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## ***COURSE OUTLINE – CLIENT ASSESSMENT – REGISTERED NURSING (CAN04)***

### ***COURSE DESCRIPTION***

This course provides a comprehensive review of client assessment in registered nursing. It addresses the holistic nature of assessment and the contradictory process of nurse education through breakdown of the assessment into components. The course provides detail on the different forms of assessment nurses are required to conduct, as well as the intentional and incidental nature of client assessment on an ongoing basis. Participants complete learning activities which lead to the production of an integrated holistic client assessment at the end of the course.

**Pre-requisites:** Graduation from an entry-level registered nursing program.

**Co-requisites:** None.

### ***LEARNING OUTCOMES***

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify the significance of client assessments as part of registered nursing practice.
- State the different forms that assessment takes in nursing.
- Describe the components of each assessment.
- Apply the principles and concepts of client assessment to a case study based on various client health challenges.
- Document accurate client assessments.
- Provide safe, ethical and competent care to clients based on accurate, holistic nursing assessments.

### **Course Hours:**

6 contact hours per week, for 12 weeks. (N.B. These hours are estimates only.)

### **Modes of Instruction and Learning**

This course is delivered through online modes of teaching and learning. These include reading and literature search, short answer questions, short assignments, responses to video content, and responses to case study questions.

### **Required\* and Recommended^ Textbooks**

Textbooks may be available online, in e-format or for purchase through publishers or other brokers. You might also be able to borrow these texts from your local community college library – You are permitted to copy one chapter or 10% of a book for education purposes.

1. \*Astle, B. J. & Duggleby, W. (Eds.). (2019). Canadian Fundamentals of Nursing (6th ed.). Toronto, ON: Elsevier Canada.

2. ^Lewis, S.L., Bucher, L., Heitkemper, M.M., Harding M.M., Barry, M.A., Lok, J., Tyerman, J., Goldsworthy, S., 2019. Medical-Surgical Nursing in Canada. (4th ed.). Toronto, ON: Elsevier Canada.
3. ^Jarvis, C. (2014). Physical examination & health assessment (2nd Canadian ed. revised). A. J. Browne, J., MacDonald-Jenkins & M. Luctkar-Flude (EDs). Toronto: Elsevier Canada.
4. ^Fischbach, F.T., & Fischbach, M.A. (2021). A manual of laboratory and diagnostic tests (10th ed.). Philadelphia: Wolters Kluwer Health | Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

### **Assessment and Evaluation**

Participants are required to achieve a **'Mastery'** grade in all assessable components of the course in order to receive a certificate of completion. The specific criteria for success will vary with the type of assignment and are indicated in each assignment description. Generally, participants will be able to resubmit once when an assignment is deemed by the Consultant as not meeting some or all of the competencies. The maximum number of resubmissions allowed is three and, even then, only at the Consultant's discretion.

Though every effort is made to respond within a shorter timeframe, assignments will be graded within a maximum of 14 days. We ask course participants to contact the office and provide a reminder if they have not heard from the consultant by 10 days after submission of an assignment. Exceptions to these timeframes apply under unusual circumstances, such as when a participant registers for a course and then delays starting or begins the course and is then absent for an extended period of time. Additionally, participants are expected to complete and submit assignments progressively over the duration of the course; it is not acceptable for a participant to suddenly submit multiple assignments over the course of one or two days. Participants should follow the directions provided in the course. In any of these situations, the normal timeframe for return of assignments may be extended at the discretion of, and according to the needs of, the education consultant.

### **Attendance and Participation**

The deadline for completing this course is 20 weeks from the date you first log onto the course-specific site. You are expected to be on the site on a regular basis or to indicate to the Consultant how you are progressing. Failure to complete this course within the deadline or to maintain regular communication for a prolonged period (one month) could result in your being withdrawn from the online learning centre. A reinstatement fee of \$100.00 may be payable should you wish to continue with the course after this time. If you repeat the same failure to maintain communication for a **second time**, you will be required to pay another reinstatement fee of \$100.00. If you repeat the same failure to maintain communication for a **third time**, or if you are absent for a period of six months without communication (even if this is your first time failing to communicate regularly), you will have to pay the entire course and administration fees over again. Decisions in this regard are at the sole discretion of JCC Inc.

### **Technical Issues (Reminder)**

Technical problems can arise from a number of sources in online learning programs. Participants having technical difficulties should report them to the JCC Inc. office as soon as possible by e-mail, fax or phone. The front page of the online learning centre (LMS) will be used to notify participants of any known issues. Please read the front page of the online learning centre before entering your course and check your e-mail

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frequently to keep aware of current conditions and issues. Participants will not be penalized for technical problems which arise from our LMS or the Server. Requests for assistance will be given priority responses.

### **Withdrawal & Refund Policy**

In order to withdraw from continuing education at JCC Inc., all participants must provide written notice. The date upon which this written notice is received will be used to determine the amount of any potential refund based upon the following policy:

- (a) If written notice of withdrawal is received by JCC Inc. or a participant is dismissed within 8 calendar days since the participant received the introductory email<sup>1</sup>, then JCC Inc. may retain 30% of the tuition.
- (b) If written notice of withdrawal is received by JCC Inc. or a participant is dismissed after 8 calendar days and within 25 calendar days since the participant received the introductory email<sup>1</sup>, then JCC Inc. may retain 50% of the tuition.
- (c) If written notice of withdrawal is received by JCC Inc. or a participant is dismissed at any point after 25 calendar days since the participant received the introductory email<sup>1</sup>, then JCC Inc. may retain 100% of the tuition.

**\*N.B.:** Notice must be received by e-mail to [info@jcollinsconsulting.com](mailto:info@jcollinsconsulting.com) by 4:00 p.m. (PST) on or before the days stated above.

<sup>1</sup> The introductory email provides the participant's username and password which grant access to the Online Learning Centre. The introductory email is considered to have been received by the participant when JCC Inc. sends it to the email address provided by the participant in the application form.

**All program participants are required to read the "Site Policies" on the Online Learning Centre front page. The URL sent to you in the registration e-mail, with your username and password, will take you to this page. These documents have important policy information and assistance with assignments. You will be subject to the policies and expectations outlined in these documents, therefore, it is critical that you read them before starting your course.**