Complementary and Alternative Medicine

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** 3 sem. hrs. (3:0) Provides an introduction to complementary and alternative medicine with an emphasis on related economic, political, legal, and social issues. The course identifies the processes, interventions, and funding agencies available for providing alternative care; reviews the various professions within alternative and complementary medicine; and addresses the holistic approach to health and well-being.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

1. Describe the philosophy and goals of past, present and future alternative/complementary health care strategies.
2. Examine cultural issues across a broad range of complementary care strategies.
3. Analyze research studies across a broad spectrum of alternative/complementary health care strategies.
4. Relate current health care economics with alternative/complementary health care issues.
5. Critique health policy/statutes in the delivery of alternative/complementary health care services.
6. Utilize health administration principles, concepts, generalizations, theories, and models.
7. Apply literature review and research techniques.

**REQUIRED TEXTS AND RESOURCES:**

This course does not require a textbook. Within each unit, required web site URLs will be provided along with videos, links, and files.

**Suggested Reference**

**LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND TEACHING METHODS:**

Course objectives for this course are met through lecture (unit overviews and materials); individual study using the references and materials identified; assigned discussion participation; analysis of a complementary/alternative health care website, analysis of complementary/alternative practice, and a site visit and interview of a complementary/alternative treatment. Teaching methods include unit summaries, online discussion, face-to-face or online
lecture and presentations, and individual assignments. The student is responsible for weekly assignments, identification of learning needs and self-direction for independent study of texts, on-line participation, and seeking consultation in meeting course objectives.

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 correct way to use and cite material.

GRADING POLICY
1. Weekly Quizzes, 23 @ 20 points each = 460 points
2. Discussions, 13 @ 20 points each = 260
3. CAM Practice Internet Site Evaluation 100 pts
4. CAM Research Paper-PP 100 pts
5. Clinic Observation 100 pts
6. Final comprehensive exam 100 pts
(Total possible points for course = 1,120)

GRADE EVALUATION based on total points earned
A – 90-100 1,008 – 1,120
B – 83-89 929 – 1,007
C – 75-82 840 - 928
D – 65-74 728 - 839
F – 0-64 727 and below

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
Students are expected to:
• Complete all course assignments on time unless otherwise arranged with the faculty. All assignments are due on the dates assigned.
• Participate in assignments and responses to the Power Point Presentations and assigned Discussions
• Prepare scheduled class assignments/discussions/exam.
• Submit an evaluation of an alternative/complementary care website using the criteria in this syllabus on the specified date.
• Conduct Clinical Observations (site visit and interview) and submit paper using criteria in Blackboard.
• Prepare and submit a Power Point Presentation on a selected complementary/alternative topic.
• Post Essays/PowerPoints in Discussion Room by posting follow-up and original posts. An original post is created by using the Compose Button in the Discussion Room and submitting original questions, thoughts, concepts from the assigned readings and evaluations of current discussion topic. The original post must be completed in order to access the discussion.
• The highest level of classroom and on-line etiquette, respect and professional communication is expected: (When evaluating work it is customary to give two positive statements before offering constructive criticism).
• Inappropriate or obscene language or implied obscene communications will result in an immediate meeting with the professor, documentation of the meeting and discussion, and may include other consequences.
• Be respectful. Making disparaging remarks about other classmates, the professor, racial, ethnic or gender groups will not be tolerated. Such behavior will result in an immediate meeting with the professor, documentation of the meeting and discussion, and may include other consequences (See College of Nursing and Health Sciences Professional Conduct and Ethics Guidelines).

**Instructor Policies:**

1. Written assignments: Students are expected to follow instructions associated with the assignments for this course. Students who are confused about an assignment should contact the instructor in a timely manner to ensure satisfactory completion of the assignment on 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. Points will be deducted for poorly written papers and presentations.

2. Students are held responsible for the information given in the current catalog and student handbook. Students are asked to take special note of the University penalties associated with academic dishonesty. All work handed in by students must be their own work. Extracts, quotes, or ideas presented by others must be acknowledged and properly referenced. Group work is held to the same standards of honesty. Refer to APA Manual for the proper way to use and cite quoted material.

3. Students are expected to use the discussion to examine principles of CAM. It is assumed that students will prepare for each class so that they can make knowledgeable contributions. All contributions should be made in a respectful manner and the discussion should be an orderly sharing of ideas. NO disrespect to classmates will be tolerated. Blank initial posts to enter the discussion may receive point deductions.

4. Written assignments must be turned in according to the course calendar unless other arrangements have been made with the course instructor ahead of the due date. Assignments are submitted via Blackboard. Students are expected to review the syllabus, course calendar, and Blackboard My Grades throughout the semester to ensure that they complete class assignments correctly.

5. Students are expected to complete an anonymous course evaluation at the end of the course. The practice of providing feedback to educational experiences is consistent with professional responsibilities.

6. Examination Guidelines. Students are required to take exams when scheduled. Only an extreme emergency will be considered for a make-up exam. Any student unable to sit for an exam must contact the instructor PRIOR to the class period in which the exam is scheduled.
Missing an exam will be counted as an absence in the class and zero (0) points earned on the exam.

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 your academic advisor, the Financial Aid Office, and me, before you decide to drop this course. 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. See TAMUCC Academic Calendar for the last day to drop a class with an automatic grade of “W” this term.

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.

Civil Rights Reporting

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is committed to fostering a culture of caring and respect that is free from discrimination, relationship violence and sexual misconduct, and ensuring that all affected students have access to services. For information on reporting Civil Rights complaints, options and support resources (including pregnancy support accommodations) or university policies and procedures, please contact the University Title IX Coordinator, Sam Ramirez at Samuel.ramirez@tamucc.edu or Deputy Title IX Coordinator, Rosie Ruiz at Rosie.Ruiz@tamucc.edu ext. 5826, or visit website at Title IX/Sexual Assault/Pregnancy.

Limits to confidentiality. Essays, journals, and other materials submitted for this class are generally considered confidential pursuant to the University's student record policies. However, students should be aware that University employees, including instructors, are not able to maintain confidentiality when it conflicts with their responsibility to report alleged or suspected civil rights discrimination that is observed by or made known to an employee in the course and scope of their employment. As the instructor, I must report allegations of civil rights discrimination, including sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, or sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator if you share it with me.

These reports will trigger contact with you from the Civil Rights/Title IX Compliance office who will inform you of your options and resources regarding the incident that you have shared. If you would like to talk about these incidents in a confidential setting, you are encouraged to make an appointment with counselors in the University Counseling Center.

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/](http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/Rules_Procedures/) for the University procedure and see [http://conhs.tamucc.edu/shb/](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.

**COURSE CALENDAR**

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