Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi College of Nursing and Health Sciences
NURS 3150 Professional Nursing Issues 1
Spring 2020    IH 160

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Course Description

Concentrates on legal, ethical, economic and political issues affecting the nurse as an individual, 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 the course discussions and presentations. Prerequisite NURS 3202, 3318, 3342, 3548, 3628

Learning Objectives

Analyze 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)

Analyze multidimensional influences on health and health care (AACN Essential V (1,4,5,6,12), VI (1,6) and VIII)

Accept responsibility for own learning and professional growth.

(AACN essential VIII) Complete assignments is assigned time frame

(AACN essential I (1,2,3,4,9)

Utilizes group dynamics and communication skills in collaboration with individuals and groups through discussion postings. (AACN Essentials VI (1,6)

Major Course Requirements

1. Class attendance and participation are required as the course is designed around these. Your participation and scholarly comments are evidence of your preparation for class.

2. When indicated assignments must be typed in APA format and include the students name. Sources need to be cited and referenced.

3. On-line attendance will be taken, and credit will be given as part of the assignment grade.

4. All assignments must be submitted by the due date (see late assignments policy)

5. Dishonest behavior will result in a zero for the assignment.

CLASSROOM POLICIES:

1. This is a web-assisted course. Students should log into Blackboard at least daily.

2. Missed classes cannot be made up and the student is responsible for material covered in class.

3. Punctuality is important. Tardiness is unacceptable for nursing practice and is disruptive to others.

4. No children are allowed in class at any time unless cleared with instructor prior to class.
5. Cell phones are to be off or on vibrate for the duration of the class and off for all exams. Students who are distracting or disruptive during class by using electronic devices will be asked to leave the classroom.

6. Students are responsible for assigned readings and completing assignments.

7. Participation and discussions are expected by students in class this will involve student presentations on assigned materials.

8. As a 1-hr credit course, it is expected students will spend 6-8 hours of independent study and preparation each week in addition to class time. Students are accountable for content from previous and concurrent courses.

9. Mutual respect of all classroom participants is expected. Behaviors which are unacceptable are the following:
   - Complaining, online chatting, text messaging, arriving late, sleeping, working on other assignments, playing computer games, surfing the internet, posting and/or reading social media, and studying for another class. Students demonstrating these behaviors will be asked to leave the classroom.
   - Attendance is worth 20% of your grade if students arrive >10 minutes late to class they will not receive credit for the day. This is an hour course and attendance is required. Attendance will be checked by faculty beginning at 1100. This is an easy 20% credit and important as you become nurse’s attendance and timeliness is imperative to keep your future job.

10. 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.

11. If you are pregnant or become pregnant during the semester, please notify the instructor for possible necessary accommodations.

12. If you have any religious requirements that may affect class or clinical time, please notify the instructor as soon as possible.

13. Any unsafe, unprofessional, unethical, immoral, or illegal practices or behaviors, Violation of the TAMUCC Student Code of Conduct or BON Code of Ethics, Inappropriate use of electronic devices in the clinical Setting, Falsification of records and/or HIPAA violations, Inability to pass required clinical assignments.

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

**Final Course Grades:**
- **A:** 89.5 – 100
- **B:** 82.5 – 89.4
- **C:** 74.5 – 82.4
- **D:** 67 – 74.4
- **F:** below 67

- **Attendance** 20%
- **Discussion board** 30%
- **Book report/Essay** 20%
- **Journal reflection** 30%
- **Total** - 100%

Assignments: Please refer to the Course Calendar for all assignment due dates
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30% | **Discussion Boards**: You will participate in bi-weekly discussion boards; your initial responses must be 100 word minimum and response to two students with 75 word minimum. Your references must be not older than last five years to support your discussion topics. Quality of feedback will reflect on your grade. Further directions will be provided for each discussion board.

20% | **Book Report and Essay**: You will critically analyze book assigned “The other side of the stethoscope” You will prepare a 3-page paper addressing influential and the critique topics. Explain how you can apply this insight into your future nursing practice. APA format will be used, and essay must be 3 pages does not include the title and reference page.

30% | **Journal Reflections**: You will create personal reflection on the topics on course schedule. Reading will be provided/journal articles for a reflection: You will be expected to use professional writing skills and additional resources not older than last five years to support your reflections. You will submit journal entries as assigned for points.

*Plagiarism will not be tolerated for any assignments and if found it will be an automatic zero.

**Note**: Failure to comply with the plagiarism policy could result in disciplinary action which may include dismissal from the program or a “0”. Please avoid using a “copy and paste” posting of material; this is a violation of copyright and does constitute a form of plagiarism, especially when the quotation is not indicated appropriately (APA format) and referenced. Experience is valuable if it contributes to the discussion thread in ways that have not been cited before.

**Academic Integrity/Plagiarism**

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 penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, falsification, forgery, complicity or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.) In this class, academic misconduct or complicity in an act of academic misconduct on an assignment or test will result in a class failure and report to academic integrity.

**Required or Recommended Readings**

Optional Text:


Late work policy:
Course assignments submitted late will be subject to point deductions as follows:
Any assignment submitted more than 24 hours after due date will receive 10 % taken off grade, any assignment more than 24 hours late will get a grade of 0.
Any late assignments due to illness with a valid doctors or APN excuse will be taken into consideration.
It is the student’s responsibility to inform the professor prior to circumstance which may result in late submissions. Deductions for late assignments with special circumstances and prior notification will be evaluated individually and upon the professor’s discretion for credit and deductions.
Preferred methods of scholarly citations: APA formatting

Dropping a Class:
I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with Professor Serna before you decide to drop to be sure it is the best thing to do. You must initiate the process by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. Faculty cannot drop you from a course. April 10, 2020 is the last day to drop a class.

Classroom/professional behavior
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, as an academic community, requires that each individual respect the needs of others to study and learn in a peaceful atmosphere. Under Article III of the Student Code of Conduct, classroom behavior that interferes with either (a) the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program may be considered a breach of the peace and is subject to disciplinary sanction outlined in article VII of the Student Code of Conduct. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior may be instructed to leave the classroom. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including classrooms, electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

Statement of Civility (can be in place of classroom/professional behavior)
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has a diverse student population that represents the population of the state. Our goal is to provide you with a high-quality educational experience that is free from repression. You are responsible for following the rules of the University, city, state and federal government. We expect that you will behave in a manner that is
dignified, respectful and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation or disability.
Behaviors that infringe on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

**Grade Appeals***
As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, 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 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 Dean’s office in the college in which the course is taught or the Office of the Provost.

**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). Statement of Academic Continuity In the event of an unforeseen adverse event, such as a major hurricane and classes could not be held on the campus of Texas A&M University– Corpus Christi; this course would continue through the use of Blackboard and/or email. In addition, the syllabus and class activities may be modified to allow continuation of the course. Ideally, University facilities (i.e., emails, web sites, and Blackboard) will be operational within two days of the closing of the physical campus. However, students need to make certain that the course instructor has a primary and a secondary means of contacting each student. Grade Appeals Process As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, 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 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 Dean’s office in the college in which the course is taught or the Provost's Office.

**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.

- CASA 825-5933 (including retention specialists, writing center, tutoring)
- Health Center 825-2601
- Nurse Line 825-5735
- Counseling Center 825-2703
- Veteran’s Affairs Office 825-2331

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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.

Important Dates to Remember:

- Mid-term Grading: March 4-25, 2020
- Spring Break: March 9-13, 2020
- Last Day to Drop a Class: April 10, 2020
- Final Exam Week: May 8-14, 2020 (This course does not have a final exam)
- Grades Due: May 19, 2020

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ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION:

The University & CONHS rely on electronic communication as the major avenue to distribute and receive information needed for academic work and life on campus. Students are also expected to access Blackboard. Make sure your email address is correct in SAIL to continue to receive important course & college information.

POLICIES:

Evaluation Input from Students
The faculty of the CONHS places great value on evaluative input from students. Evaluation of courses, instructors and clinical facilities provides the College with important data used to strengthen the program. Data is analyzed for trends and is important for curriculum and sequencing decisions. The anonymous online mechanism allows us the opportunity to evaluate current educational practices. Be assured that this information is secured and anonymous. No names are available to faculty. In order to garner some reliability and validity, the College must have 70% participation from students. The College is anticipating that students will thoughtfully participate in the evaluation process to assist faculty with growth and improvement of the program.

Academic Integrity and Honesty
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University catalog related to academic integrity & honesty: http://catalog.tamucc.edu/