

**ODESSA COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM  
SYLLABUS RNSG 1193**

**COURSE TITLE:** RNSG 1193 Special Topics in Registered Nursing

**CREDIT:** 1 CREDIT/16 HOURS

**PLACEMENT:**

**Generic:** First Year/First semester

**Transition:** Summer semester

**PREREQUISITES:**

**Generic:** Biology 2401, Biology 2402, English 1301, Humanities 2319, 2323, 1305 or PHIL  
1304

**Transition:** RNSG 2207, 2213, 2161, 1201

**COREQUISITES:**

**Generic:** RNSG 1360, RNSG 1301, RNSG 1513

**Transition:** RNSG 1412, RNSG 2263, HUMA 2319

**LICENSING/CERTIFICATION BOARD:** TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING (BON)

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**Preferred Method of Communication:**

*Please email me with any questions or concerns or call the office line at 432 335-6333. If there is an emergency please call my cell phone. No texting please.*

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:** ATI resources

**Hardware:** Computer, speakers & internet access

**Software:** Microsoft, Java, Adobe Reader, TechSmith Relay, Quick Time & Silverlight

**Websites:** *Professional sites only such as; PubMed, WebMD, Firefox, ATItesting.com*

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Special Topics in Registered Nursing address recently identified current events, skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes and behaviors pertinent to the technology or occupation and relevant to the professional development of the student. Various assessment tools will be used to review and practice for the NCLEX. The student will improve test taking skills and critical thinking skills that will enable them to pass NCLEX and nursing certification exams. They will also learn the most appropriate use of ATI and remediation to help strengthen knowledge n content areas identified as weak.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. Identify test taking strategies for success in taking NCLEX-style exams.
2. Utilize ATI results and remediation to strengthen knowledge and testing skills.
3. Identify proper medical terminology.
4. Evaluate own baseline comprehensive knowledge through computerized testing.

**TOPICS:** Evidence Based Research, Utilizing computer based programs, critical thinking demonstration through case studies, medical terminology.

### **EVALUATION AND GRADING:**

All course work is required. All aspect of course work must be submitted in order to successfully pass this course. Course grades are based on **successfully** meeting all objectives and obtaining a 75 or better average on written and simulated work

<b>Course Assignments</b>	<b>Weighted Value</b>
ATI assignments	50%
Research project	15%
Research paper utilizing APA format	10%
Daily Activities	10%
Quizzes	15%
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **Class/Theory Grading Policy**

Students will receive a numerical grade. A grade of 75% or greater is required to pass. ***Each theory course requires that students reach an average of 75% on unit exams and the final in order to pass the course, this is a threshold and no other grades will be utilized until this threshold is met. Example: Student has a class average of 78 but the unit exam and final exam average is 74, this student does not pass the course and must repeat.*** Theory grades are assigned according to the following scale:

90-100	A
80-89	B
75-79	C
60-74.99	D
Below 60	F

Grades will be calculated at the end of the semester for each theory class according to the formula specified in the course syllabus. Instructors employ academic freedom to round grades from B to A and C to B. However, a grade of D cannot be rounded to passing. A grade of 74.99 (or lower) is a failing grade.

### **COURSE POLICIES:**

**For ALL CURRENT NURSING POLICIES please refer to the CURRENT nursing student handbook. ALL policies and standards are in effect for RNSG 1193.**

**SEE COLLEGE CATALOG FOR ALL ODESSA COLLEGE POLICIES.**

### **ADN Core Objectives:**

By the end of the program, the new graduate will:

1. Demonstrate professionalism and leadership skills reflective of the associate degree nurse.
2. Utilize clinical judgment based on best current evidence to provide safe and effective quality patient care.
3. Demonstrate nursing teamwork and inter-professional collaboration while managing care for patients across the lifespan in a variety of healthcare settings.
4. Effectively utilize informatics and technology in a variety of healthcare settings.
5. Appropriately incorporate knowledge of cultural diversity in the practice of patient centered care.

*This syllabus is tentative and subject to change in any part at the discretion of the instructor. Any changes will be in accordance with Odessa College policies. Students will be notified of changes, if any, in a timely manner.*