

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

**NURS 4334
ISSUES IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE
SYLLABUS**

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Monday 9am-11:50am

**NURS 4334 - Issues in Professional Practice
CLASS SCHEDULE
FALL 2009**

DATE	UNIT	TOPIC
8/31/09	Unit 1	Introduction to Course Ethical Principles and Theories
9/7/09	Memorial Day Holiday	
9/14/09	Unit 2	Legal Issues
9/21/09	Unit 3	Values Clarification and Development
9/28/09	Unit 4	Ethical Decision Making
10/5/09	Unit 5	EXAM 1 Economic Issues Social Issues
10/12/09	Unit 6	References and outline due Issues Related to Technology Self-Determination Issues
10/19/09	Unit 7	Gender Related Issues Empowerment for Patients and Nurses
10/26/09	Unit 8	ETHICS PAPER DUE AT 9AM Professional & Relationship Issues Scholarship Issues
11/2/09	Unit 9	EXAM 2 Trans-cultural and Spiritual Issues
11/9/09	Unit 10	Global Consciousness in the 21 st Century
11/16/09	Unit 11	Health Policy Issues
11/23/09	Unit 12	Concepts of Human Caring (Required information posted on Blackboard: No in-class
11/30/09	Unit 13	Nurse Practice Act
12/7/09		QUIZ 3
12/14/09	NO CLASS	

All lecture outlines with supplementary material are found under the Lectures button in Blackboard. Bring material to class and be prepared for discussion

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

TITLE

NURS 4334: Issues in Professional Practice

SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

Three (3) hours didactic

PREREQUISITES

Successful completion of all courses through Semester III for generic and LVN students.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The student will analyze theoretical and pragmatic legal-ethical issues regarding professional nursing and health care. Emphasis is on an understanding of the nurse as a professional who embraces lifelong learning, incorporates professionalism into practice and internalizes the values of the profession.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will have demonstrated the ability to:

1. Appraise health care issues through utilization of the processes of critical thinking and interpersonal caring.
2. Utilize nursing knowledge and decision-making process to address contemporary issues and problems in health care.
3. Analyze the level of self-knowledge needed to carry out the professional role and leadership skills necessary to delivery of care in a complex society.
4. Apply the skills of self-directed negotiation, planning, goal setting, and implementation in leading and participation in a professional seminar.
5. Synthesize professional standards that support moral/ethical/legal principles.
6. Debate moral/ethical/legal/regulatory issues that impact nursing practice and the health care delivery system.
7. Assume responsibility for continuing professional development.

REQUIRED TEXTS

SYLLABUS: NURS 4334: Fall 2009-- Issues in Professional Practice

TEXTBOOK: Burkhardt, M. A., & Nathaniel, A. K. (2008). *Ethics & issue in contemporary nursing* (3rd ed.). United States: Delmar Thompson Learning.

American Psychological Association. (2008). *Publication manual of the American psychological association* (5th ed.). Washington DC: Author.

American Nurses Association. (2004). *Nursing scope & standards of practice*. Washington DC: Author.

SCANTRONS: The correct scantron for nursing is Form **F-17355-PAR-L** (there are 2 of the same color so make sure you get this one)

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