



# STARK STATE COLLEGE

## GENERAL SYLLABUS

### Course Information

**Course Name:** Principles of Patient Care  
**Course Number:** PTA118

### Required Materials

**Textbook(s):** Fairchild, S. L., & O’Shea, R. K. (2023). *Pierson and Fairchild’s Principles of Patient Care* (7th ed.). Elsevier

**Required Readings:** See below

**Additional Materials:** PhysioU (can be purchased in the Stark State Bookstore)  
 PowerPoint presentations, videos, and materials provided on Brightspace.

### Course Outline/Calendar

The date of coverage and order of coverage may be modified based on the faculty member and events beyond the control of faculty members that interfere with class times and teaching.

Week	Chapter/Topic/Lab
1	Introduction to patient care  PTPC Chapter 1 Preparation for Patient Care Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 1-5; stop @ Documentation</li> <li>• Pages 11-20 start @Pt/Family ed.</li> <li>• Procedure 1.1 page 3</li> <li>• Boxes 1.1 &amp; 1.2, 1.4 to 1.7, &amp; 1.10 to 1.11</li> <li>• Tables 1.4 &amp; 1.6</li> </ul>
2	Approaches to Infection Control  PTPC Chapter 2 Approaches to Infection Control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 21-39 stop @ Disposal of...</li> <li>• Figure 2.1</li> <li>• Box 2.1, 2.2, 2.3</li> <li>• Table 2.2, 2.3</li> <li>• Procedure 2.4, 2.5</li> <li>• Procedure 2.1 &amp; 2.2</li> </ul>
3	Wound Care & Sterile field

Week	Chapter/Topic/Lab
	<p>Chapter 11 Basic Wound Care and Specialized Interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 273-282 stop @ pressure injuries</li> <li>• Pages 290-293 begin @ Wound Documentation</li> <li>• Pages 296-298 begin @ dressings and bandages</li> <li>• Boxes 11.1, 11.3, 11.6, 11.7</li> </ul> <p>Tables 11.1B, 11.2, 11.3, 11.5</p>
4	<p>Body mechanics</p> <p>PTPC Chapter 4: Body Mechanics</p>
5	<p>Core Values and Exam Integrity</p> <p>No Reading</p>
6	<p>Positioning &amp; Draping</p> <p>Chapter 5: Positioning and Draping Table 5.1, Proc 5.1, Box 5.1-5.3</p> <p>Chapter 11: Pages 282-287 Basic Wound Care and Specialized Interventions Box 11.4, 11.5 Table 11.5</p>
7	<p>Vital signs</p> <p>Chapter 3, p. 45 – 59 Assessment of Vital Signs</p>
8	<p>Anthropometric measurements</p> <p>Chapter 11 Basic Wound Care and Specialized Interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 300-301 read Girth</li> <li>• Procedures 11.2</li> <li>• Figures 11.12 &amp; 11.13</li> </ul> <p>Basic data collection &amp; Introduction to pain scales Chapter 3 Assessment of Vital Signs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 60-67, Pain</li> </ul> <p>Chapter 5 Positioning and Draping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 5-8 Documentation/SOAP</li> </ul> <p>Wheelchairs Chapter 7 Features and Activities of Wheelchairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 131-154 stop @ Indep Functional activities</li> <li>• Procedure 7.1, 7.2</li> <li>• Table 7.2</li> </ul>
9	<p>Transfers, Levels of Assistance</p> <p>Chapter 8: Transfer Activities</p>
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11	<p>Assistive Devices and Gait Training</p>

Week	Chapter/Topic/Lab
	Chapter 9: Assistive Devices, Patterns, and Activities
12	No Class
13	Incidents and Emergencies  Chapter 12 Incidents and Emergencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 313-325</li> </ul> Chapter 1 p.16 Preparation for Patient Care Activities Box 1.8p. 19 Box 1.11
14	ADA and Environmental Assessment  Chapter 13: Americans with Disabilities Act and Environmental Assessments
15	Appointments with students, as needed.
16	Appointments with students, as needed.