



Course Syllabus

EMSP 2330 – Special Populations

Catalog Description: A detailed study of the knowledge and skills in the assessment and management of ill and injured patients in diverse populations.

Prerequisites: EMSP 2404, 1501, 1361, 1338, 1356, 1355, 2338, 2260, 2348 and a current CPR (Healthcare Provider/Professional Rescuer) certification.

Co-requisite: EMSP 2261, EMSP 2434, EMSP 2444, EMSP 2143

Semester Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours per Week: 3

Lab Hours per Week: 2

Extended hours: 0--Additional study is required outside posted class times.

Contact Hours per Semester: 80

State Approval Code: 51.0904

Class section meeting time: MTTh 10am-5pm

Instructional Goals and Purposes: At the completion of the course, the student will be able to integrate pathophysiological principles and assessment findings to formulate a field impression; and implement a treatment plan for neonatal, pediatric, and geriatric patients, diverse patients, and chronically ill patients.

Learning Outcomes:

Integrate pathophysiological principles and assessment findings to formulate a field impression; and implement a treatment plan for the cardiac patient. Curriculum based on U.S. Department of transportation National Standard Curriculum.

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Specific Course Objectives (includes SCANS):

After studying all materials and resources presented in the course, the student will be able to:

1. Describing the pathophysiology principles and assessment findings needed to treat the neonatal patient. (1Ai, iv, v; Bi, ii, iii, iv, v, vi; Ci, ii, iii, iv, v; 2Bi, ii, iii; Ci, ii, iii)
2. Describing the pathophysiology principles and assessment findings needed to treat the patient with neurological problems. (1Ai, iv, v; Bi, ii, iii, iv, v, vi; Ci, ii, iii, iv, v; 2Bi, ii, iii)
3. Describing the pathophysiology principles and assessment findings needed to treat the pediatric patient. (1Ai, iv, v; Bi, ii, iii, iv, v, vi; Ci, ii, iii, iv, v; 2Bi, ii, iii; Ci, ii, iii)
4. Describing the pathophysiology principles and assessment findings needed to treat the geriatric patient. (1Ai, iv, v; Bi, ii, iii, iv, v, vi; Ci, ii, iii, iv, v; 2Bi, ii, iii; Ci, ii, iii)

5. Describing the pathophysiology principles and assessment findings needed to treat the patient of abuse or assault. (1Ai, iv, v; Bi, ii, iii, iv, v, vi; Ci, ii, iii, iv, v; 2Bi, ii, iii; Ci, ii, iii)
6. Describing the pathophysiology principles and assessment findings needed to treat the patient with special challenges. These would include the patient that is hearing impaired, visual impaired, speech impaired, the patient with obesity, paraplegia/quadriplegia, emotional/mental impaired or culturally diverse. (1Ai, iv, v; Bi, ii, iii, iv, v, vi; Ci, ii, iii, iv, v; 2Bi, ii, iii, vi; Ci ii, iii)
7. Describing the pathophysiology principles and assessment findings needed to treat the chronic care patient with acute problems. (1Ai, iv, v; Bi, ii, iii, iv, v, vi; Ci, ii, iii, iv, v; 2Bi, ii, iii)
8. Describing general pharmacology and proper administration of pre-hospital drug applications. (1Ai, iii, iv, v; Bi, ii, iii, iv, v, vi; Ci, ii, iii, iv, v; 2Bi, ii, iii, Ci, ii, iii)

Course Content:

A general description of lecture/discussion topics included in this course are listed in the Learning Outcomes / Specific Course Objectives sections of this syllabus.

Students in all sections of this course will learn the following content:

1. Recognition and treatment of emergencies arising from the female reproductive system.
2. Emergencies that may arise before, during, and after childbirth.
3. Detailed discussion of neonatology with a special emphasis on neonatal resuscitation in the field setting.
4. Specialized pediatric assessment techniques and emergency procedures.
5. Assessment and treatment of emergencies commonly seen in the elderly.
6. Discussion of the needs of victims of abuse, neglect, or assault.
7. Discussion of patients with special physical, mental, or cultural needs.
8. Discussion of the role of EMS personnel in treating home care patients and patients with chronic medical conditions.

Methods of Instruction/Course Format/Delivery:

This course is offered face to face. Instruction for this course will be done with lecture and skills labs.

Major Assignments / Assessments:

The following items will be assigned and assessed during the semester and used to calculate the student's final grade.

Assignments

1. Complete reading from textbook and other assigned resources.
2. Complete assignments in mybradylab.
3. Complete handout assignments.

Assessment(s):

- Multiple choice topic quizzes.
2. Mybradylab homework.
3. Proctored exams.
4. Grades on handout assignments.

Course Grade:

The grading scale for this course is as follows:

Students MUST maintain an OVERALL grade of 80% in the course to be eligible to participate in clinical rotations. Students who do not achieve this will have their clinicals IMMEDIATELY suspended and participate in REMEDIATION through tutoring sessions.

Below is the corresponding percentage to letter grade.

90%-100%	A
80-89.99%	B
70-79.99%	C
60-69.99%	D
50-59.99%	F

Refer to policy and procedures manual and student handbook for grade appeals.

1. Students must pass the final exam (failure of final will mean dismissal from course), skills testing and have complete clinical requirements.
2. All grades will be averaged at end of course with quizzes averaged and counted as one (1) major grade.
3. Students wishing to know their average may do so any time during course.
4. Number of exams will be dependent on the level of the course being taught.

Major Exams, Quizzes	25%
Skills Testing	25%
Clinical requirements and notebook	25%
Final Exam (must pass, no retest)	25%

Texts, Materials, and Supplies:

- Paramedic Care Principles and Practice, Bledsoe, Pearson Publishing
- MYBRADYLAB

Required Readings:**Recommended Readings:****Other:**

- For current texts and materials, use the following link to access bookstore listings: <http://www.panolacollegestore.com>
- For testing services, use the following link: <http://www.panola.edu/elearning/testing.html>
- If any student in this class has special classroom or testing needs because of a physical learning or emotional condition, please contact the ADA Student Coordinator in Support Services located in the Charles C. Matthews Student Center or go to <http://www.panola.edu/student-success/disability-support-services/> for more information.
- Withdrawing from a course is the student's responsibility. Students who do not attend class and who do not withdraw will receive the grade earned for the course.
- Student Handbook, *The Pathfinder*: <http://www.panola.edu/student-success/documents/pathfinder.pdf>

SCANS CRITERIA

1) **Foundation skills are defined in three areas: basic skills, thinking skills, and personal qualities.**

- a) **Basic Skills:** A worker must read, write, perform arithmetic and mathematical operations, listen, and speak effectively. These skills include:
 - i) Reading: locate, understand, and interpret written information in prose and in documents such as manuals, graphs, and schedules.
 - ii) Writing: communicate thoughts, ideas, information, and messages in writing, and create documents such as letters, directions, manuals, reports, graphs, and flow charts.
 - iii) Arithmetic and Mathematical Operations: perform basic computations and approach practical problems by choosing appropriately from a variety of mathematical techniques.
 - iv) Listening: receive, attend to, interpret, and respond to verbal messages and other cues.
 - v) Speaking: Organize ideas and communicate orally.
- b) **Thinking Skills:** A worker must think creatively, make decisions, solve problems, visualize, know how to learn, and reason effectively. These skills include:
 - i) Creative Thinking: generate new ideas.
 - ii) Decision Making: specify goals and constraints, generate alternatives, consider risks, and evaluate and choose the best alternative.
 - iii) Problem Solving: recognize problems and devise and implement plan of action.
 - iv) Visualize ("Seeing Things in the Mind's Eye"): organize and process symbols, pictures, graphs, objects, and other information.
 - v) Knowing How to Learn: use efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills.
 - vi) Reasoning: discover a rule or principle underlying the relationship between two or more objects and apply it when solving a problem.
- c) **Personal Qualities:** A worker must display responsibility, self-esteem, sociability, self-management, integrity, and honesty.
 - i) Responsibility: exert a high level of effort and persevere toward goal attainment.
 - ii) Self-Esteem: believe in one's own self-worth and maintain a positive view of oneself.
 - iii) Sociability: demonstrate understanding, friendliness, adaptability, empathy, and politeness in group settings.
 - iv) Self-Management: assess oneself accurately, set personal goals, monitor progress, and exhibit self-control.
 - v) Integrity and Honesty: choose ethical courses of action.

2) **Workplace competencies are defined in five areas: resources, interpersonal skills, information, systems, and technology.**

- a) **Resources:** A worker must identify, organize, plan, and allocate resources effectively.
 - i) Time: select goal-relevant activities, rank them, allocate time, and prepare and follow schedules.
 - ii) Money: Use or prepare budgets, make forecasts, keep records, and make adjustments to meet objectives.
 - iii) Material and Facilities: Acquire, store, allocate, and use materials or space efficiently. Examples: construct a decision time line chart; use computer software to plan a project; prepare a budget; conduct a cost/benefits analysis; design an RFP process; write a job description; develop a staffing plan.
- b) **Interpersonal Skills:** A worker must work with others effectively.
 - i) Participate as a Member of a Team: contribute to group effort.
 - ii) Teach Others New Skills.
 - iii) Serve Clients/Customers: work to satisfy customer's expectations.

- iv) **Exercise Leadership:** communicate ideas to justify position, persuade and convince others, responsibly challenge existing procedures and policies.
- v) **Negotiate:** work toward agreements involving exchange of resources, resolve divergent interests.
- vi) **Work with Diversity:** work well with men and women from diverse backgrounds.

Examples: collaborate with a group member to solve a problem; work through a group conflict situation, train a colleague; deal with a dissatisfied customer in person; select and use appropriate leadership styles; use effective delegation techniques; conduct an individual or team negotiation; demonstrate an understanding of how people from different cultural backgrounds might behave in various situations.

- c) **Information:** A worker must be able to acquire and use information.

- i) **Acquire and Evaluate Information.**
- ii) **Organize and Maintain Information.**
- iii) **Interpret and Communicate Information.**
- iv) **Use Computers to Process Information.**

Examples: research and collect data from various sources; develop a form to collect data; develop an inventory record-keeping system; produce a report using graphics; make an oral presentation using various media; use on-line computer data bases to research a report; use a computer spreadsheet to develop a budget.

- d) **Systems:** A worker must understand complex interrelationships.

- i) **Understand Systems:** know how social, organizational, and technological systems work and operate effectively with them.
- ii) **Monitor and Correct Performance:** distinguish trends, predict impacts on system operations, diagnose deviations in systems' performance and correct malfunctions.
- iii) **Improve or Design Systems:** suggest modifications to existing systems and develop new or alternative systems to improve performance.

Examples: draw and interpret an organizational chart; develop a monitoring process; choose a situation needing improvement, break it down, examine it, propose an improvement, and implement it.

- e) **Technology:** A worker must be able to work with a variety of technologies.

- i) **Select Technology:** choose procedures, tools or equipment including computers and related technologies.
- ii) **Apply Technologies to Task:** understand overall intent and proper procedures for setup and operation of equipment.
- iii) **Maintain and Troubleshoot Equipment:** Prevent, identify, or solve problems with equipment, including computers and other technologies.

Examples: read equipment descriptions and technical specifications to select equipment to meet needs; set up and assemble appropriate equipment from instructions; read and follow directions for troubleshooting and repairing equipment.