



UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

# College of Nursing

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<b>Course Title: NURS 333.3 Complex Nursing Care Practice</b>
<b>Pre-Requisites: NURS 332.3 – Exploring complexity and Acuity</b>

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### Course Description:

Provides opportunities to practice critical thinking skills in the analysis of information related to the nursing management of complex and/or high acuity patients in settings providing acute intervention. The role of the professional nurse as caregiver, decision-maker, and counselor will be developed. The critical functions of being competent in diagnostic and monitoring functions will be emphasized.

Students will have an opportunity to develop skills in selecting, critiquing, and using evidence to support clinical practice.

### Intent:

Learners will:

1. Recognize and effectively manage the strain created with the use of high tech interventions in the management of high acuity and complex patients in the acute care setting.
2. Develop patient-centered evidence-based care plans reflective of inter-professional collaboration in order to meet the needs of severely ill and/or highly complex patients.
3. Effectively and efficiently organize and carry out evidence based inter-professionally developed plans of care for severely ill and/or highly complex patients in collaboration with registered nurses specialized in the care of these patient populations.
4. Demonstrate competence in the evaluation of physical assessment, diagnostic data, hemodynamic parameters and psychosocial information related to the status of the severely ill and/or complex patient.
5. Correctly describe the degree of stability of his/her patient within the context of various models of physiological, psychological, systems and management stability.
6. Use a skill set effectively related to the direct care of severely ill and/or complex patients.

### Content:

- Safe and competent practice
- Interprofessional practice
- Evidence informed practice and quality improvement