

## NURS 4804 - Health Assessment for RNs

Summer 2026 Syllabus, Section A05, CRN 31153,

Credit hours: 3

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### Course Description

4804. Health Assessment for RNs. Increase clinical knowledge and skills in health assessment of clients of various age groups, and the reporting and recording of findings. Prereq.: admission to online RN-BSN completion program. 3 s.h.

### Course Readings

| Group | Title                                                                     | Author                                 | ISBN          |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------|
|       | Bates' nursing guide to physical examination and history taking (3rd ed.) | Hogan-Quigley, B., & Palm, M.L. (2022) | 9781975161095 |

Required

Review Blackboard content weekly.

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                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 6/29    | Ch 3 - Interviewing and communication<br>Ch 4 - Health history<br>Ch 6 - Physical examination<br>Ch 7 - General survey<br>Ch 9 - Integumentary system | Welcome<br>Interviewing, health history, physical exam - getting started, general survey, and integumentary system | Due 6/28 at 7pm:<br>Discussion post: due 7/1, 7/5 at 11:59 PM<br>Assignment: due 7/5 at 11:59 PM - health history, functional health patterns, assessment of skin<br>Activity: check your knowledge (not turned in) |



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| 7/6  | Ch 10 - Head and neck<br>Ch 11 - Eyes<br>Ch 12 - Ears, nose, mouth, and throat                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | The head and neck; eyes; ears, nose, mouth and throat                                           | Due 7/5 at 7pm:<br>Discussion post: none<br>Assignment: due 7/12 at 11:59 PM - health history, assessment of head and neck, eyes, ears, nose, mouth and throat<br>Assignment: submit topic for Module 7 assignment: due 7/12 at 11:59 PM<br>Activity: check your knowledge (not turned in) |
| 7/13 | Ch 13 - Respiratory system<br>Ch 14 - Cardiovascular system<br>Ch 15 - Peripheral vascular system and Lymphatic system<br>Ch 17 - Breast and axillae                                                                                                                                                      | Respiratory, cardiovascular, peripheral vascular and lymphatic systems, and breasts and axillae | Due 7/12 at 7pm:<br>Discussion post: none<br>Assignment: due 7/19 at 11:59 PM - health history, assessment of the respiratory, cardiovascular, peripheral vascular and lymphatic systems<br>Activity: check your knowledge (not turned in)                                                 |
| 7/20 | Ch 16 - Gastrointestinal system<br>Ch 18 - Musculoskeletal system<br>Ch 21 - Reproductive system                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Gastrointestinal, renal, musculoskeletal and reproductive systems                               | Due 7/19 at 7pm:<br>Discussion post: due 7/22, 7/26 at 11:59 PM<br>Assignment: due 7/26 at 11:59 PM - health history, assessment of gastrointestinal, renal, musculoskeletal and reproductive systems<br>Activity: check your knowledge (not turned in)                                    |
| 7/27 | Ch 5 - Cultural and spiritual assessment<br>Ch 19 - Mental status/mental health assessment<br>Ch 20 - Nervous system<br>Ch 22 - Putting the examination all together                                                                                                                                      | Culture/spirituality, mental status/mental health, nervous system, putting it all together      | Due 7/26 at 7pm:<br>Discussion post: none<br>Assignment: due 8/2 at 11:59 PM - health history, assessment of culture/spirituality, mental status, and nervous system<br>Activity: check your knowledge (not turned in)                                                                     |
| 8/3  | FINAL EXAM on BlackBoard head-to-toe assessment - be sure to follow Rubric for the Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Final exam<br>Head-to-toe<br>Examination video                                                  | Due 8/2 at 7pm:<br>Final Exam: due 8/9 at 11:59 PM<br>Assignment: due 8/9 at 11:59 PM - head-to-toe examination video                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 8/10 | Develop a ONE page assessment handout on an Alternative Population such as an infant, toddler, school age, adolescent, older adults, or end-of-life patient. Handout should include assessments/techniques that are different than a normal adult assessment. NOTE: assignment due date changes this week | Alternate health assessment guide                                                               | Due 8/9 at 7pm:<br>Discussion post: due Wedn. 8/12; response due Friday 8/14 at 11:59 PM<br>Assignment: due Wedn. 8/12 at 11:59 pm - Alternative Assessment Guide<br>Course Evaluation: due Sat. 8/16 at 11:59 PM                                                                          |

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