

**Nashville State Community College
Healthcare Professions
Central Processing/Surgical Technology**

Master Syllabus

SURG 2310 N01—Surgical Microbiology and Asepsis

The purpose of the syllabus is to inform you how this course is organized, what the expectations are, and how you will be graded. In addition, there is important information about how the college will operate during severe weather and how the college will communicate with you. The syllabus is not a contract. Instead, it is meant to help you succeed in this course. If any of the content changes during the course term, you will be notified.

Course information:

SURG 2310 - Surg. Microbiology & Asepsis

3 Credits

3 Class Hours

Course Description:

A presentation of microbial techniques and concepts. Emphasis is placed on applying these concepts in the operating room environment. A grade of “C” or above in all Central Processing and Surgical Technology curriculum courses must be earned prior to graduation.

Instructor Information:

Name:

Email:

Office Phone:

Office Location:

Office Hours:

Instructor Zoom Room link:

Course Delivery Method

On-Campus

Required Textbook(s) & Other Materials:

Once you have registered for your courses, you should make sure you have the correct textbook and materials for each course. Before courses begin, you can do this by looking up your courses on the [bookstore’s website](https://www.bkstr.com/nscstore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials) (<https://www.bkstr.com/nscstore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials>) using

your A# or by entering your course information. If you are registered with the Access Center and need an alternate format for the textbook and other course materials, please contact the Access Center at 615-353-3363 or accesscenter@nsc.edu.

Digital Course Materials: These ensure you pay less for your course materials and have easy access through D2L throughout the term. When you registered for this course, the charge for these materials appeared on your account. If you decide you do not want to purchase the course materials embedded in NS Online, you can opt out of the program **until the end of the second week of classes**. If you opt out, you will be responsible for purchasing the required course materials on your own. For more information, please visit www.nsc.edu/dcm.

Honors Option: Honors credit is available in some classes. If you are interested in participating in the Honors Program, please see your instructor within the first four weeks of class.

Course Outcomes: At the end of the term, this is what you should know and/or be able to do:

- Discuss introductory topics in microbiology and microscopy
- Define terms related to sterile processing.
- Describe common processes manual and mechanical methods of cleaning surgical instrumentation and equipment.
- Describe concepts and principles of antisepsis, disinfection and sterilization.
- Describe the process of terminal disinfection and common disinfecting agents.
- Analyze standards of sterilization.
- Describe principles of sterile storage and distribution of sterile supplies.
- Identify common principles of staining and culturing techniques
- Describe common nomenclature and types of microorganisms
- Explain host-microbe relationships
- Identify common causative agents of infectious disease
- Describe host defenses and the process of infection and immunology
- Apply antimicrobial concepts and techniques in a surgical setting

Course Competencies:

The following are detailed course competencies, or specific skills or knowledge, intended to help you achieve the course outcomes:

- Demonstrate professional behaviors consistent with a career in healthcare.
 - Organize and evaluate provided course materials prior to presentation in class
 - Prepare (read text, review notes/presentations/assignments) in advance of class presentation
 - Prior to class, determine and identify terms, concepts, etc. for which more information/clarification is needed
 - Effectively collect needed information/clarification during class
 - Memorize and reproduce memorized information from course materials
 - Define terms and concepts presented in class
 - Evaluate information from external sources for relevance to course topics

- Appropriately apply concepts from class to situations presented
- Collaborate with others to better apply and reinforce concepts

Topics to Be Covered:

<p>Introduction to Microscopy; The Cell, Cell Structure and Taxonomy (Nomenclature)</p>
<p>Healthcare Epidemiology: HAI, Standard Precautions, common causative agents</p>
<p>Decontamination, Sterilization, Disinfection and Antisepsis Class Assignment: Cultures</p>
<p>Decontamination, Sterilization, Disinfection and Antisepsis; Class Assignment: Packaging Techniques</p>
<p>Diversity of microorganisms (types of microorganisms, common causative agents) In-Class Assignment: Hand Scrub</p>
<p>Microbial Ecology: host-microbe relationships; Class Assignment: Isolation Technique</p>
<p>Epidemiology and Pathogenesis: process of infection</p>
<p>Pathogenesis of Infectious Disease: process of infection; inflammation; Class Assignment: Share Your Infection</p>
<p>Microbial Physiology and Genetics: culture media, staining methods</p>
<p>Nonspecific and Specific Host Defense Mechanisms: Immunology</p>

Course Assessments: We will use the following assessments to demonstrate your understanding, knowledge, and skills:

Tests:

Tests will consist of multiple choice, matching questions fill in the blank questions, practical knowledge, and will include diagrams to label. There will be four Unit Tests and a comprehensive Final Exam.

Assignments:

Assignments will be completed throughout the semester and will include in-class as well as take home assignments. Grading will be rubric-based.

Discussions:

Discussions will be completed periodically. Grading will be rubric-based

Grading Policy:

The following make up your course grade in SURG 2310:

Class Assignments	10%
Discussions	25%
Tests	45%
Final Examination	20%
TOTAL	100%

Classes must be completed with a C (75%) or higher to count toward the Central Processing or the Surgical Technology Programs.

Grading Scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage Range
A	93-100%
B	84-92%
C	75-83%
D	66-74%
F	65% and below

FA

If you stop attending class or if you are in an online class and stop submitting assignments, but do not turn in a withdrawal form by the deadline, you are still enrolled in class. You will be given a grade of FA, which means you have failed due to not attending class and not completing your assignments. Please refer to the current academic calendar available on the Nashville State web site, looking for the date that indicates it is the "Last Day to Earn F for Attendance (FA)." If you stop attending your course after this date, you will receive an F.

FN

An FN is awarded if you have never attended your course or done any of the work in an online course.

Late Work Policy & Make-up Procedures for Missed Assignments and Work:

Coursework will be carried out as a class at the time specified on the schedule unless other arrangements are made PROR TO the regularly scheduled time. If a student fails to complete coursework without making such arrangements, the score for that work will be recorded as ZERO. Unless otherwise stated any make up work granted must be completed within 48 hours of date and time originally due.

Attendance Policy

General Policy

- *Absences in a course may affect your final grade.*
- *Tardiness may also affect your final grade.*
- *You are responsible for all work/tests that occur during any missed course session(s) regardless of reason(s) for absence.*
- *If you are not well enough to attend a course session (class), you must notify the instructor as soon as possible before the scheduled course time.*
 - *If you are unable to notify an instructor before the scheduled course time, you must contact the instructor as soon as reasonably possible.*
- *If you have an unavoidable conflict with a scheduled course session, you must notify the instructor before the course session.*
 - *If you are unable to notify an instructor before the scheduled course time, you must contact the instructor as soon as reasonably possible.*

Instructor's Policy

The attendance policy for this course is:

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and laboratories. Absences in a course may affect a student's final grade. The student is responsible for all assigned work in the course regardless of excused or unexcused absences. Tardiness may also affect a student's final grade.

- Students are expected to be on time, attend all scheduled classes, and stay for the entire class.
- An absence is defined as non-attendance for any reason, including illness or emergency.
- Arriving late to class or leaving early three times will be counted as one absence.
- Arriving more than 30 minutes late or leaving more than 30 minutes early will be considered an absence.
- Absences in excess of three (3) will result in a failing grade for the class.

Students are responsible for any work or presentation missed.

For financial aid purposes, **attendance** is measured by participation in the course. Instructors can determine your level of participation in several ways. Some of those ways are:

- continued attendance
- participation in on-ground or virtual class sessions
- participating in D2L as prompted
- responding to an instructor's email
- posting to a discussion board
- completing and submitting assignments

Technology Statement

- All classes at the College are web enhanced. "Web enhanced" means that components of the course, such as assignments and online discussions, may be located online in the class D2L/NS Online course shell and used in the course, even if the course meets in a classroom on ground.
- You must have access to a computer and an internet connection to complete assignments, engage in online discussions, and access various course materials through D2L/NS Online course shells.
- You may also be required to use free video conferencing platforms (examples: Zoom, Teams, etc.) for course sessions and meetings.
- You will be responsible for appropriate dress while on video. This means that you are expected to dress as if you were in a classroom.
- You will be responsible for a distraction free environment while on video. This means that the professor and others in the course should not be able to hear noise in your home, such as cell phones, TVs, or barking dogs. The best way to do this is to keep yourself on "mute" until you need to speak.
- You will be responsible for making sure your background is neutral. Keep in mind that students and professors come from all around the world, and you are all a part of our community. Therefore, please avoid having images in your background that may be offensive to your classmates.
- Certain publisher materials, such as textbook figures, may not work on cellphones and may require a laptop or a tablet.
- If you have questions or concerns regarding access to a computer or internet resources, please contact your instructor. Additional information is available on the [access to internet and technology website](#).

Computer Labs

Computers are available for all Nashville State students to use at each campus during open hours. Open computer lab availability may vary from campus to campus.

You should check the NSCC website for current hours of operation.

D2L/NS Online and myNSCC

It is your responsibility to check your email in **both** D2L/NS Online course shells and your @my.nsc.edu (student email) on a regular basis. These are the official communication channels between the college and you. You are responsible for the information communicated through these email channels. D2L/NS Online emails contain specific course information and @my.nsc.edu emails contain important information from college offices, such as Financial Aid.

ADA Compliance Statement

If you need accommodations due to a disability, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Access Center. Disabilities for which you can receive accommodations include documented physical, emotional, and/or learning conditions. Nashville State is committed to supporting your success, and we encourage you to get assistance if needed. If you require accommodations for any courses in which you are enrolled, contact the Access Center at 615-353-3363, or e-mail accesscenter@nsc.edu.

Classroom Misconduct

Disruptive conduct is not allowed in the classroom. Disruptive conduct is any behavior that prevents students from learning and interferes with the ability of the instructor to teach. This may change from course to course; therefore, your individual instructors will give you guidance on what qualifies as “disruptive conduct” in their courses. Please review the [Nashville State Student Code of Conduct policy](#). Please be aware that children are not allowed in class or to be left unattended on campus.

Academic Misconduct

You have started this academic journey to prepare for a future career. Because of this, it is important that you learn the materials being presented in your courses. For this reason, cheating, in any form, robs you of your opportunity to learn and master the material that will enable you to succeed in that future career. Nashville State has a clear [Academic Misconduct Policy](#) that you are expected to follow. In addition, your instructors will clarify what Academic Misconduct looks like and the consequences for violations in each course that you take. The instructor has the authority to assign an “F” or a “zero” for such violations or for the term grade.

Academic Misconduct in this course includes, but is not limited to Cheating, Plagiarism, and Fabrication as defined in the School’s Academic Misconduct policy.

Academic Early Alert System

If you are not doing well in your course, your instructor may send you an Early Alert through your @my.nsc.edu email. This email will go to your academic advisor and Student Success advisor, as well. If you get an Early Alert, contact your instructor immediately. Instructors send these when they want to help you figure out how to get extra support to pass the course. An Early Alert does not mean that you have already failed the course. Rather, it means you are in danger of failing the course if you do not change your learning strategy. Please use an Early Alert to your advantage and as an opportunity to improve your grade.

RAVE Emergency Alert System

You can log in to this free alert system to receive text messages about emergencies related to NSCC campuses through the [RAVE app \(https://www.getrave.com/login/nsc\)](https://www.getrave.com/login/nsc). The instructions for this are listed below.

- Your RAVE Username is your NSCC email address.
- If you've never received an email from RAVE with your password, or if you need to reset your password, select “Forgot your password?” and a new password will be emailed to you.
- Should the RAVE system indicate “user not found”, select Register and create your own RAVE account.

Student Wellness

Your well-being is important to us. With this in mind, the college has several resources available to provide support when needed:

- [Free tutoring](#) can assist you beyond the classroom to help you make the most of your college education.
- [These resources](#) include NSCC email, scheduling, online courses, textbooks, tech check out and support, computer labs on campuses, academic advising, financial advising, COVID-19 information and procedures on campuses.
- [Services](#) that help with bus passes, food, childcare, textbooks, housing, financial counseling, personal counseling, suicide prevention, health insurance.

Equity Statement

Nashville State Community College strives to ensure that each student receives what that student needs to be successful, with goals of success beyond the classroom. We understand and practice ideals of equity and inclusion for our students by embracing a full spectrum of experiences, viewpoints, and intellectual approaches in order to overcome barriers to success.

Inclement Weather & Campus Closings

You get notices about campus closings in these places: text messages from RAVE and [the Nashville State website](#).

Even when campuses are closed, you are still responsible for completing all assigned work. Check D2L/NS Online for a message from your instructor so you do not miss important assignments and due dates, which may change due to the campus closure.

Class Cancellation Policy

Our instructors post messages about cancelling classes in the [D2L/NS Online](#) course shells and/or on the classroom door on campus. These messages can be found in the News and Content section or the Email tab in the online shell. Please check these to be sure that you take advantage of opportunities for learning and points toward your grade.