



Health Care Informatics
NURS 5324
Fall 2023

Scheduled Class Days and Times: Online

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Course Description: This course prepares the student to utilize informatics and health care technologies in the management of individuals, groups and organizations for the improvement of patient outcomes.

Prerequisite: Admission to any MSN program or enrolled in the PhD in Nursing program.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Analyze current and emerging technologies to optimize safety, cost effectiveness and health outcomes.
2. Utilize select theories that guide the application of informatics in health care and health education.
3. Promote policies that incorporate ethical principles and legal standards in the use of health information and technologies.

Required Textbooks and Readings:

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). Washington, D.C.: Author. ISBN: 9781433832161

McGonigle, D., & Mastrian, K. G. (2021). *Nursing informatics and the foundation of knowledge* (5th edition). Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett. ISBN: 9781284220469

If you are in a clinical course, all students are required to have an active InPlace subscription.

Assignments and Weights/Percentage/Point Values:

1. Application: Role Specific Data Analysis (Excel Part 1 & 2)	25%
2. Current Innovation Assignment	25%
3. Mid Term (12.5%) and Final Quiz (12.5%)	25%
4. Big Data Paper and Article Part 1 & Part 2	25%
Total:	100%

Grading Scale:

Specific guidelines and grading criteria for all assignments are in the Modules. Final grades for the course will be determined based upon the following point assignments:

- A - 90-100
- B - 80-89
- C - 70-79
- D - 60-69
- F - Below 60

Grades will not be rounded when calculating the average (79.5 is not rounded to 80 and 89.5 is not rounded to 90). Students are required to achieve an average of 80% (B) to successfully complete the course.

Although the university policy allows 60 days for grade appeals, the School of Nursing follows a stricter timeline of 10 days to facilitate students' timely progression through the curriculum. In the case of extenuating circumstances, please consult the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for guidance.

Academic Integrity: Cheating of any kind, as defined in Section 8 of the UT Tyler Manual of Policies and Procedures (MOPP) for Student Affairs (<https://www.uttyler.edu/mopp/>), will not be tolerated. Consequences may include:

- reprimand
- exam failure
- course failure
- expulsion from the Nursing program
- expulsion from the University
- other consequences as assigned

Exam and homework materials, questions, and problems are the intellectual property of faculty, UT Tyler, or publishers.

- These materials may not be distributed without permission.
- Distributing them or uploading them to online resources destroys the integrity of the assignment and the course, allowing others an unfair advantage by letting them view

the materials.

- Uploading these materials to online resources is a violation of UT Tyler’s academic misconduct policies and may result in formal conduct charges.
- Sanctions for uploading or otherwise divulging the contents of these materials can include:
 - a reduced or failing grade on an assignment
 - a reduced or failing grade for the course
 - removal from the Nursing program
 - removal from UT Tyler

Late Policy: 5% will be deducted each day an assignment is past due unless prior arrangements have been made with your course faculty. Extenuating circumstances may apply.

Repeating a Course: Students repeating this course may not use previously submitted assignments nor utilize the same patients for an assignment. Submitting the same or slightly modified assignments from previous semesters is considered self-plagiarism and is subject to academic discipline, including failing the assignment or the course.

Attendance and Make-up Policy: Attendance / participation is expected. Make-up for exams, quizzes, assignments, clinical time missed is at the discretion of the instructor.

Graded Course Requirements Information:

- **Application: Role Specific Data Analysis:** Data Analysis Assignment #1: Students will learn how to use spreadsheets, an important skill for all nurse leaders. Data Analysis Assignment #2: Students will learn more advanced data analysis building on the knowledge and skills from Data Analysis #1. Select a data set that reflects your program of study (nurse executive, educator, and practitioner). Microsoft Excel will be used for all analyses. Instructions and grading criteria are posted in the “Assignments” tab.
- **Current Innovation Assignment:** Identify a current health care technology, summarize, and examine the pros and cons of the innovation (consider cost effectiveness and health outcomes, etc.). Use strengths to select members of an interdisciplinary team as an evaluation team. Instructions and grading criteria are posted in the “Assignments” tab.
- **Mid-Term and Final examination:** The mid-term and final quiz will serve as an assessment of the course materials and assigned readings. Instructions and blueprints are posted in the “Assignments” tab.
- **Big Data Assignment:** This is a two-part assignment: Part 1: Students will write a scholarly paper, following APA writing style, summarize information from an assigned documentary, identify and synthesize the evidence from a scholarly article, and discuss key ethical principles. Part 2: Post article and respond to a minimum of two peers. Instructions and grading criteria are posted in the “Assignments” tab as well as “Discussions.”

Please Note: Detailed information along with grading rubrics for all assignments will be provided in the Canvas course.

Important Course Dates:

Classes Begin: August 24, 2023

Labor Day: September 4, 2023; **Thanksgiving Holiday:** November 20 - 24

Census Date (withdraw without penalty): September 6, 2023

Last Date to Withdraw: November 4, 2023. Students please notify your course faculty and contact your advisor.

Final Quiz: December 5, 2023

Course Schedule for NURS 5324 – Health Care Informatics

Fall 2023

Dates	Topics	Readings	Assignments
Week 1: August 24 – 27	Welcome to the first week of the semester!	UT Tyler Syllabus Module	Review APA and Plagiarism Review in Modules. Then, take the required APA Quiz to unlock all course information/assignments.
Week 2: August 28 – September 5 9/4 (Monday): Labor Day Holiday	Module 1. Building Blocks of Nursing Informatics/Introduction to Health Care Informatics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing Science and the Concepts of Knowledge • Introduction to Information, Information Science, and Information Systems • Computer Science and the Foundation of Knowledge Model • Informatics and Evidence-based Practice (Class Notes) <p>Class Notes: Introduction to Health Care Informatics</p>	Chapters 1, 2, & 3 Class Notes	Complete the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions (Part 1 & 2) – due September 5th (this is a Tuesday) • Graduate Affirmation Forms – Graduate Quiz – due September 5th (this is a Tuesday) • “Getting to Know You” questionnaire – due September 5th (this is a Tuesday) • Attestation: Personal Digital File Download – due September 5th (this is a Tuesday)
Week 3: September 5 – 11	Module 2. Perspectives on Nursing Informatics	Chapters 6 & 7 Class Notes	Data Analysis Skills Pre-Assessment Survey due September 11th – submit via Assignments

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History and Evolution of Nursing Informatics • Nursing Informatics as a Specialty • Theorems and standardize languages <p>Class Notes: Theories used in Health Care Informatics</p>		
<p>Week 4: September 11 – 18</p>	<p>Module 3 (Part 1). Cognitive Science and Legislative Aspects, Part 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Cognitive Science and Cognitive Informatics • Legislative Aspects of Nursing Informatics: HIPAA, HITECH and Beyond <p>Class Notes – Review: The Internet, Part 1</p>	<p>Chapter 4 & 8</p> <p>Class Notes</p>	<p>Role Specific Data Analysis Skills Part 1 Assignment (Part 1 A & B) and Quiz due September 18th – submit via Assignments</p>
<p>Week 5: September 18 – 25</p>	<p>Module 3 (Part 2). Cognitive Science, Ethics, and Legislative Aspects, Part 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Components of the Internet • Ethical Applications of Informatics • Our Expanding Realities 	<p>Chapters 5 & 26</p> <p>Class Notes</p>	

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Week 6: September 25 – October 2	Module 4 (Part 1). Informatics in Health Care Education, Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing Informatics and Nursing Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ QSEN Competencies ○ TIGER Initiative ○ Online Instruction ○ Social networking <p>Class Notes – Review: Informatics in Health Care Education, Part 1</p>	Chapter 19 Class Notes	“Current Innovation” Assignment (submit via Module 4 Part 2) – due October 2nd Post “Current Innovation” to “Discussions” or via Module 4 Part 2) – due October 2nd
Week 7: October 2 – 9	Module 4 (Part 2). Informatics in Health Care Education, Part 2 Simulation, Game Mechanics, Virtual Worlds, and the Realities in Nursing Education Class Notes – Review: Informatics in Health Care Education, Part 2	Chapter 20 Class Notes	Role Specific Data Analysis Skills Part 2 Assignment due October 9th
Week 8: October 9 – 16	Mid-Term Quiz		Mid-Semester Course Evaluation and Feedback posted October 16th in “Discussions” Mid-Term Quiz – due October 16th

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Week 9: October 16 – 23	Module 5. Nursing Informatics Practice Applications: Care Delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Electronic Health Record and Clinical Informatics • Informatics Tools to Promote Patient Safety, Quality Outcomes, and Interdisciplinary Collaboration Class Notes: Informatics and Patient Care: Part 1	Chapters 14 & 15 Class Notes	Role Specific Data Analysis Skills Part 2 Post-Assessment Survey found in Canvas due October 23rd
Week 10: October 23 – 30	Module 6. Nursing Informatics Practice Applications: Care Delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient Engagement and Connected Health • Using Informatics to Promote Community/Population Health • Telenursing and Remote Access Telehealth • Epidemiologic data Class Notes: Telehealth and Other Patient Care Applications	Chapters 16, 17, & 18 Class Notes	
Week 11: October 30 – November 6	Module 7. Nursing Informatics Administrative Applications: Pre-care and Care Support	Chapters 9, 10, 11, & 13 Class Notes	“Big Data” Assignment Paper due November 6th (submit via Assignments)

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November 4th –Last Day to Withdraw from Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Systems Development Life Cycle: Nursing Informatics and Organizational Decision Making ○ Administrative Information Systems ○ The Human-Technology Interface ○ Achieving Excellence by Managing Workflow and Initiating Quality Projects <p>Class Notes: Administrative Applications of Informatics</p>		
Week 12: November 6 – 13	<p>Module 8. Research Applications of Nursing Informatics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nursing Research: Data Collection, Processing, and Analysis ○ Data Mining as a Research Tool ○ Translational Research: Generating Evidence for Practice ○ The Art of Caring in Technology-Laden Environments <p>Class Notes: Informatics and Research</p>	<p>Chapters 21, 22, 23, & 25</p> <p>Class Notes</p>	<p>“Big Data” Assignment Part 2 – Article and Peer Responses: Post your article and read the Big Data Articles posted by your peers and respond to a minimum of two of your peers' articles in “Discussions” due November 13th</p>
Week 13: November 13 – 27	<p>The Future of Informatics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Genetics/genomics 	Chapter 24	

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Thanksgiving Holiday: 11/20 – 24	Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!		
Week 14: November 27 – December 4	Continue to explore: The Future of Informatics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetics/genomics Prepare for the Final Quiz	Chapter 24	
Week 15: December 5th	Final Quiz		Final Quiz due by Tuesday, December 5th

*All assignments, quizzes, and exams are due on or before midnight (Central Time) of the assigned date.

UT Tyler School of Nursing Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Statement:

The University of Texas at Tyler School of Nursing aspires to create, foster, and sustain a culture of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion irrespective of one's identity. We value and embrace all backgrounds, experiences, and identities, realizing that no one group, person or perspective has all the answers. We are richer when our individual skills, knowledge, experiences, cultures, backgrounds, and identities are combined in an accepting community. We strive to ensure that every individual gets a fair and equal chance to participate and thrive in a nurturing environment where all feel a sense of belonging. We are committed to intentionally and deliberately creating a diverse community that instills a sense of equitable justice and belonging for everyone affiliated with our school.

School of Nursing Policies and Additional Information:

https://www.uttyler.edu/nursing/college/student_guide_and_policies.php

Student Resources and University Policies are provided in Canvas.