Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi
College of Nursing and Health Sciences
NURS 4250.W01 – Nursing Issues
Syllabus
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CREDITS: semester hours (2.0)

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Concentrates on legal, ethical, economic and political 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.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
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 in assigned time frame (AACN essential I (1,2,3,4,9)
6. Utilizes group dynamics and communication skills in collaboration with individuals and groups. (AACN Essentials VI (1.6)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
1. The course is designed for participation day.
2. Any class assignments must be typed with the name attached
3. Any class assignments must be referenced as to the source of the information
4. Any dishonest behavior will result in a zero for that assignment.
5. Evidence of preparation for discussion is determined by participation and scholarly comments in assignments.
6. All assignments must be submitted by the due date unless the faculty member posts a change in the due date or a different date is negotiated prior to the due date. There will be no exceptions.
7. Any paper must be submitted using APA format. The student must look this up and follow the guidelines.
8. This course will be dealing with relevant information to help the student in developing their professional role as a nurse.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND RESOURCES:
  Copy of the NPA and Safe Harbor forms – www.bne.state.tx.us
Legislative information - www.legis.state.tx.us/
The ANA website –www.nursingworld.org to get the 2015 Code of Ethics
You will need to use the web and library to research topics that will be discussed weekly

GRADING POLICY
The grading scale for the course is:
   A = 90 -100
   B = 83 - 89
   C = 75 – 82
   D = 67 – 74
   F = below 67

Grading Criteria
Weekly assignments 70%
Code of Ethics wiki 15%
Disciplinary Action wiki 15%
Discussion Assignment
To participate in discussion assignments, students should research and make a major post in weekly discussion and reference. The student is to make two post responding to peers more than you agree or disagree. Each discussion will have a grade point assignment for a total of 100 pts. Refer to grading rubric for discussions.

Discussion grading rubric 100 pts per discussion
- Comments contain evidence that student understand the content---------20
- Comments demonstrates student’s unique idea about the content---------20
- Comments build on the discussion threads----------------------------------20
- Comments include at least 1 references to construct contributions--------20
- At least two responses to other discussions----------------------------------20

Assigned wikis
- Demonstrates evidence of understanding the content----30
- Utilizes own ideas in discussing the content-----------------30
- Follow the criteria for the wiki discussion-------------------30
- Includes at least 2 references-----------------------------------10

Plagiarism
The highest standards of academic honesty are expected from the student. Faculty adheres to the University policy regarding academic honesty as published in the University Catalog. 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, p. 523)


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). 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).

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 Rule 13.02.99.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.