops</b><br/><b>Date: Tuesday 10/6/2026; Tuesday 10/20/2026</b><br/><b>3:00 pm – 5:00 pm via Zoom</b><br/><b>Attendance is Mandatory at <u>One</u> Session</b></li> <li>• <b>Assignment: Attendance at Resumania Workshop – Resumes must be reviewed by Career Counselors with their approval - to be completed any time after attendance at the workshop but no later than the <u>Due date: 12/1/26</u></b></li> <li>• <b>Mastery Level Assignment #3-due no later than 10/13/26</b></li> </ul> |
| Week 5 | Legal Responsibilities for Nurses        | <p>Readings: <i>Nursing in Today's World</i><br/>Chapter 7—Legal Responsibilities for Practice; Chapter 7—PowerPoint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assigned Article:<br/><a href="http://downloads.lww.com/wolterskluwer_vitalstream_com/journal_library/nmg_07446314_2011_42_1_40.pdf">http://downloads.lww.com/wolterskluwer_vitalstream_com/journal_library/nmg_07446314_2011_42_1_40.pdf</a></li> <li>• <b>Mastery Level Assignment #4-due no later than 10/20/26</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| Week 6 | Ethical Concerns in Nursing                              | <p>Readings: <i>Nursing in Today's World</i><br/>Chapter 8—Ethical Concerns in Nursing Practice; Chapter 8 – PowerPoint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mastery Level Assignment #5-due no later than 10/27/26</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Week 7 | <p>Safety in Healthcare</p> <p>Disaster preparedness</p> | <p>Readings: <i>Nursing in Today's World</i><br/>Chapter 9—Safety Concerns in Healthcare; Chapter 9—PowerPoint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Assignment: NCLEX-RN Application Workshop</b><br/><b>Date: Tuesday 10/27/2026 5:00 – 6:30 pm via Zoom</b><br/><b>Attendance is Mandatory</b></li> </ul> <p><b>**May now begin application for NCLEX-RN and for RN Licensure – <u>Email validation to Professor anytime before but no later than due date of 12/8/26</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mastery Level Assignment #6-due no later than 11/3/26</b></li> </ul> |
| Week 8 | Nursing and the Community                                | <p>Readings: <i>Nursing in Today's World</i><br/>Chapter 10—The Nursing Profession and the Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 10—PowerPoint</li> <li>• <b>Mastery Level Assignment #7-due no later than 11/10/26</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Week 9 | Leadership and Management within Nursing                 | <p>Readings: <i>Nursing in Today's World</i><br/>Chapter 11—Initiating the Leadership and Management Role<br/>Chapter 12—Working with Others in a Leadership Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapters 11 and 12—PowerPoint</li> <li>• <b>Assignment: SPS Information Workshop</b><br/><b>Date: Tuesday 11/10/2026 3:00 – 5:00 pm via Zoom</b><br/><b>Attendance is Mandatory</b></li> <li>• <b>Mastery Level Assignment #8-due no later than 11/17/26</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                          |

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| Week 10 | Workplace Challenges    | <p>Readings: <i>Nursing in Today's World</i></p> <p>Chapter 13—Facing the Challenges of Today's Workplace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 13—PowerPoint</li> <li>• <b>Mastery Level Assignment #9-due no later than 11/24/26</b></li> </ul>                                                             |
| Week 11 | Disaster preparedness   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mastery Level Assignment #10-due no later than 12/1/26</b></li> <li>• <b>Resume Assignment – Review by Career Counselors with their approval due no later than 12/1/2026</b></li> </ul>                                                                                          |
| Week 12 | Research and Technology | <p>Readings: <i>Nursing in Today's World</i></p> <p>Chapter 15—Applying Research and Technology to Nursing Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 15—PowerPoint</li> <li>• <b>Assignment- Application for Licensure: <u>Submission of email confirmation due no later than 12/8/26</u></b></li> </ul> |