



Information about the subject

Degree: Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing

Faculty: Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

Code: 1210302 **Name:** Nursing Care of the Elderly

Credits: 6,00 **ECTS Year:** 2 **Semester:** 2

Module: Nursing sciences

Subject Matter: Nursing at different stages of the life cycle **Type:** Compulsory

Field of knowledge: Health care

Department: Nursing

Type of learning: Classroom-based learning

Languages in which it is taught: Spanish

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Module organization

Nursing sciences

Subject Matter	ECTS	Subject	ECTS	Year/semester
Nursing bases	12,00	Fundamentals of Nursing	6,00	1/1
		Nursing Methodology	6,00	1/2
Community nursing	10,50	Community Health Nursing I	6,00	1/2
		Community Health Nursing II	4,50	3/2
Nursing at different stages of the life cycle	16,50	Nursing Care in Childhood and Adolescence	6,00	2/2
		Nursing Care of the Elderly	6,00	2/2
		Nursing Care of Women	4,50	3/1
Clinical nursing	12,00	Nursing Care of the Adult I	6,00	2/2
		Nursing Care of the Adult II	6,00	3/1
Mental health nursing	6,00	Nursing Care in Mental Health	6,00	4/1
Legislation and management	4,50	Legislation and Management of Nursing Services	4,50	3/2
Palliative care	4,50	Chronic and Terminal Patient Care	4,50	3/1



Recommended knowledge

They're not needed



Learning outcomes

At the end of the course, the student must be able to prove that he/she has acquired the following learning outcomes:

- R1 That the learner is able to understand the interactive behaviour of the person according to gender, group or community, within their social and multicultural context.
- R2 That the student is capable of designing care systems aimed at individuals, families or groups, evaluating their impact and establishing the appropriate modifications.
- R3 That the student is capable of understanding people without prejudice, considering their physical, psychological and social aspects, as autonomous and independent individuals, ensuring respect for their opinions, beliefs and values, guaranteeing the right to privacy, through confidentiality and professional secrecy.
- R4 That the student is able to establish effective communication with patients, family, social groups and peers and promote health education.
- R5 That the student is capable of establishing evaluation mechanisms, considering the scientific-technical and quality aspects.
- R6 The student will be able to direct, evaluate, and provide comprehensive nursing care to the individual, family, and community.
- R7 The student will be able to promote the participation of individuals, families, and groups in the health-disease process.
- R8 The student will be able to perform nursing care techniques and procedures, establishing a therapeutic relationship with patients and family members.
- R9 That the student is capable of having a cooperative attitude with the different members of the team.
- R10 The student is able to understand the changes associated with the ageing process and its impact on health.
- R11 The student is able to identify structural, functional, psychological, and lifestyle modifications associated with the aging process.
- R12 The student is aware of the most common health problems in older people.
- R13 That the student is able to select care interventions aimed at treating or preventing health problems and their adaptation to daily life through resources of proximity and support to the elderly person.
- R14 That the student is capable of providing care, guaranteeing the right to dignity, privacy, intimacy, confidentiality and decision-making capacity of the patient and family.



- R15 That the student is able to individualize care considering age, gender, cultural differences, ethnic group, beliefs and values.





Competencies

Depending on the learning outcomes, the competencies to which the subject contributes are (please score from 1 to 4, being 4 the highest score):

BASIC		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
CB1	Students have demonstrated possession and understanding of knowledge in an area of study that is at the core of general secondary education, and is often at a level that, while supported by advanced textbooks, also includes some aspects that involve knowledge from the cutting edge of their field of study.			X	
CB2	Students are able to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and possess the skills usually demonstrated by developing and defending arguments and solving problems within their area of study.				X
CB3	Students have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually within their area of study) to make judgments that include reflection on relevant social, scientific or ethical issues.				X
CB4	That students can convey information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialized and non-specialized audiences.				X
CB5	Students have developed those learning skills necessary to undertake further study with a high degree of autonomy.			X	
GENERAL		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
CG0	Good Public Speaking.				X
SPECIFIC		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
3c	To apply the process of nursing to guarantee wellbeing and safety for the patient.	X			



4c	Knowing and applying the principles that support comprehensive nursing care.	X			
5c	To direct, evaluate, and give the integral care for nursing to the individual family and community.				X
8c	To promote a participation of persons, family, and groups in their own process of health and disease.				X
15c	To identify care needs derived from health problems.	X			
18c	To select interventions leading to treating or preventing the problems derived from the deviations of health.				X
19c	To have a cooperative attitude towards the different members of the team.			X	
29c	To understand changes associated with the process of ageing and their effects on health.				X
30c	To identify structural, functional, psychological, and lifestyle modifications associated with the process of ageing.				X
31c	To know the more frequent health problems of the elderly.				X
32c	To select interventions provided to give care, treat, or prevent health problems and their adaptation to daily life by giving help and support to the elderly.				X
37c	To provide care, guaranteeing the right to dignity, privacy, intimacy, confidentiality and the patient's and family's capacity to make decisions.				X

TRANSVERSAL

Weighting

		1	2	3	4
1	To be able, within the framework of nursing, to give technical and professional care to carers, of the correct needs of these persons in agreement with development of the scientific knowledge in each moment and with the levels of quality and safety that are established by the legal and the deontological norms which are applicable.				X
2	To plan and give nursing care directed towards persons, families or groups with the aim of improving health, evaluating its impact through guidelines of clinical practice which are described in the process by which a health problem is diagnosed, treated or taken care of.			X	



4	To understand the interactive behaviour of the person regarding gender, group or community within a social and multicultural context.			X
5	To design caring systems directed towards persons, families or groups, evaluating the impact of such systems and establishing the appropriate modifications.		X	
6	To base interventions in nursing on scientific evidence and on the available means.	X		
7	To understand people without prejudices, taking into account their physical, psychological, and social aspects, as independent and autonomous individuals, ensuring respect for their opinions, beliefs or values, always guaranteeing their right to privacy through professional confidentiality and secrecy.	X		
8	To promote and respect the right to participate in decision taking for the patients in agreement with the way in which they live their process of health – disease		X	
9	To promote healthy life spans, to promote taking care of each person by themselves and support the maintenance of preventive and therapeutic measures.		X	
10	To protect the health and well-being of persons, family or groups, guaranteeing their health and safety.		X	
11	To establish efficient communication with patients, family, social groups, and companions to promote education for health.			X
14	To establish means of evaluation regarding scientific and technical aspects and those of the quality required.		X	
16	To understand the systems of information related to health.	X		
17	To promote nursing care based on the attention to health involving multiprofessional cooperation, integration in the process and continuity in the care of patients	X		



Assessment system for the acquisition of competencies and grading system

Assessed learning outcomes	Granted percentage	Assessment method
R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15	70,00%	Theoretical written exams
R13, R14, R15	30,00%	Practical tests and works
	0,00%	Attendance and active participation

Observations

EVALUATION CRITERIA

In all evaluation blocks, spelling, grammar, and written expression will be assessed. Mistakes in these areas may result in a **10% deduction** from the score of each block.

To obtain the final grade, students must **pass every evaluation component**.

1. Theoretical Written Exam (65%)

· Conducted at the end of the course as a **final written test**, consisting of:

· **Multiple-choice questions (30%)**: 30 test questions. Wrong answers penalized using: **A – (E / (n-1))**, where *A* = correct answers, *E* = errors, *n* = number of options per question.

· **Short-answer questions (35%)**: 4 in total, 2 based on clinical cases discussed in class.

Students' ability to summarize and reason will be assessed.

· **Minimum passing grade: 5/10.**

2. Practical Assessments (35%)

· **Practical activity (25%)**: intervention project to improve the quality of life of older adults, guided by the professor during the course.

· **Minimum passing grade: 5/10.**

· **Workshop activity (10%)**: related to elderly care. At the end of the workshop, students will complete a **10-question multiple-choice test**. Two alternative dates will be offered.

· Wrong answers penalized with the same formula as in the theoretical exam.

· The professor will announce the date and format.

· **Minimum passing grade: 5/10.**

Course Development for Erasmus/Mundus/Sicue Students

Students in mobility programs must inform the professor of their absence periods (departure and



return dates) to ensure proper planning of course activities.

If mobility takes place in the second semester and the student must take the **second exam session**, the dates will be set jointly by the course coordinator, subject coordinator, and the international office. Students will be informed of these dates before departure.

Evaluation criteria for mobility students

- Same rules for spelling, grammar, and written expression (up to 10% deduction).
- All evaluation components must be passed.

1. Theoretical Written Exam (70%)

- Same structure as for non-mobility students:
 - **Multiple-choice test (30%)** with penalties for wrong answers.
 - **Short-answer questions (40%)**, 2 of them case-based.
- **Minimum passing grade: 5/10.**

2. Practical Assessments (30%)

- **Practical activity (30%)**: intervention project on older adults' quality of life, guided by the professor.
 - **Minimum passing grade: 5/10.**
- **Workshop activity (10%)**: related to elderly care. At the end of the workshop, students will complete a **10-question multiple-choice test**. Two alternative dates will be offered.
 - Wrong answers penalized with the same formula as in the theoretical exam.
 - The professor will announce the date and format.
 - **Minimum passing grade: 5/10.**

Course Development for Second and Subsequent Enrolments

- Students must pass all evaluation components.
- The **minimum passing grade** is **5/10** for each.
- Up to 10% may be deducted for errors in spelling, grammar, or expression.

1. Theoretical Written Exam (65%)

- Same as first enrolment:
 - **Multiple-choice (30%)** penalized using A-(E/n-1).
 - **Short-answer questions (35%)**, 2 based on clinical cases.
- **Minimum passing grade: 5/10.**

2. Practical Assessments (35%)

- **Practical activity (25%)**: intervention project.
 - Students **cannot resubmit the same project** from previous years.
 - **Minimum passing grade: 5/10.**
- **Workshop activity (10%)**: multiple-choice test (10 questions) at the end of the workshop, with two dates available.
 - Penalty system as in the theoretical exam.
 - **Minimum passing grade: 5/10.**



AI Use in Assignments and Activities

1.Limits on AI use

·Submitting work generated predominantly by AI without proper citation is not permitted ; it will be treated as plagiarism or impersonation.

·AI cannot be used to record, transcribe, or summarize lectures, workshops, or academic activities without prior authorization.

2.Mandatory transparency

·Any significant contribution from AI must be declared , specifying the tool and its scope.

·AI-assisted work must include a statement (e.g., *"This report was written by the student with assistance from tool X for grammar correction and structural suggestions"*).

3.Formative use of AI

·Students are encouraged to use AI responsibly and critically as a learning aid (e.g., practicing explanations or exercises).

·Final authorship and originality of all evaluated work must remain with the student.

MENTION OF DISTINCTION:

In accordance with the regulations governing the assessment and grading of subjects in force at UCV, the distinction of "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) may be awarded to students who have achieved a grade of 9.0 or higher. The number of "Matrículas de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) may not exceed five percent of the students enrolled in the group for the corresponding academic year, unless the number of enrolled students is fewer than 20, in which case a single "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) may be awarded. Exceptionally, these distinctions may be assigned globally across different groups of the same subject . Nevertheless, the total number of distinctions awarded will be the same as if they were assigned by group, but they may be distributed among all students based on a common criterion, regardless of the group to which they belong. The criteria for awarding "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) will be determined according to the guidelines stipulated by the professor responsible for the course, as detailed in the "Observations" section of the evaluation system in the course guide.

Learning activities

The following methodologies will be used so that the students can achieve the learning outcomes of the subject:

- M1 Exposition of contents by the teacher, analysis of competencies, explanation and demonstration of abilities, skills and knowledge in the classroom.

- M2 Group work sessions supervised by the teacher. Case study, diagnostic analysis, problems, field study, computer room, visits, data search, libraries, network, Internet, etc. Significant construction of knowledge through student interaction and activity.



- M3 Supervised monographic sessions with shared participation.
- M4 Application of interdisciplinary knowledge.
- M5 Activities developed in spaces and with specialized equipment.
- M6 Personalized attention and in small groups. Period of instruction and/or orientation carried out by a tutor with the objective of reviewing and discussing the materials and topics presented in the classes, seminars, readings, completion of assignments, etc.
- M7 Set of oral and/or written tests used in the initial, formative or summative evaluation of the student.
- M8 Student study: Individual preparation of readings, essays, problem solving, seminars, papers, memoirs, etc. To expose or deliver in the theoretical classes, practical classes and/or small group tutorials. Work done on the university platform (www.plataforma.ucv.es).
- M9 Group preparation of readings, essays, problem solving, papers, memoirs, etc. To present or deliver in the theoretical classes, practical classes, seminars and/or small group tutorials. Work done on the university platform (www.plataforma.ucv.es).



IN-CLASS LEARNING ACTIVITIES

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	HOURS	ECTS
Face-to-face class M1, M3, M4	R10, R11, R12	24,00	0,96
Practice Classes M2, M4, M6	R13	12,00	0,48
Seminar M2, M4, M6	R13, R14, R15	12,00	0,48
Laboratory M5	R14	4,00	0,16
Tutorial M6	R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15	4,00	0,16
Evaluation M4, M7, M9	R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15	4,00	0,16
TOTAL		60,00	2,40

LEARNING ACTIVITIES OF AUTONOMOUS WORK

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	HOURS	ECTS
Student's self-employment M8	R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15	45,00	1,80
Group work M9	R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15	45,00	1,80
TOTAL		90,00	3,60



Description of the contents

Description of the necessary contents to acquire the learning outcomes.

Theoretical contents:

Content block	Contents
DIDACTIC UNIT I- Geriatrics and Geriatric Assessment	Topic 1. Geriatrics and Gerontology. General concepts. Psychological implications of old age Topic 2. Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment Topic 3. Health Promotion, Prevention of Dependence and Polypharmacy. Domain: Health Promotion Topic 4. Pharmacotherapy in the elderly. Domain: Safety Topic 5. Emergencies in Geriatrics. Domain: Safety
DIDACTIC UNIT II- Clinical sphere. Geriatric Pathology and Syndromes. Domains: Perception/Cognition, Safety, Comfort, Activity and Rest, Health Promotion	Topic 6. Central Nervous System. Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias. Acute Confusional Syndrome Topic 7. Osteoarticular and immune system Topic 8. Functions and changes of the skin in the elderly. Topic 9. Gastrointestinal and endocrine system Topic 10. Cardiovascular and respiratory system
DIDACTIC UNIT III-Functional sphere. Geriatric Pathology and Syndromes. Domains: Perception/Cognition, Safety, Comfort, Activity and Rest, Health Promotion	Topic 11. Disorders in the elderly related to faecal and urinary elimination: incontinence and ostomies. Topic 12 Falls, safety and abuse. Topic 13. Frailty and decline syndrome Topic 14. Immobility in the geriatric patient
DIDACTIC UNIT IV. Psychological and social sphere. Geriatric Pathology and Syndromes. Domains: Perception/Cognition, Safety, Comfort, Activity and Rest, Health Promotion	Topic 15. Depression, sleep disturbances, loneliness and social isolation. Topic 16. Socio-health care levels.



Temporary organization of learning:

Block of content	Number of sessions	Hours
DIDACTIC UNIT I- Geriatrics and Geriatric Assessment	10,00	20,00
DIDACTIC UNIT II- Clinical sphere. Geriatric Pathology and Syndromes. Domains: Perception/Cognition, Safety, Comfort, Activity and Rest, Health Promotion	8,00	16,00
DIDACTIC UNIT III-Functional sphere. Geriatric Pathology and Syndromes. Domains: Perception/Cognition, Safety, Comfort, Activity and Rest, Health Promotion	10,00	20,00
DIDACTIC UNIT IV. Psychological and social sphere. Geriatric Pathology and Syndromes. Domains: Perception/Cognition, Safety, Comfort, Activity and Rest, Health Promotion	2,00	4,00



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