



NURS 5369 Culture and Spirituality for Health Care Professionals

Scheduled Class Days and Times: Online

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Course Description:

This course will explore major world cultures and concepts of spirituality. Emphasis will be on the application of the topics to scholarly interests.

Prerequisites: none

Student Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Differentiate between the major world religions.
2. Explore culturally congruent communication and practice.
3. Examine spiritual care related to different patient groups.
4. Explore culture and/or spiritual literature in the context of healthcare.
5. Synthesize a literature review into a presentation.

Classes Begin: Monday, October 20, 2025 course opens October 16 for preview without instructor interaction

Census Date: (withdraw without penalty): October 24, 2025

Fall Registration: Monday, November 3 for Graduate Students

Last Date to Withdraw: November 21, 2025 last day to withdraw from one or more courses.

Required Textbooks and Readings: There are no required texts, and online resources will be provided.

Computer Requirements: Access to a current, working computer or laptop with internet access using Firefox or Chrome browser is required for this internet-based course. The Canvas learning system works best using Firefox or Chrome browsers. It is essential to have access to a reliable PC/laptop and internet access for this course.

24-hour response time can be expected on emails throughout the work week. Weekend emails may be delayed 48 hours.

Internet Instructions: Course modules are online in Canvas (see course calendar). UT Tyler online canvas courses use Java, JavaScript, browser plug-ins, helper application and cookies. Canvas works best using Chrome or Firefox browser. It is essential that you have these elements installed and enabled in your web browser for optimal viewing of the content and functions of your online course content. Lecture videos are optimally viewed in high definition.

- Adobe Reader allows you to view, save, and print Portable Document Format (PDF) files.
<http://get.adobe.com/reader/>
- Java Runtime Environment (JRE) allows you to use interactive tools on the web.
<http://www.java.com/en/download/>
- QuickTime allows users to play back audio and video files.
<http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/>

Assignments and Weights/Percentage/Point Values

Criteria for Evaluation:	Percentage of Grade:
Introduction and Surveys	10
Annotated Bibliographies for culture or spirituality and Matrix Table part I (3 articles)	15
Annotated Bibliographies for culture or spirituality and Matrix Table part II (3 articles)	15
Literature Review and Synthesis Matrix discussion and RISE peer review	10
Reflections, Modules 1 and 2 and Course	15
Mastery Quizzes Modules 1, 2	10
Literature Review and Synthesis Matrix	25
Note Pretests for Modules 1 and 2 are not graded	100 total

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 complete the course successfully.

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.

Calendar of Topics, Readings, and Due Dates:

Week	Module	course obj	Assignments/Quizzes	Due Date SUNDAY
1 NOTE: canvas course opens 10-16 First day 10-20	Course Introduction video Module 1 Cultural concepts Introduction	1, 2, 3	Introductions and surveys Pretest Module 1	10-26
	Census Date			10-24
2	Cultural concepts Culture in patient groups Evaluation	1, 2, 3	Module 1 reflections Module 1 Mastery quiz	11-2
3	Module 2: Spiritual concepts Introduction: Spiritual care and prayer	3	Pretest Module 2 Submit 3 articles for annotated bibliographies Part I from literature review	11-9
4	Spiritual concepts Evaluation	3	Module 2 reflections (Discussion) Module 2 Mastery quiz LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW THANKSGIVING November 24-28	11-16 11-21
5	Application topics to scholarly interests	1, 2, 3, 4	Submit 3 articles for annotated bibliographies Part II from literature review	11-30
6	Application topics to scholarly interests	1, 2, 3	Literature Review and Synthesis Matrix Course Reflection	12-7
7 End 8-9	Course synthesis of concepts Evaluation and Summary		Literature Review and Synthesis Matrix discussion and RISE peer review Course evaluations	12-10 Wednesday Graduation Dec 12