
COURSE OUTLINE – PATHOPHYSIOLOGY REVIEW FOR NURSES (NURS015)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides a review of the key principles and content involved in the study of pathophysiology. Through the examination of the pathophysiology of common health challenges and disease processes, the participant is guided to applying this data to the development of holistic health assessments and care plans for clients. The review includes some basic knowledge related to body structure and function. Case studies are then used as a learning tool for the participant to demonstrate their comprehension and application of specific pathophysiology to common health challenges encountered in various nursing contexts of care.

Pre-requisites: Graduation from an entry-level nursing program.
Review of anatomy and physiology.

Co-requisites: None.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Identify general body mechanisms and responses
- State the pathophysiology of common health challenges
- Apply knowledge of pathophysiology to nursing assessments
- Integrate knowledge of pathophysiology into nursing care plans for clients

Course Hours:

3 contact hours per week, for 5 weeks.

Modes of Instruction and Learning

This course is delivered through online modes of teaching and learning. This includes reading and literature search, short assignments, providing responses to case study questions and multiple-choice exams.

Required Textbooks

Textbooks may be available online, in e-format or for purchase through publishers or other brokers. E.g. BookMob.ca often has nursing texts for sale at significantly reduced prices. You might also be able to borrow texts from your local community college library – You are permitted to copy one chapter or 10% of a book for education purposes.

1. Braun, C., & Anderson, C. (2017). *Applied Pathophysiology: A Conceptual Approach*, 3rd ed. Philadelphia, PA: 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 instructor's discretion.

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 us 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. In any of these situations, the normal maximum of 14 days for return of assignments will be extended at the discretion of, and according to the needs of, the consultant. Moreover, in the event that a participant needs to be reinstated in a course (see Attendance and Participation subsection below), return of assignments may be further delayed by any work-related travel or vacation time the consultant originally had planned in the new period.

Attendance and Participation

The deadline for completing this course is 6 weeks from the date you first log onto the course-specific site. You are expected to be working on the course and assignments on a regular basis and to indicate to the Consultant how you are progressing or if you need assistance to progress. 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 JCC Inc. as soon as possible by e-mail, fax or phone. The news forum or e-mail will be used to notify participants of any known issues. Please read the news forum and check your e-mail 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 5 days since the participant first logged on to the Online Learning Centre, 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 5 days and within 10 days since the participant first logged on to the Online Learning Centre, 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 10 days since the participant first logged on to the Online Learning Centre, then JCC Inc. may retain 100% of the tuition.

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