Note:

Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.
COURSE SYLLABUS
NURS 210
HEALTH ASSESSMENT

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course focuses on the development of a body systems approach to health assessment of individuals emphasizing normal growth and developmental responses across the lifespan. Content includes an introduction to the knowledge and skills of health assessment through a variety of methodologies in the classroom, opportunities to practice skills in the nursing laboratory and experiences in the clinical settings. Students apply communication techniques in eliciting comprehensive health histories and perform physical examinations in evaluating health status.

Note: NURS 210 is offered both as an online course and as an intensive held on the Liberty University Campus.

RATIONALE
The professional nurse is often called upon to make independent decisions regarding the resolution of patient care problems. This course serves as an introduction to patient assessment. Normal physical and developmental processes must be understood in order to recognize abnormal responses.

I. PREREQUISITE
For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE
Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm

III. RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

IV. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING
A. Tape measure
B. Tuning fork with weights—128—for assessing vibration sense
C. Tuning fork with weights—512—for assessing hearing
D. Oral thermometer with 20 sheaths
E. Pill bottle
F. Taylor hammer
G. Mechanical timer – Lux
H. Blood pressure cuff
I. Handle ziplock bag
J. Standard 2.5V diagnostic set in fitted case—ophthalmoscope and otoscope set
K. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
L. Internet access (broadband recommended)
M. Microsoft Word and Microsoft PowerPoint

V. **Measurable Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

A. Assess body systems using the four modalities of the physical examination: inspection, palpation, percussion, and auscultation in proper sequence, using proper technique, in order to identify normal and abnormal findings.

B. Utilize his or her interviewing skills regarding health assessment data collection by employing effective communication, interpretation of objective and subjective data, and appropriate documentation.

C. Describe how technology has changed the physical assessment process over time.

D. Demonstrate use of current assessment equipment and assessment verification options.

E. Summarize legal responsibilities related to the physical assessment, including how to identify and locate appropriate patient referral contacts for issues that arise outside of the nursing scope of practice.

F. Evaluate the interactions among health, economic, social, and political status, as well as cultural differences, and the impact each one can have on health care.

G. Integrate an attitude of caring in client/nurse relationships while incorporating behaviors related to a Christian value system in the provision of nursing care.

VI. **Course Requirements and Assignments**

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations.

B. Course Requirements Checklist

   After reading the Course Syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (3)

   Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, the student will create a thread in response to the provided prompt for each forum. Each
thread must be at least 250 words and demonstrate course-related knowledge. For each thread, the student must support his/her assertions with at least 1 citation in current APA format. In addition to the thread, the student will reply to at least 2 classmates’ threads. Each reply must be at least 150 words. Both replies must reference 1 scholarly source, and at least 1 of the replies must reference textbook readings to support the student’s assertions. Acceptable sources include the course textbook, the Bible, legal sources, and video presentations.

D. Health History Examination

Prior to completing the Health History Examination, the Pathogens Form must be submitted. The student will complete 1 client physical Health History Examination on an adult age 18 or older (legal consenting age may vary per state). The student will use the provided Health History Examination Form.

E. Student Assessment Videos (3)

The student will complete 3 Student Assessment Videos (covering 3 stages of the head-to-toe assessment) on a consenting adult age 18 or older. Each assessment must be submitted as a single, continuous video without any editing. Videos must not exceed 25 minutes.

F. SOAP Note

The student will complete a SOAP Note based on the face, head, and neck examination. The student will utilize the Soap Note Form to record and submit his/her information. The SOAP note must follow current APA format and include 2 sources, the course textbook and a source for a NANDA-approved nursing diagnoses.

G. Didactic Physical Exam Video

The student will complete a Didactic Physical Exam (head-to-toe assessment) on a consenting adult age 18 or older. This assessment will be recorded and submitted as a video to the instructor for evaluation. Each Physical Exam must be submitted as a single, continuous video without any editing. This is a closed-book/closed-notes exam with a time limit of 1 hour.

H. Tests (4)

Each test will cover the Reading & Study material for the assigned modules/weeks. Each test will be open-book/open-notes, contain 50 multiple-choice questions, and have a time limit of 2 hours.

**Didactic Physical Exam, Health Assessment Videos, and Health History Examination are the clinical component for NURS 210. Satisfactory completion of all clinical components is required to earn a passing grade for the course.

VII. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

| Course Requirements Checklist | 10 |
| Discussion Board Forums (3 at 50 pts ea) | 150 |
Health History Examination 50
Student Assessment Videos (3 at 75 pts ea) 225
SOAP Note 75
Didactic Physical Exam Video 200
Test 1 (Modules 1–2) 75
Test 2 (Modules 3–4) 75
Test 3 (Module 5) 75
Test 4 (Modules 6–7) 75

Total 1010

B. Scale
A = 900–1010   B = 800–899   C = 700–799   D = 600–699   F = 0–599

C. Late Assignment Policy

If the student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then he or she must contact the instructor immediately by email.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

1. Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.
2. Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.
3. Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the course will not be accepted.
4. Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted.

Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

D. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.
## COURSE SCHEDULE

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| 1           | D’Amico & Barbarito: chs. 1–2, 4–5, 8–12 | Course Requirements Checklist  
Class Introductions  
DB Forum 1  
Video Submission Test  
Pathogens Form  
Health History Examination | 10  
0  
50  
0  
50 |
| 2           | D’Amico & Barbarito: chs. 13–14 | Student Assessment Video 1  
Test 1 | 75  
75 |
| 3           | D’Amico & Barbarito: chs. 15–16, review ch. 1 | SOAP Note | 75 |
| 4           | D’Amico & Barbarito: chs. 17, 19–20  
3 presentations  
12 websites | Student Assessment Video 2  
Test 2 | 75  
75 |
| 5           | D’Amico & Barbarito: chs. 21–22  
3 presentations  
1 website | DB Forum 2  
Test 3 | 50  
75 |
| 6           | D’Amico & Barbarito: chs. 25–26  
3 presentations  
1 website | Student Assessment Video 3 | 75 |
| 7           | D’Amico & Barbarito: chs. 18, 23–24  
1 presentation  
2 websites | DB Forum 3  
Test 4 | 50  
75 |
| 8           | D’Amico & Barbarito: chs. 2–3, 29  
Recommended: chs. 26, 28  
2 presentations | Didactic Physical Exam Video | 200 |

**TOTAL** | 1010 |

DB = Discussion Board

**NOTE:** Each course module/week (except Module/Week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.