

NURS 8908 - Advanced Health Assessment

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 42019,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

8908. Advanced Health Assessment. This course explores advanced health assessment utilizing an extensive health history and physical exam. The course focuses on developing refined health history taking, psychological assessment, and physical assessment skills across the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on detailed health history assessment, differentiation, interpretation, and documentation of normal and abnormal assessment findings.

Prereq.: Acceptance and Enrollment in the DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Physical Examination & Health Assessment -8th Edition	Carolyn Jarvis	9780323510806

Additional Texts

Apex Anesthesia. <https://www.apexanesthesia.com/>

Hadzic's Textbook of Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain Management- 2nd Edition: Hadzic, A.: McGraw Hill Education. ISBN:978-0071717595

Morgan & Mikhail's Clinical Anesthesiology – 6th Edition; Butterworth, John; Mackey, David C.; & Wasnick, John; McGraw Hill Education. ISBN: 9781259834424, Lange Series (2018)

Nurse Anesthesia – 6th Edition; Nagelhout, John J. & Elisha, Sass; Elsevier, Health Sciences. ISBN: 9780323443920 (July 2017)

Chestnut's Obstetric Anesthesia Principles and Practice – 5th Edition; Chestnut, David H.; Wong, Cynthia A.; Tsen, Lawrence C.; Saunders, an imprint of Elsevier, Inc. ISBN: 9781455748662 (2014)

Anesthesia for Infants and Children – 9th Edition; Davis, Peter J.; Cladis, Franklyn P.; Elsevier, Inc. ISBN: 9780323341257 (2017)

Clinical Anesthesia – 8th Edition; Barash, Paul G.; Cullen, Bruce F.; Stoelting, Robert K.; & Cahalan, Michael; Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. ISBN: 9781496337009 (May 2017)

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24		Course Introduction	Pick Paper Topic via discussion board post
8/31	Jarvis Chapters 3, 4, 8	History and Interviewing Process Assessment Techniques	Health History Interview document due 9/5/26 by 11:59pm



9/7	Jarvis Chapters 10, 11, 13	Vital Signs and Pain Assessment Hair, Skin, Nails	Hair, Skin, and Nails document due 9/12/26 by 11:59pm
9/14	Jarvis Chapter 14	Head, Neck, Face, and Regional Lymphatics	Head, Neck, Face, and Regional Lymphatics document due 9/19/2026 by 11:59pm
9/21	Covers weeks 2-4	Quiz 1	Quiz due 9/25/26 by 11:59pm
9/28	Jarvis Chapter 1	Understanding differential diagnosis	Differential diagnostic document due 10/3/26 by 11:59pm
10/5	Jarvis Chapter 18, 19	Breasts, Axillae, and Regional Lymphatics Thorax and Lungs	Breasts, Axillae, Thorax and Lungs document due 10/10/2026 by 11:59pm
10/12	Jarvis Chapter 20	Heart and Neck vessels	Heart findings document due 10/17/2026 by 11:59pm
10/19	Covers weeks 6-8	Quiz 2	Quiz due 10/23/2026 by 11:59pm Surgical Complications paper due 10/25/2026 by 11:59pm
10/26	Jarvis Chapters 21, 22	Peripheral Vascular System Abdomen	Peripheral Vascular and Abdomen document due 10/31/2026 by 11:59pm
11/2	Jarvis Chapters 5, 24	Mental Status Assessment Neurological	Mental status and Neurological document due 11/7/2026 by 11:59pm
11/9	Jarvis Chapter 23	Musculoskeletal System	Musculoskeletal document due 11/14/2026 by 11:59pm
11/16	Covers weeks 10-12	Quiz 3	Quiz due 11/20/2026 by 11:59pm
11/23	No online material	Thanksgiving	
11/30	Jarvis Chapter 28	Complete Health Assessment	Complete Head-Toe Physical Assessment document
12/7			Complete Head-Toe Physical Assessment document due 12/11/26 by 4:59pm

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