

Course Description	<p>Students will review health assessment theory and complete a physical health examination (focused or complete) using a clinical reasoning approach to analyze and synthesize the data collected.</p> <p>Clinical reasoning frameworks allow providers to process information in a systematic fashion to achieve an understanding of the patients presenting complaint(s), develop a differential diagnosis and implement a plan of care using a shared decision-making approach. Assessment and clinical reasoning is foundational to the prescriber role.</p>
Learning Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete a Comprehensive Health History for an Adult Patient. 2. Demonstrate the Components of a Physical Examination. 3. Describe the Process of Clinical Reasoning. 4. Review a General Survey and Mental Examination. 5. Review an Assessment of the Integument. 6. Review an Assessment of the Neurological System. 7. Review an Assessment of Head and Neck. 8. Review an Assessment of the Thorax and Lungs. 9. Review the Assessment of the Breasts and Axillae. 10. Review an Assessment of the Cardiovascular and Peripheral Vascular Systems. 11. Review an Assessment of the Abdomen. 12. Review an Assessment of the Musculoskeletal. 13. Review the Assessment of the Adult Male and Female Genitalia and Rectum. 14. Adapt the Techniques of Health Assessment for Infants and Children.
Admission Requirements	Eligible for registered nurses' licensure in your jurisdiction.
Student Assessment (Subject to Change)	<p>Quizzes – 60%</p> <p>Final exam - 40%</p> <p>Pass Mark - 70%</p>
Learning Methods	Asynchronous online.
Required Resources	<p>Resources Integrated into the course</p> <p>Optional Resources Bickley, L. S. (2021). Bates' guide to physical examination and history taking (13th ed.). Wolters Kluwer.</p> <p>Bickley, L. S. (2020). Bates' pocket guide to physical examination and history taking (9th ed). Wolters Kluwer.</p>
Start Date	<p>January 13 – May 1, 2025</p> <p>Registration Deadline May 1, 2025</p> <p>CRN 202412-1672</p> <p>Fall 2025 TBA</p>
Tuition	\$785.08 (subject to change)

To Register

1. Students will access the course registration on the [Saskatchewan Polytechnic website](#).
Search for:
 - a. [NURS 1713 Assessment & Clinical Reasoning](#),
 - b. [NURS 1714 Rational Drug Therapy for RN Prescribers](#),
 - c. [NURS 1715 Clinical Decision Making for RN Prescribers](#).
2. Follow the instructions located on the right-hand side "[How to Register for a Course](#)"
3. For support and additional information on how to access courses after individuals are registered, please refer to the website [Online Learning Support \(saskpolytech.ca\)](#)
4. All course content is within the Brightspace course and will be accessed through [mySaskPolytech](#).

For More Information

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