



**Population Health
NURS 3617 Summer 2026
Scheduled Class Days and Times: Thursday**

Tyler 12:00pm-2:45pm

Longview 9:00am-11:45am

Palestine 12:00pm-2:45pm

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Course Description: This course focuses on professional nursing care of at-risk populations. Emphasis is on environmental and demographic factors that influence health. A variety of clinical experiences will be used to apply caring, evidence-based, professional nursing care for persons at risk for or living with chronic conditions.

Prerequisites: NURS 3605 and NURS 3309

Student Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Professionalism: Demonstrate professional and ethical behavior in a multidisciplinary learning environment. (BSN Essential VIII)
2. Patient-centered care: Plan compassionate, comprehensive nursing care that reflects preferences and values of diverse populations. (BSN Essential IX)
3. Evidence-based practice (EBP): Identify multidisciplinary evidence-based research to care for individuals, families, and populations. (BSN Essential III)
4. Informatics & Technology: Examine the importance and use of informatics and technology to analyze public health care delivery systems to improve population health outcomes. (BSN Essential IV)
5. Quality Improvement: Analyze impact of quality improvement initiatives in healthcare policy, finance, and regulatory environments. (BSN Essential II)
6. Teamwork and Collaboration: Use effective communication skills within multidisciplinary teams to empower the patient to achieve positive health outcomes. (BSN Essential VI)

7. Wellness and Prevention: Reflect on the impact of the social determinants of health on diverse populations. Identify benefits of health, wellness, and preventive interventions in health policy at local, national, and global level. (BSN Essential VII)
8. Leadership: Examine community-based activities to promote ethical reasoning, advocacy, collaboration, and social justice. (BSN Essential I)
9. Safety: Apply appropriate safety measures to reduce patient and community risks. (DECS C, BSN Essentials II)
10. Strengths: Determine how strengths (signature talent themes) influence the role of the student nurse and clinical decision-making.

Required Textbooks and Readings:

ATI Engage will be utilized as the official textbook for the course.

Purchase ATI Products as outlined per course requirements.

Technical Resources:

Laptops are required for testing with ATI. Notebooks and tablets are not compatible for ATI products.

Artificial Intelligence In Course Work:

Refer to the UT Website for more details at uttyler.edu – digital learning AI. **Assignments**

and Weights/Percentage/Point Values

Population Health	NURS 3617
Lecture/Didactic: Criteria for Evaluation	Percentage of Grade
Weekly Quizzes	10%
ATI Proctored Assessment with 2 ATI Practice Assessments	10%
Exams (3- unit exams & 1 final exam weighted evenly)	80%
Lecture/Didactic Total:	100%

Clinical/Lab: Criteria for Evaluation	
Medication Calculation Exam (must score 100%)	Pass/Fail
EHR Tutor Clinical Assignment	Pass/Fail
Clinical Practicum/ Simulations & Evaluation	Pass/Fail
Clinical/Lab Total:	Must attain "Pass" on each clinical/lab criterion to successfully pass the course.

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 - 75-79
- D - 60-74
- F - Below 60

Successful completion of NURS 3617 requires satisfactory performance in both **didactic (classroom)** and **clinical** components. Students must meet all course objectives and expectations in each area.

Failure to meet expectations in either the classroom or clinical setting will result in failure of the course. Students who do not meet these requirements must repeat the entire course and will not be permitted to progress to the next level.

Required Competencies (Pass/Fail):

- Dosage Calculation Exam: 100% required
- Medication Administration Checkoff: 95% or higher required
- Head-to-Toe Assessment Checkoff: 95% or higher required
- Clinical Performance: Evaluated using the Clinical Evaluation Tool

Students must achieve a score of 100% on the Dosage Calculation Exam and 95% or higher on both the Medication Administration and Head-to-Toe Assessment checkoffs **before the start of hospital clinicals** in order to continue in the course.

Final course grades less than 75 are not rounded up.

The simple average of all exam grades, including a final, must first be at or above 75% in order to pass the course. Once the student has achieved a simple exam average of 75% or higher, course grades will be determined based on the weighted calculation of exams and other required course work.

Grade Appeals: 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 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 (excluding weekly quizzes) unless prior arrangements have been made with your course faculty. Weekly quizzes are open for one week and will not be re-opened once they are closed. 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 <https://www.uttyler.edu/current-students/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:

Unit Exams and Final Exam: Module I-III Exams covering course material will be given throughout the semester according to the course calendar. A comprehensive final exam will be given during final exam week according to the course calendar. Additional information will be provided in class (80% of your grade).

Quizzes: Custom weekly quizzes that correspond with the content being delivered in lecture. Additional information will be provided in class (10% of your grade).

ATI: Includes two practice exams and one proctored exam to be administered on campus. Additional information will be provided in class (10% of your grade).

Professionalism: Includes attendance, communication, student forms, in-class engagement, Netiquette, class norms, and other items as appropriate. Additional information will be provided in class (Professionalism is pass/fail).

Clinical Practicum: Includes individualized clinical placement for each student in congruence with meeting course objectives and student learning outcomes. Additional information about clinical placements will be provided in class (Clinical Practicum is pass/fail).

Important Course Dates:

Classes Begin: 05/11/2026

Census Date (withdraw without penalty): 05/26/2026

Last Date to Withdraw: 07/15/2026. Please contact your advisor to discuss withdrawing from the course and notify your course instructor.

Last day of class: 08/10/2026

Calendar of Topics, Readings, and Due Dates:

NURSING 3617 POPULATION HEALTH			
Class Meets on THURSDAYS – Exams will be held on WEDNESDAYS			
Textbook can be found online in ATI under “Engage Community and Public Health RN”			
Quizzes and ATI assessments are due by 1159pm			
WEEK	MODULE	TOPIC	QUIZZES & ASSIGNMENTS
1 05.10.26	I	<p>Course Orientation on 05.14.26</p> <p>Foundations of Community and Public Health Nursing (ENGAGE ATI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introduction to Community, Population, Public, and Global Health ➤ Historical Influences on Community and Public Health Nursing ➤ Principles in Community and Public Health Nursing 	Custom Quiz #1 due 05.14.26
2 05.17.26	I	<p>CLASS MEETING on 05.21.26</p> <p>Drivers of Health (ENGAGE ATI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Individual Influences ➤ Social Influences 	Custom Quiz #2 due 05.20.26 Student Forms due 05.20.26
CENSUS DATE 05.26.26			
3 05.24.26	I	<p>CLASS MEETING on 05.28.26</p> <p>Drivers of Health (ENGAGE ATI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Economic Influences ➤ Environmental Influences 	Custom Quiz #3 due 05.27.26
4 05.31.26	Module I EXAM	<p style="text-align: center;">Exam I on Wednesday, 06.03.26 ON CAMPUS</p> <p>CLASS MEETING on THURSDAY – 06.04.26</p>	EXAM on WEDNESDAY 06.03.26 CONCEPT/EXAM Review held on Thursday 06.04.26
5 06.07.26	Module II	<p>CLASS MEETING on 06.11.26</p> <p>Improving the Community’s Health (ENGAGE ATI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Health Education ➤ Emergency Preparedness and Management 	Custom Quiz #5 due 06.10.26
6 06.14.26	II	<p>CLASS MEETING on 06.18.26</p> <p>Using the Evidence (ENGAGE ATI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prevention and Control of Diseases and Illnesses <p>Improving the Community’s Health (ENGAGE ATI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community Program Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation 	ATI Community Health PRACTICE Assessment Opens 06.18.26 Custom Quiz #6 due 06.17.26

7 06.21.26	II	CLASS MEETING on 06.25.26 Using the Evidence (ENGAGE ATI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Evidence-Based Practice ➤ Epidemiology 	MIDTERM COURSE EVALUATION OPEN 06.25.26 ATI Community Health PRACTICE Assessment Closes 06.25.26 Custom Quiz #7 due 06.24.26
8 06.28.26	Module II EXAM	Exam II on Wednesday, 07.01.26 – ON CAMPUS CLASS MEETING on THURSDAY – 07.02.26	MIDTERM COURSE EVALUATION DUE 07.02.26 by MIDNIGHT EXAM on WEDNESDAY 07.01.26 CONCEPT/EXAM Review held on Thursday 07.02.26
9 07.05.26	Module III	CLASS MEETING on 07.09.26 Individual and Family Well-Being (ENGAGE ATI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Family ➤ Children ➤ Adults 	ATI Community Health PRACTICE Assessment Opens 07.09.26 Custom Quiz #9 due 07.08.26
10 07.12.26	III	CLASS MEETING on 07.16.26 Populations at Risk for Disruptions in Well-Being (ENGAGE ATI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ At-Risk and Vulnerable Populations and Related Effects on Health ➤ Violence and Abuse 	ATI Community Health PRACTICE Assessment Closes 07.16.26 Custom Quiz #10 due 07.15.26
LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW 07.15.26			
11 07.19.26	Module III EXAM	Exam III on Wednesday, 07.22.26 - ON CAMPUS CLASS MEETING on THURSDAY – 07.23.26	EXAM on WEDNESDAY 07.22.26 CONCEPT/EXAM Review held on Thursday 07.23.26
12 07.26.26	ATI EXAM	Proctored ATI Exam on THURSDAY – 07.30.26 ON CAMPUS DURING CLASS TIME	ATI PROCTORED HELD ON THURSDAY IN CLASSROOM
13 08.02.26	ATI EXAM	ATI RE-TAKE EXAMS on 08.05.26– ON CAMPUS CLASS MEETING on 08.06.26 Concept Review/Course Discussion	ATI PROCTORED REMEDIATION DUE 08.04.26 ATI RE-TAKES HELD ON WEDNESDAY FOR ALL LEVEL 2 COURSES
14 08.09.26	Comprehensive Final Exam	FINAL EXAM on Monday, 08.10.26 – ON CAMPUS	

School of Nursing Policies and Additional Information can be found at the website below.

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

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

This course has specific assignments where artificial intelligence (AI) tools (such as ChatGPT or Copilot) are permitted and encouraged. When AI use is permissible, it will be clearly stated in the assignment directions, and all use of AI must be appropriately acknowledged and cited. Otherwise, the default is that AI is not allowed during any stage of an assignment.