Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi  
College of Nursing and Health Sciences

NURS 3150 E01 Professional Nursing Issues I  
Syllabus  
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CREDITS: 1 semester hours (1:0)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

NURS 3150 concentrates on legal and ethical issues affecting the nurse as an individual and a professional, and health care delivery to clients, groups and aggregates. Consideration is given to self-discovery, personal assertiveness, role conflict, negotiation and collective bargaining. Students are encouraged to apply critical thinking strategies during classroom discussions and presentations. Prerequisites: NURS 3318, 3342, 3435, 3614

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At the end of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Analyzes the impact of selected historical, political, ethical, legal and professional issues on the health care delivery (AACN Essential I (3,4,9), V(1,4,5,6,12), VI(1,6), and VIII).
2. Analyzes multidimensional influences on health and health care (AACN Essential V (1,4,5,6,12), VI(1,6) and VIII).
3. Accepts responsibility for own learning and professional growth (AACN essential VIII).
4. Completes assignments is assigned time frame (AACN essential I (1,2,3,4,9).
5. Utilizes group dynamics and communication skills in collaboration with individuals and groups (AACN Essentials VI (1,6).
REQUIRED TEXTS AND RESOURCES:

Text:


Other resources:


This course will also require scholarly use of internet search engines and databases from the Bell Library.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND TEACHING METHODS:

Emphasis will be placed on synthesis of knowledge. Course objectives may be met through individual study using suggested resources, active involvement in formal and informal exchange of ideas with classmates and colleagues regarding specific topics as well as utilizing critical thinking skills. Teaching methods include discussion, small group work, independent study of texts and library resources, computer-assisted instruction, audio-visual aids and the assignments listed. While the professor will provide guidance and consultation, the student is responsible for identification of learning needs, self-direction, seeking consultation and demonstration of course objectives. In this course, you are encouraged to assume the lead in managing your practice through thoughtful evaluation of your professional performance and consistent search for evidence-based knowledge essential to competent care delivery. Critical thinking will be required including student self-reflection and self-assessment. The student is expected to be self-directed, self-disciplined, and self-motivated. Students are expected to act in a professional manner and are accountable for their behaviors and learning.

- WebEx will be used for formal and informal exchange of ideas.
• Discussion assignments are provided to enhance student learning and engagement. Grading Rubrics for expectations are provided. *It is an expectation in the seminar course that students remain engaged in the discussion forums.*

• Wikis are an online collaborative effort in the eLine learning environment that *may* be implemented in this course. These assignments differ from Discussion Post assignments. Students should edit actual Wiki pages rather than leave comments on existing content. Comments written in the ‘comments’ section will not count as participation in the Wiki. You must actually edit the Wiki page itself to receive credit. The professor can see all contributions, deletions and page edits on the wiki. The student is encouraged to leave comments as a courtesy if information is deleted, but this will not be graded. *It is an expectation in the seminar course that students remain engaged in the building of wikis.*

• Evolve Elsevier Health Education System Inc. (HESI) case studies *may* be utilized to enhance student learning by applying content from the modules to an actual patient scenario. You should receive your access code and information during eLine orientation. Instructions for submission are included in the assignment details in the Learning Management System (LMS).

As eLine is an online learning environment students are expected to log-in to the LMS at least daily. While printing of course materials is allowed, be mindful that the content is copyrighted through TAMUCC and the adopted text is for personal use only. No content may be shared or disseminated in anyway, including via facebook, you tube, or other social media. Clinical examples cannot be recorded due to patient confidentiality and HIPAA regulations. Students are expected to act in a professional manner and are accountable for their behaviors and learning.

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITES:**

• eLine is an on-line learning environment. Students are expected to log into the LMS at least daily. Web course and lecture/learning materials are located on the course website.

• Students are expected to respect the learning rights of all others in the online learning environment. Communications should follow the basic rules of netiquette.

• Students are expected to complete all required reading. As a 1-credit course, it is expected that students will spend *at least 3-5 hours* of independent study, engagement, and preparation each week in addition to assignment and assessment time. Preparation includes assigned reading, review of appropriate anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology, and review of assessment of appropriate body systems. **Students are held accountable for content from previous and concurrent courses.**

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• The student is responsible to have the correct system requirements as outlined on the eLine homepage.

• Students are expected to follow instructions associated with the assignments for this course. Students who have questions about an assignment should contact the appropriate faculty member in a timely manner to ensure satisfactory completion of the assignment by the date it is due.

• Unless otherwise instructed, students should use the APA Publication Manual (6th edition) as a reference for formatting and organizing written assignments. **Written work will be graded for completeness, accuracy, depth of response and proper formatting. Points will be deducted for poorly written work.** ***All assignments, unless explicitly stated otherwise are to be completed individually and submitted with strict adherence to the Academic Misconduct policies and regulations of the University.**

• Students are expected to demonstrate professional behavior in the classroom and clinical setting. Professional behavior is consistent with TAMU-CC and College of Nursing and Health Sciences rules for student behavior in the classroom. This behavior will provide supporting evidence that the student has satisfactorily completed course requirements. Students should review the TAMU-CC catalog and student handbook if they are unsure of the attributes of acceptable behavior. Faculty will take actions to eliminate any behavior that interferes with class activities. The Honesty and Professional Integrity Policy available on the College of Nursing and Health Sciences web site outlines additional actions that faculty may take when students violate the Academic Integrity Standards of the College/University.

**GENERAL COURSE OUTLINE:**

Thinking as a Nurse  
Social Media  
Personal Competence  
NPA Standard of Practice  
Unprofessionalism & Standards  
Disciplinary Action  
Professional Boundaries  
Advocacy  
Legislative Issues  
The American Nurse Project

**GRADING CRITERIA**

In order to pass NURS 3150, the student must achieve the following:

1. Discussions and Assignments  
   Thinking as a Nurse Paper  
   Disciplinary Action Presentation  

60%  
20%  
20%
2. The course is to be a discussion course. Active scholarly ongoing participation in discussions, possibly wikis, and WebEx sessions is an expectation of this course.

**Grading scale for TAMUCC CONHS**

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**LATE WORK:** As this is a discussion-based course, course discussions and assignments submitted late will be subject to point deductions as follows:

- **50 points will be deducted for discussion submissions up to 1 week after the due date.**
- **20 points will be deducted for assignment submissions up to 1 week after the due date.**
- **A grade of zero will be awarded for any submissions greater than 1 week late.**

In the event that a student is aware they may need to submit an assignment late due to illness or other circumstances, it is the student’s responsibility to inform the professor prior to the due date. Deductions for late assignments with special circumstances and notification before the due date may be waived at the professor’s discretion.

**Dropping a Class**

I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with the professor before you decide to drop to be sure it is the best thing to do. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. **Faculty cannot drop you from a course.**

**Mary Jeff Bell Library**

There are many resources on the Mary & Jeff Bell Library (http://rattler.tamucc.edu/) website. The home page will take students to links for online databases, online articles, the online catalog, and interlibrary loan requests. The “Distance Learning” (http://rattler.tamucc.edu/distlearn/index.htm) link will be especially helpful to all students. This site includes all the information students need for remote access as well as tutorials on using the databases and finding articles. If eligible, registering as a distance student confers eligibility for a TexShare card. These cards are a Texas wide library card that allows users to use all state libraries in Texas. The cards will be mailed to students, so be sure mailing addresses are current in the University system. For any questions about receiving the TexShare card, please contact Dan Cayce: Daniel.cayce@tamucc.edu
Center for Academic Achievement (CASA)
The Center for Academic Student Achievement offers a variety of services, including a writing center. For more information about all of these services, go to the website: http://tlc.tamucc.edu/ or call 361-825-5933

POLICIES:

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 online. 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 growth of 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 Integrity and Honesty
It is expected that University students will demonstrate a high level of maturity, self-direction, and ability to manage their own affairs. Students are viewed as individuals who possess the qualities of worth, dignity, and the capacity for self-direction in personal behavior. 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 intentionally, knowingly, or carelessly presenting the work of another as one’s own).

Plagiarism means to steal and pass off the work of another as one’s own work. It usually results from bad paraphrasing or improper referencing. The substitution of a few changes from those of the original author and forgetting to use quotation marks, and reference citation are technically considered plagiarism. The only safe way to paraphrase is to read the original over several times and then write your conception of what you have read without looking at the original. In other words, when paraphrasing, keep the source book closed! (Wilson, 1985, p. 523)


Please see the following sites for additional information:
University Student Handbook and Code of Conduct: http://www.tamucc.edu/~students
University catalog related to academic integrity and honesty: http://catalog.tamucc.edu/
Students with Disabilities
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 CCH 116. If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disabilities Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

Title IX
As part of the Texas A & M Corpus Christi University policy, pregnant students are urged to contact the Title IX office for facilitation of academic issues impacted by pregnancy, delivery and subsequent complications. Contact information: Mr. Samuel Ramirez, Title IX Coordinator or Ms. Rosie Ruiz, Deputy Title IX Coordinator (825-5826).

Active Military Duty
Active duty military personnel, military spouses, and veterans with special circumstances (eg: deployment, drill requirements, disabilities) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these, in advance if possible, to the course and clinical instructor.

Grade Appeals Process
The College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CONHS) adheres to the University’s student grade appeal procedures described in Section 13.02.99.C2.01 (revised May, 2013) and follows those guidelines. See http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/Rules_Procedures/ for the University procedure and see http://conhs.tamucc.edu/shb/ for the CONHS process identified in the Student Handbook.

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.

Syllabus Disclaimer: While the provisions of this syllabus are as accurate and complete as possible, the faculty reserves the right to change non-critical aspects of the course to accommodate emergencies, unexpected technical problems, or any unforeseen circumstances.
Such changes will be announced as soon as feasible and will be communicated by course email or announcements via Blackboard. *It is the STUDENT’S responsibility to keep abreast of course announcements.* Questions regarding course requirements should be addressed when the syllabus is received, within the first week of the course.

The Texas A&M University Corpus Christi: TAMUCC College of Nursing and Health Sciences Student Handbook is available online: [http://conhs.tamucc.edu/shb](http://conhs.tamucc.edu/shb). The handbook and syllabus should be reviewed before signing the receipt form.
The following receipt form must be signed and returned within the first week of classes.

Student Handbook Receipt & Statement of Syllabus Understanding Form

I have reviewed a copy of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Student Handbook located on the college website and the course syllabus for eLine NURS 3150. I have been provided an opportunity to clarify questions. Receipt form must be signed and submitted to the course faculty. I understand the expectations set forth in the 3150 course syllabus and the CONHS Student Handbook.

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Student Name (Print)

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Student Signature                       Date