

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER
COLLEGE OF NURSING**

NURS 3415.060: PROFESSIONAL TRANSITIONS

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All the weeks start on Tuesday and end on Monday

Date	Unit	Topic	Assignments	Quizzes
8/26 -8/31	1	Introduction Beginning the Transition Library Orientation	Discussion Board question (DB) #1 –Intro Self – due by 5pm on 8/31 Respond to two of your peers next week Enroll in Patriot Email Submit forms found in syllabus Library Orientation and tutorial	Unit 1 Quiz Available 9am today until 5pm on 8/31
9/1 – 9/7	2	Professional Writing Using APA Format 5 th Edition	Discussion Board #1 responses to peers due by 5pm on 9/7 Reference page due 9/8 (Tues) Approval Form for BSN-Prepared RN Observation Experience due 9/8 (Tues) Mail or fax to Mrs. Price	Unit 2 APA Exam Counts as 5% of the course grade; can retake as often as needed until due date (2 weeks). Available 9am today until 5pm on 9/14
9/8 – 9/14		Professional Writing Using APA Format (cont.)	Turn in reference page by 9/8 Turn in Approval Form by 9/8 Once you have faculty approval (not before), do your BSN-RN Observation and begin writing APA paper per guidelines.	Unit 2 APA Exam Counts as 5% of the course grade; can retake as often as needed until due date (2 weeks). Due by 5pm on 9/14
9/15 – 9/21	3	History of Nursing Nursing Philosophy Nursing Theory	Discussion Board #2: Nursing Philosophy due by 5pm on 9/21. Respond to two of your peers by next week.	Unit 3 Quiz Available 9 am today until 5pm on 9/21
9/22 – 9/28	4	Journey to Professionalism	Discussion Board #2: respond to two of your peers by 9/28 APA paper due 10/5	Unit 4 Quiz Available 9 am today until 5pm on 9/28
9/29 – 10/5	5	Human Caring	APA paper due by 5pm on 10/5	Unit 5 Quiz Available 9 am today until 5pm on 10/5
10/6 – 10/12	6	Health Promotion and Wellness	Discussion Board #3: Health Promotion & Wellness. Due by 5pm on 10/12. Respond to two of your peers by next week.	Unit 6 Quiz Available 9am today until 5pm 10/12
10/13 – 10/19	7	The Aging Population	Discussion Board #3: respond to two of your peers by 5 pm on 10/19 Start the Life Review – due by 5pm on 11/16	Unit 8 Quiz Available 9am today until 5pm on 10/19
10/20 – 10/26	8	Nursing Research Evidence-Based Practice (EBP)		Unit 8 Quiz Available 9am today until 5pm on 10/26
		October 30	Last Day to Drop/Withdraw from	Classes with a "W"
10/27 – 11/2	9	Cultural Diversity	Discussion Board #4: Culture. Due by 5pm on 11/12	Unit 9 Quiz Available 9am today until 5pm on 11/2
11/3 – 11/9	10	Economic and Political Issues in Health Care	Discussion Board #4: respond to two of your peers by 5pm on 11/9	Unit 10 Quiz Available 9am today until 5pm on 11/9
11/10 – 11/16	11	Ethical Issues in Healthcare	Discussion Board #5: Ethical and legal issues in health care – due by 5pm on 11/23 (two weeks). Respond to two of your peers by 12/7. Life Review due by 5pm on 11/16	Unit 11 & 12 Legal / Jurisprudence Exam. Counts as 5% of the course grade; can retake as often as needed until due date (2 weeks). Available 9am today until 5pm on 11/23
11/17 – 11/23	12	Legal Issues in Healthcare	Discussion Board #5: Ethical and legal issues in health care – due by 5pm on 11/23.	Unit 11 & 12 Legal / Jurisprudence Exam: Due by 5pm on 11/23
11/26 – 11/29			Thanksgiving Vacation	
12/1 – 12/7	13	Critical Thinking	Discussion Board #5: respond to two of your peers by 5pm on 12/7	Unit 13 Quiz Available 9am today until 5pm on 12/7
12/8 – 12/14	14	Complimentary and Alternative Health Care		Unit 14 Quiz Available 9am today until 5pm on 12/14
12/14- 12/18		Complete Faculty & Course Evaluations (in Blackboard)		

The content of this syllabus/WEB site is subject to change at the discretion of the faculty leaders according to current learning needs.

All lecture outlines with supplementary material are found in Blackboard.

TITLE

NURS 3415.060: Professional Transitions (WEB based)

SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

Four (4) hours didactic

PREREQUISITES

Admission to the Mobility In Nursing Education (MINE) option for RN-BSN and RN-MSN.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for the RN-BSN and the RN-MSN student to expand professional nursing roles, utilizing critical decision-making process, and theory-based nursing practice. Course content and activities focus on professional roles, values, and responsibilities for practice in the dynamic global health care system.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of NURS 3415, the student will have demonstrated the ability to:

1. Utilize the decision-making process as a framework for professional nursing practice with patients in a diverse society.
2. Analyze the roles of the professional nurse in a complex and changing healthcare environment.
3. Demonstrate professional verbal and written communication skills.
4. Discuss the relevance of theory and research to professional nursing practice.
5. Relate the philosophical components of interpersonal caring to the practice of professional nursing in diverse settings.
6. Describe the historical, moral, bioethical and legal aspects of professional nursing as they relate to the changing health needs of society.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

NOTE: The first three (3) texts listed, written by the American Nurses Association (ANA) must be purchased online from ANA's website. <http://nursingworld.org/books> The three texts can be purchased as a package (ANA's Foundation of Nursing Package), which allows a slight discount on the prices.

American Nurses Association. (2004). *Code of ethics for nurses with interpretative statements*. Washington, DC: Author. **(Purchase online.)**

American Nurses Association. (2004). *Nursing's social policy statement*. Washington, DC: Author. **(Purchase online.)**

American Nurses Association. (2004). *Nursing: Scope & standards of practice*. Washington, DC: Author. **(Purchase online.)**

American Psychological Association. (2001). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.). Washington, DC: Author. (ISBN: 1-55798-791-2) *This text is required for all nursing courses

Blais, K. K., Hayes, J. S., Kozier, B., & Erb, G. (2006). *Professional nursing practice: Concepts and perspectives* (5th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall. (ISBN: 0-13-118819-4)

OTHER REQUIRED RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLINE

1. Syllabus: NURS 3415: Sp09 – Professional Transitions (Available at: <http://www.blackboard.uttyler.edu>).
2. College of Nursing and Health Sciences. (2008). *Guide for baccalaureate students*. Tyler: The University of Texas at Tyler. Available at: <http://www.uttyler.edu/nursing/undergrad/documents/BaccalaureateStudentGuideF08.pdf>
3. Texas Nurse Practice Act. Available at: <http://www.bne.state.tx.us/npatc.htm>
4. Lecture notes and other information will be available at <http://www.blackboard.uttyler.edu>. Students are encouraged to seek, explore, and search for additional internet resources applicable for course content and to share their findings with all course participants.

American disabilities Act Statement: UT TYLER COUNSELING CENTER

"If you have a disability, including a learning disability, for which you request an accommodation, please contact the Disability Support Services Office so that appropriate arrangements can be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodation must provide documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Support Services counselor." For more information call or visit the Student Services Center in the University Center, Room 282. The phone number is 903-566-7079. Additional information may also be obtained at the following UT Tyler WEB address:

www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices