





# Nursing (NURS) 437

## Professional Practice in Family and Community Health Promotion

(Revision 6)

**Status:**

Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#)  for the current revision 

**Delivery mode:**

**Paced study**  or Practicum

**Credits:**

6

**Area of study:**

Applied Study

**Prerequisites:**

This course is open only to post LPN BN program students. Completion of **NURS 434** and **NURS 436**. Professor approval required. Program Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 required.

**Precluded:**

None

**Challenge:**

NURS 437 is not available for challenge.


**Faculty:**

**Faculty of Health Disciplines** 

Please consult the **Program summary**  for the most recent information relating to clinical

**Notes:**

course registration and start dates. Online course materials cannot be accessed before your course contract start date.

College of Registered Nurses of Alberta (2021). **Requisite skills and abilities for becoming a registered nurse in Alberta** 

## Overview

NURS 437 is a 6-credit (12-week) paced professional practice course with required synchronous components, including a 4-week clinical placement in a community health agency. NURS 437 provides opportunities to integrate theory and develop further competencies related to family and community health nursing practice. The course involves simulations, videoconferences, class forum discussions, and completion of a clinical placement in a community agency. This preceptor-facilitated clinical placement may occur in a variety of settings, such as public health, school health, or home care. You will apply family and community health assessments and interventions, integrating the social determinants of health and social justice into your practice.

## Outline

NURS 437 Professional Practice in Family and Community Health Promotion includes:

- Unit 1 Orientation, Introductions, and Preparation
- Unit 2 Social Determinants of Health
- Unit 3 Family Nursing and Therapeutic Conversations
- Unit 4 Clinical Experience
- Unit 5 Wrap-up and Reflections

This is a paced professional practice course with required synchronous components, including a 4-week clinical placement in a community health

agency. The Nursing 437 clinical practicum is based on nursing competencies as outlined in the College of Registered Nurses of Alberta: Entry-level Competencies for the Practicing Registered Nurse.

There are four times during this course when you will be required to participate in mandatory real-time experiential learning activities on an institutionally approved video conferencing platform in order to pass NURS 437. Participation in these required real-time experiential learning activities is a pass/fail element of the course. Other learning activities in this course are asynchronous.

Unit 1 occurs during the first 2 weeks, and Unit 5 during the last 2 weeks.

Depending on when you are scheduled to complete your clinical placement, scheduling of Units 2, 3, and 4 can be adjusted. Your instructor lets you know your schedule at the start of the term.

This is a six-credit course. You should plan to spend approximately 10 hours/week completing the learning activities in Units 1, 2, 3, and 5. Unit 4 requires a 4-week, full-time clinical placement with your preceptor(s) in a community health agency. A pass in all learning activities is required to pass NURS 437.

## Learning outcomes

Upon completion of NURS 437, you will meet or exceed the following learning outcomes:


1. Develop a collaborative, client-driven, practice
2. Analyse how the social determinants of health affect clients, families, groups, and communities.
3. Evaluate practice using entry-level competencies and the code of ethics.
4. Evaluate generalist-level family nursing assessments, interventions, and evaluation practices.
5. Utilize relevant research to support evidence-informed practices in community health nursing.

## Evaluation


All Adobe, skills demonstrations, forum posts and assessments must be completed at a passing level to pass the course. NURS 437 is a pass or fail learning environment.

The required assignments are as follows:

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1: Forum Participation	Pass/Fail
Assignment 2: Videoconferencing Sessions (4 required)	Pass/Fail
Assignment 3: Post-LPN BN Clinical Evaluation Tool	Pass/Fail





To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .

## Materials

This course either does not have a course package or the textbooks are open-source material and available to students at no cost. This course has a [Course Administration and Technology Fee](#) , but students are not charged the Course Materials Fee.

There are no required textbooks in NURS 437. You will draw on your required resources from previous theory courses (i.e., **NURS 434** and **NURS 436**), and you should have these resources available.

## Important links

- › [Academic advising](#) 
- › [Program planning](#) 
- › [Request assistance](#) 
- › [Support services](#) 

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