



**Holistic Health: The Art and Science of Caring and Healing**  
**NURS 4323**  
**Spring 2023**

**Scheduled Class Days and Times: Online**

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**Office Hours:** Virtual Office Hours: Wednesdays: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm CST by appointment for a phone call or video conference. Additional days and times may be arranged upon request. Please email the faculty to make arrangements/obtain a Zoom link.

**\*Best way to contact me** is via *Canvas email*.

**Course Description:** This course is designed to introduce the student to holistic philosophy, theory, and practice. Included will be seminar discussions, demonstrations, and experiential sessions on holistic health assessment and alternative treatment modes to promote health and healing in practice and in daily living. Open to all majors. **This course is taught in a 7-week semester.**

**Prerequisites:** Enrollment in any UTT classes.

**Corequisites:** None

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

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

1. Differentiate between the philosophy of holistic health and that of contemporary western medicine.
2. Examine the knowledge base/theory for understanding the history, current practice, and future of holistic health practice as a complement/supplement to modern technomedicine.
3. Implement strategies for health promotion, healing, and change within self and clients.
4. Propose alternative methods/strategies to promote health and healing.
5. Analyze the relationship of self-care/self-responsibility to the role of the informed consumer.

**Required Textbooks and Readings:**

Blaszko Helming, M. A., Shields, D. A., Avino, K. M., and Rosa, W. E. (Eds.).(2020). Dossy & Keegan's holistic nursing: A handbook for practice. (8<sup>th</sup> edition). Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett ISBN: 9781284196528, 1284196526 (*Online access code is NOT required.*)

**Assignments and Weights/Percentage/Point Values**

1. Module Assignments & Discussions (4 Modules each 10%)	40%
2. Holistic Practice and Reflective Journals	30%
3. Online Presentation	30%

**Grading Scale:**

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

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

Final course grades less than 75 are not rounded up.

Grades will not be rounded when calculating the average (79.5 is not rounded to 80 and 89.5 is not rounded to 90).

**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 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, and missed clinical time is at the instructor's discretion.

**Grade Replacement:** Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar. Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

**Graded Course Requirements Information:**

1. **Module Assignments & Discussions (4 Modules each 10%):** Weekly modules include reading assignments and various activities that include but are not limited to: experiential learning achieved by exploring various holistic modalities available in the community and via online sources; video clips included in each module highlighting holistic practice; discussions with peers sharing experiences and thoughts; research to find Evidence-Based Practice related to the holistic topic of choice.
2. **Holistic Practice and Reflective Journals:** Weekly practice of one chosen holistic modality (5 hours minimum per week during Modules 2, 3, and 4 to achieve a total of at least 15 hours by the semester end). This modality will be the topic of student research

for EBP information to be presented in the Poster Presentation. Weekly reflective journals are the student’s reports of all the activities in the Module. These are expected to be thoughtful and expressive.

- 3. Online Presentation:** Poster Presentations will be posted for student viewing as well as for grading by faculty. The design will follow a 1 slide PowerPoint template that is provided.

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

**Important Course Dates:**






**Classes Begin:** January 9, 2023

**Census Date (withdraw without penalty):** January 13, 2023

**Last Date to Withdraw:** February 17, 2023. Students, please notify your course faculty and contact your advisor.

**Calendar of Topics, Readings, and Due Dates:**

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Weeks	Module Self-paced	Topic/ Reading	Assignments/ Discussions (More info in Module on Canvas)	Due Dates
Canvas opens Jan 9, 2023	Module 1	Module 1: Self-Assessment (Chapter 11)	1. Introduction Video in Flipgrid 2. Self-Assessment (IHWA) 3. Self-Assessment Discussion 4. Meditation Session Week 1	1. Sunday Jan 15 2. Sunday Jan 15 3. Sunday Jan 15 4. Tues, Wed, or Thurs
Week 1: 1/9			1. Community Experience 2. Community Experience Discussion 3. Journal #1	1. Sunday Jan 22 2. Sunday Jan 22 3. Sunday Jan 22
Week 2: 1/16				
Week 3: 1/23	Module 2	Module 2: Holistic Theory, Perspective, and Research (Chapter 1, and Chapter 27)	1. Discussion postings ~ Holistic Nursing Research ~ Two Systems of Medicine 2. Begin Research for Final Presentation 3. Practice: 5 hours (minimum) 4. Journal #2	All M2 assignments due Sunday Jan 29 
Week 4: 1/30	Module 3	Module 3: Transpersonal Human Caring and Healing (Chapter 5)	1. Discussion postings ~ Caritas Exemplars ~ Embodiment and Caring Science 2. Continue Research for Final Presentation 3. Practice: 5 hours (minimum) 4. Journal #3	All M3 assignments due Sunday Feb 5 
Midterm!				
Week 5: 2/6	Module 4	Module 4: Self Development (Chapter 10)	1. Discussion postings ~ Keirsey Temperament Test 2. Continue Research for Final Presentation 3. Practice: 5 hours (minimum) 4. Journal #4	All M4 assignments due Sunday Feb 12 
Week 6: 2/13	Module 5	Student Poster Presentations on-line (On 1 Power Point slide)	1. Poster Presentation (post on both Assignment link and Discussion) 2. Repeat Self-Assessment (IHWA) 3. Discussion postings ~ Presentation Discussions ~ Looking Forward Discussion 4. Journal #5	All M5 assignments due Sunday Feb 19 
Last day to Withdraw: 2/17				
Week 7: 2/20	Wrap up	No new assignments.	Course Evaluation due Thursday Feb 23	Class ends Feb 25, 2022 
End of first 7-Week Session 2/25				

**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](https://www.uttyler.edu/nursing/college/student_guide_and_policies.php)

**Student Resources and University Policies are provided in Canvas.**