



Culture and Spirituality for Health Care Professionals

NURS 5369

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.

Attendance and Make-up Policy: Attendance/participation is expected. Make-up for any assignment is per faculty discretion.

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.

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.

Appeals

Students have the right to appeal. See the UT Tyler policies related to withdrawing from a course:

School of Nursing Appeal Form: [course-grade-appeal-form-20230421.pdf \(uttyler.edu\)](https://www.uttyler.edu/sohn/documents/course-grade-appeal-form-20230421.pdf)

University Appeals Procedure: [Appeals | Registrar | The University of Texas at Tyler \(uttyler.edu\)](https://www.uttyler.edu/registrar/appeals)

Medical Withdrawal Procedure: [Medical Withdrawal / Course Load Reduction \(uttyler.edu\)](https://www.uttyler.edu/registrar/medical-withdrawal-course-load-reduction)

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

Graded Course Requirements Information: Note: more details for each assignment are available on the Canvas course.

A course orientation will be recorded and available in the Canvas course.

Introduction and Surveys: These assignments include an individual presentation to the class and completing several surveys related to culture and spirituality topics.

Mastery Quizzes of multiple choice, matching, and true false questions are included for modules 1 and 2 and cover the main points of the modules.

Three reflections on a discussion board are included as students reflect on their learning.

Complete a literature review including six articles on a selected area of culture and spirituality.

Literature Review and Synthesis Matrix

- Synthesize the themes and gaps in the literature related to culture and spirituality
- Use the information in the synthesis matrix table
- Build critical thinking, evaluation, and resource-seeking behaviors
- Enhance the credibility of the student as a researcher/scholar

Week	Module	course obj	Assignments/Quizzes	Due Date
1 NOTE: canvas course opens Feb 26 First day March 2	Course Introduction video Module 1 Cultural concepts Introduction	1, 2, 3	Introductions and surveys Pretest Module 1	SUNDAY 3-8
	Census Date 3-6		Spring Break March 9-13	
2	Cultural concepts Culture in patient groups Evaluation	1, 2, 3	Implicit Bias Assignment Module 1 reflections Module 1 Mastery quiz	3-22
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	3-29
4	Spiritual concepts Evaluation	3	Module 2 reflections (Discussion) Module 2 Mastery quiz LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW THANKSGIVING November 24-28	4-5 4-10
5	Application topics to scholarly interests	1, 2, 3, 4	Submit 3 articles for annotated bibliographies Part II from literature review	4-12
6	Application topics to scholarly interests	1, 2, 3	Literature Review and Synthesis Matrix Course Reflection	4-19
7 End 4-25	Course synthesis of concepts Evaluation and Summary		Literature Review and Synthesis Matrix discussion and RISE peer review	4-22 Wednesday

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