



**Independent Study
NURS 5199
Fall 2026**

Scheduled Class Days and Times: Online

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Course Description: Independent study in specific areas of nursing not covered by organized graduate courses. A maximum of six credit hours of independent study courses may be applied toward a graduate degree.

Prerequisites: Consent of program director

Student Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Demonstrate critical thinking and self-direction required as an informatics professional.
2. Write a business report of each project, including an executive summary.

Recommended Textbooks and Readings:

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

ISBN-13: 9781433832161

Note: Available to all UTT students for free at <https://stylemanual.apa.org/dashboard>.

Scroll to the bottom section "Open Athens" and select the University of Texas at Tyler from the drop-down menu. You will then be able to login with your UTT username and password. The e-book allows you to highlight and make bookmarks. There are even lessons available on how to do common tasks.

Other Textbooks/Materials

Depending on the selected experiential learning by each student. Do not order any books in this section until an individual competency plan has been developed:

Instructions will be found in Canvas and reviewed during the course orientation webinar.

Depending on student choices during the course, other resources may be required.

Other learning materials will be provided in the Canvas course.

Assignments and Weights/Percentage/Point Values

Criteria for Evaluation	Percentage of Grade
Practice Hours Reflection	100%
<u>87.5</u> practice hours completed successfully and approved through Exxat <i>Note: less than 87.5 practice hours are allowed only if the total number of practice hours completed between NURS 5389 and NURS 5199 total 200.</i>	Pass/Fail
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 complete the course successfully.

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

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For this course, AI is permitted for specific assignments or situations, as indicated by your course faculty. Appropriate acknowledgment of AI use is required. Learning how to use AI is an emerging skill, and we will work through the limitations of these evolving systems together. To uphold academic integrity and the spirit of scholarly pursuit, when you utilize any generative AI tools to help with the completion of an assignment, it must be properly documented (which tool was used and how it was used). For any assignment requiring [APA formatting and citation style](#) (or other approved style), use the appropriate Style Guide to cite and reference the use of the generative AI tool. Specific assignments may require additional details; see assignment instructions.

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

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- 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.

Graded Course Requirements Information:

The following is an overview of the major graded assignments.

In this class, students will complete 87.5 practice hours by demonstrating their competencies in quality, safety, and informatics.

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

Pass/Fail Course Requirements Information:

You are required to complete a minimum of **87.5** practice hours for this course. Less than 87.5 practice hours are allowed only if the total number of practice hours completed between NURS 5389 and NURS 5199 totals 200. Completion of 87.5 practice hours (or a total of 200 practice hours between NURS 5389 and NURS 5199) approved through Exxat are required to pass the course.

Important Course Dates:

Classes Begin: August 27, 2026

Census Date (withdraw without penalty): Sept 10, 2026

Last Date to Withdraw: November 2, 2026. Students, please notify your course faculty and contact your advisor.

Final Exam: N/A

Calendar of Topics, Readings, and Due Dates:

For weeks 1-13, you will self-pace through the various practice hour modules for Quality, Safety, and Informatics. You should manage your time and complete some assignments and practice hours every week. All practice hours and a reflection on practice hours must be completed by **December 6, 2026**.

School of Nursing Policies and Additional Information:

https://www.utt Tyler.edu/nursing/college/student_guide_and_policies.php

Student Resources and University Policies are provided in Canvas.