

Course Specification Student Version

Course Title:	Basic Clinical Skills
Course Code:	BCS 408
Department:	Basic Medical Sciences
Program:	Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery
College:	Vision College in Riyadh
Institution:	Vision College in Riyadh
Revised:	July 2025

A. Course Identification

1. Credit hours: 4 (1+0+3)
2. Level/year at which this course is offered: Level 8/Year 4
3. Pre-requisites for this course (if any): UGS 407, FMT 407, NSC 407, MSS 306, ENS 306, GIS 306, RS 305, HPS 305, CVS 305
4. Co-requisites for this course (if any): None

B. Teaching Methods

1	Lectures
2	Clinical Skill lab sessions
3	Directed self-learning

C. Course Description and Objectives

<p>1. Course Description This course is designed to provide the students with the basic knowledge and skills regarding the physical examination of the different body systems including cardiovascular, respiratory, nervous, musculoskeletal systems. etc. The course enforces the students to learn the theoretical knowledge of the physical examination in relation to the application of the related basic clinical skills during skill lab sessions.</p>
<p>2. Course Main Objective It is intended to consolidate the clinical skills gained in previous individual organ system blocks/courses, in an integrated and holistic approach to the human body.</p>
<p>3. Course Objectives By the end of this course, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the facts and concepts relevant to the physical signs of common clinical conditions • Perform a full structured physical examination of the body systems • Apply effective communication skills with the patients and colleagues • Recognizing the importance of self- improvement and professional teamwork

D. Course Content

No.	List of Topics	
1	Introduction to the course, general examination and vital signs	7
2	Physical Examination of the head and neck	7
3	Physical examination of CVS (heart & blood vessels) and respiratory	21
4	system	14
5	Physical examination of the abdomen, including liver, spleen and	14
6	kidney	14

7	Physical examination of CNS system (mental status, motor, sensory-	14
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E. Assessment Tools

#	Assessment task	Percentage of Total Assessment Score
1	Continuous assessment in skill lab session	20%
2	Mid Term written	20%
3	Final Term written exam	30%
4	Final OSCE	30%
	Total	100%

F. Learning Resources

Essential References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macleod's Clinical Examination by John Munro and C. Edwards. A guide to physical examination and history taking, by Barbara Bates Clinical Examination - 2nd Edition by Nicholas Talley and Simon.
Supportive References	Hutchison's Clinical Methods: An Integrated Approach to Clinical Practice by Michael Glynn and William M Drake. Saunders
Electronic Materials	YouTube learning videos for e-learning medical education
Other Learning Materials	AMBOSS