TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI
SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES
UNDERGRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM
NURS 4320: Principles and Concepts of Patient Education
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CREDITS: Three semester hours (3:0)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides opportunities for students to synthesize principles of teaching and learning with clients, families, and identified groups. Emphasis is placed on patient and family education within a dynamic health care environment. Students will examine learning readiness and intervene with groups and families from diverse backgrounds and educational preparations.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify significant trends in health care that have influenced nursing’s role in patient education.

2. Evaluate factors that affect the learners’ readiness to learn.

3. Analyze stage-specific learning styles and needs according to maturational levels.

4. Identify valid sources to obtain patient education materials.

5. Develop teaching strategies using transcultural nursing as a framework for meeting the educational needs of a pluralistic society and special patient populations.

6. Evaluate the role of family/significant others on patient education.

7. Evaluate the impact of patient/family education on patient outcomes.
8. Critique the strengths and limitations of select instructional methods.

9. Synthesize teaching/learning principles for their efficacy to the education of patients, families, and identified groups.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND RESOURCE:


(softcover) OR ISBN-10: 1-4338-0562-6 (spiral bound)


LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND TEACHING METHODS

Course objectives for this BlackBoard on-line course are met through individual study using the references and text identified; Learning Team discussions, case study assignments, reflective thinking, and the application of learning theory to a teaching situation presented in a scholarly paper. Teaching methods include PowerPoint presentations, case study presentations, and moderated discussion rooms with faculty developed discussion questions. Each student is responsible for identifying his or her own learning needs and for self-direction in independent study of texts, on-line participation, and seeking consultation in meeting course objectives. All assignments are due on the date listed unless arrangements are made in advance of the due date with the professor.

The highest standards of academic honesty are expected of students. Faculty adheres to the University policy regarding academic honesty published in the University Catalog. Plagiarism or misrepresentation of references will result in failure of the work in question without the opportunity to re-do the work. See the APA Manual for the proper way to use and cite material.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students are expected to:

- Complete all course assignments on time unless prior arrangements are made with the faculty; 10% per day penalty will be assessed for late work.
- Participate in group discussion using scholarly resources as a basis for the discussion. Select a leader for discussion topic to guide and direct the group’s discussion. On Monday at m/n the leader will post a summary of their group’s discussion. Discussion will be graded according to the Discussion Rubric on the Information page.
• Use the highest level of on-line etiquette, respect and professional communication is expected: Communication should be respectful of other views and have a positive and polite tone. **PLEASE REVIEW DISCUSSION Rules Of Engagement.**
• Complete all case study assignments and submit according to the course calendar.
• Prepare and submit to course faculty a *formal paper* that demonstrates the application of learning theory to a teaching situation.

**CONHS GRADING POLICY**

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**COURSE GRADE**

1. **APA Scavenger Hunt (5%)**

Learning to write in a scholarly, articulate, and ethically responsible manner is a process. Part of that process is learning the rules of a particular editorial style (formatting). Most disciplines in the human sciences, including nursing, have chosen the editorial style of the American Psychological Association (APA) for their scholarly publications. This editorial style is more than how to present a reference page. The *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association - 6th edition* (identified as the APA Manual for the remainder of this document) can help you express your thoughts in a scholarly manner.

This assignment is designed to help you review the APA Manual. This assignment is in a table format and can be completed by filling in the cells of the table. It is expected that students will primarily work independently on this assignment; however, collaboration with peers is permitted. The more time you spend reviewing the manual, the more you will retain the principles of the style.

The directions for this assignment are found under the Assignment tab. This assignment is to be submitted in the “Assignments” area during the FIRST week of class.

2. **Reflective thinking exercise (7%)**

This is an individual assignment to be submitted via the “Assignment” area. The assignment requirements and grading criteria are found under Assignment tab. See the course schedule for due date.

2. **Learning Team Discussion Participation (15%)**

Students will be randomly assigned to Learning Teams to facilitate group discussion. Three (3) times during the semester a discussion topic is assigned. **Students are expected to post a minimum of 2 substantive postings on at least 2 different days each week there is a discussion assignment.**

A substantive posting is about 100-150 words long and has several components.

1. Responses should relate to the discussion topic.
2. Responses should use the scholarly readings and the Food for Thought to support or refute the discussion.
3. Responses should have support from an additional scholarly literature source.

4. It is expected that responses will be written in correct grammar, be well organized and be documented using APA style. References should be cited using APA style.

For each discussion topic a different student will take leadership for the discussion, prompting full participation, and be responsible for writing a summary of the discussion to be posted for the edification of all of the groups. This leadership role will contribute to points earned for discussion participation.

3. Client/Patient Teaching Case Studies (40 %)

Students will individually complete four (4) case studies during the semester. These assignments are to be completed in APA format style and are limited to no more than four (4) pages, plus the cover page and the reference page.

4. Application of Learning Theory to Client/Patient Teaching Paper (33 %)

The application of learning theory to client/patient teaching paper is an individual project in which the student synthesizes the teaching learning concepts learned in this course and applies them to a specific teaching situation. This paper should be no more than 10 pages in length (excluding cover page and references), be written at the senior student level, and be formatted in APA style. Students are encouraged to review documentation and plagiarism in the APA manual.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to a penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, forgery, or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.)

http://falcon.tamucc.edu/~students/JAffairs/ja_code_of_conduct_article3.htm

GRADE APPEAL PROCESS

As stated in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CONHS) Handbook under section VII Policies and Procedures, a student that believes they have an academic grade appeal is encouraged to go through the CONHS academic review process prior to pursuing University Grade Appeal. See the handbook for the process.

As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html.
For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.

**EVALUATION INPUT FROM STUDENTS**

The faculty of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences places great value on evaluative input from students. Evaluation of courses, instructors and clinical facilities provides the College with important data which is used to strengthen the program. Data is analyzed as to trends and themes and is important to curriculum and sequencing decisions. All evaluations for courses posted are on line. The online mechanism allows us the opportunity to tabulate and store information in order to analyze trends within the curriculum. Please be assured that this information is secured and not released until after grades are submitted. No names are available to faculty. In order to garner some reliability and validity, the College must have representative data from the student population. That representation, based on the literature, has been set at 70%. The College is anticipating that students will thoughtfully participate in the evaluation process which will assist the faculty with the review and revision of courses in the program. A link to evaluations will be available on BlackBoard toward the end of the semester. Thank you in advance for your assistance with the evaluation process.

**ACADEMIC ADVISING**

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences require that students consult with an Academic Advisor regarding their degree plan and/or changes to their degree plan. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan and indicate plan is active by signing the plan. Once the plan is completed it will be filed in the student’s record. The College’s Academic Advising Center is located on the third floor of Island Hall.

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

Students are encouraged to seek faculty assistance in accessing University Services, including tutoring, health services, personal counseling, degree counseling, financial aid, learning resources, job/work placement, career guidance, and computer/technical support/instruction. If a student is interested in other support services provided by the University, the student is encouraged by the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the University to seek these services.

**DISABILITY SERVICES**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Services Office at 361.825.5816 or visit the office in Driftwood 101.