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2.0 Course Description

NURS 3611 – Medical Surgical Nursing I
Semester Credit Hours - 6 (3 Class/3 Clinical)
Prerequisites - All Level I courses.

This medical/surgical course introduces holistic nursing care of adults experiencing acute or chronic illness in selected structured settings.

NOTE: The following is an excerpt from the University's Honor Code that applies to ALL individuals who are associated with The University of Texas at Tyler:

**Honor and integrity...will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal,
nor to accept the actions of those who do.**

3.0 Course Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will:

1. Integrate knowledge from nursing and other scientific and humanistic disciplines as it relates to medical/surgical nursing.
2. Participate with the interdisciplinary health care team and assume accountability for providing safe and effective care to the adult population.
3. Integrate and evaluate research findings in the provision of evidence-based nursing care for the adult population.
4. Integrate technology and information systems to provide and improve safe, effective care to adult populations.
5. Discuss the impact of health care policy and the regulatory process on the provision of care for the adult population.
6. Collaborate with members of the interdisciplinary health care team to improve health outcomes and reflect human caring in adult patients.
7. Apply health promotion principles including maintenance, restoration, and disease prevention in the care of the adult population to reduce risks and improve health outcomes.
8. Demonstrate professional values that employ ethical, legal, and moral standards in caring for patients and their families with medical/surgical conditions.
9. Utilize skills and knowledge when applying the nursing process to diverse adult populations to provide safe, holistic, evidence-based care.

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4.0 Textbooks

Required: Retain all texts/software from Level 1 and pre-nursing courses

School of Nursing. (2017). The University of Texas at Tyler School of Nursing Guide for Baccalaureate Students. Retrieve from: <http://www.utt Tyler.edu/nursing/files/baccalaureate-student-guide.pdf>

Lewis, S. L., Heikemper, M. M., Bucher, L., & Harding, M. M., Kwong, J., & Roberts, D., (2017) *Medical-surgical Nursing: Assessment and Management of Clinical Problems* (10th ed.) St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Mosby. ISBN 978-0-323-32852-4

Lewis, G.L., (2017) *Elsevier Adaptive Quizzing for Medical- Surgical Nursing- Nursing Concepts*, (10th ed.) St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Mosby. ISBN **9780323555401 (For those wanting to purchase the EAQ access code separately)**

For students who are not going to purchase from the campus bookstore, have them go to the Evolve portal: <https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/product/9780323449519?role=student>

EHR Go (2 Year subscription) Please create your EHR Go account by going to: <https://ehrgo.com>. Select Subscribe in the upper, right corner and enter the following Undergrad Nursing Student Program key: S79N96. PLEASE follow the on-screen instructions to create your account and apply your subscription. Refer to this guide for more information. Please purchase the Two Year option for \$195

University of Texas at Tyler. (2017). *University General Policies applicable to all students*. Retrieve from: <http://www.utt Tyler.edu/academicaffairs/files/syllabuspolicy.pdf>

Applications/software are required or a recent (within the past 2 years) lab book, IV drug book, and drug reference book are acceptable.

Elsevier website: You are encouraged to make use of this website to access the latest information on the subject matter that we will be covering in class. <http://evolve.elsevier.com/Lewis/medsurg>

ATI website: You are encouraged to make use of this website to access study materials related to the subject matter that we will be covering in class. <http://www.atitesting.com/>

Recommended

ANA Foundation of Essentials of Nursing Practice Package includes: (*Purchased in Level I* PUB# FNDN2015)

Guide to Nursing's Social Policy Statement: Understanding the Profession from Social Contract to Social Covenant. (2015). Washington, D.C.: American Nurses Association. ISBN: 978-1-55810-615-4 PUB# 9781558106154

Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice (3rd Ed.) (2015). Silver Spring, MD: American Nurses Association. ISBN: 978-1-55810-619-2
PUB# 9781558106192

Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements (2015). Silver Spring, MD: American Nurses Association. ISBN: 978-1-55810-599-7 PUB# 9781558105997

5.0 University Policies

UT Tyler Honor Code

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

Students Rights and Responsibilities

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: <http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

Campus Carry

We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>

UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University

All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors.

Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products.

There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quit lines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies

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. (For SPRING, the Census Date is Jan 18) 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.

The Census Date (Jan 18) is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a "W" grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Disability/Accessibility Services:

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Texas at Tyler offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit <https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler> and fill out the New Student application. The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with Cynthia Lowery, Assistant Director Student Services/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.utt Tyler.edu/disabilityservices>, the SAR office located in the University Center, # 3150 or call 903.566.7079.

Student Absence due to Religious Observance

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

Student Standards of Academic Conduct

Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

1. "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:

- copying from another student's test paper;
- using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
- possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes". The presence of textbooks

constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;

- using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
 - collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
 - discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
 - divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
 - substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
 - paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;
 - falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
 - taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
 - Misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.
2. "Plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the submission of it as one's own academic work offered for credit.
 3. "Collusion" includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.
 4. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by Turn-it-in™, available on Canvas Revised 09/17

UT Tyler Resources for Students

- UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu
- UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu
- The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, this is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254)

6.0 Examinations/Assignments and Grading Policy

Completion of NURS3611 is based on satisfactory attainment of didactic and clinical criteria. Any student who fails to meet the course student learning outcomes and expectations in either the classroom or clinical area must repeat the entire courses and may not progress to the next level.

A. Grading Policy

The simple average of all exam grades, before weighted calculation is performed, must be 75% or above to pass the course. Grades will not be rounded when calculating the average (74.5 - 74.9 is not rounded to 75). Students with an exam average of 75% or higher will have course grades calculated based on the weighted calculation of the exams and other required course work.

Five Unit Exams:

Exams 1 & 2 (12% each)	24%
Exams 3, 4, 5 (10% each)	30%

Comprehensive Final Exam	16%
ATI Pharmacology Practice Quiz	5%
Participation	10%
Medication Mastery	Pass/Fail (Must be 90% or higher)
<i>Students are required to achieve a score of 90 or higher on the medication administration exam prior to the first clinical day. The student is permitted two (2) attempts for success on the exam. If the criteria are not met, the student must withdraw from the course for the semester. A grade of W will be posted on the student's transcript but will be recorded as a nursing course failure in the School of Nursing.</i>	

Clinical Careplan(s)	10%
Simulation Activities	5%
Clinical Mastery	Pass/Fail
Adaptive Quizzing	Pass/Fail
<i>Must have completed all Adaptive Quizzing assignments prior to taking the Final Exam.</i>	

Total	100%
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Letter grade is assigned according to the following scale:

A	90-100	D	60-74
B	80-89	F	60 and below
C	75-79		

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B. Paper/Assignment Re-grading Policy

Student assignments will not be re-graded. At the instructor's discretion, a draft may be written for review.

C. Examination and Examination Review Policy

- Attendance for exams is mandatory.
- If absence for an exam is necessary, the student is responsible for notifying the faculty prior to the exam with an acceptable reason.
- Students will be allowed entry to the classroom after an exam has been started **ONLY** with faculty discretion.
- Exams will be started at the scheduled time for starting and may differ from class time.
- All hats/caps, watches, earbuds/headphones must be removed during exam time. All personal items such as purses, books, backpacks, notebooks, and briefcases must be left in the front of the room during testing. Cell phones must be turned off and left at the front of the room with other personal items.**
- Silence will be strictly enforced during the exam time. In order to avoid distraction during the exam, no one will be permitted to leave the room during the exam.
- Make-up exams will only be given at the discretion of the faculty member and may be in a different format than the original exam.
- Calculators are available with the exam software. Students will not bring their own calculators, cell phones, or any communicating devices into an examination,
- Exam reviews will be available 10 minutes at the end of each exam through the exam soft before exiting the exam. Further exam reviews may be conducted at the discretion of the faculty. Test review may be scheduled with the faculty during office hours and within 10 school days from the posting of the exam grades.
- Any student achieving an examination grade less than 75% must schedule an appointment with the faculty within 10 school days from the return of the exam grades.

7.0 Academic Integrity

1. Students are expected to assume full responsibility for the content and integrity of all academic work submitted as homework and examinations.
2. Students are advised to review the UT Tyler Academic Dishonesty Policy and Academic Integrity Policy in the Current School of Nursing Student Handbook and Academic Integrity Policy for UT Tyler students at www.uttyler.edu; click on current students, then Vice-President for Student Affairs, then Student Guide for Conduct and Discipline at UT Tyler. These policies are fully endorsed and enforced by all faculty members within the School of Nursing.
3. Plagiarism, cheating, and collusion are unacceptable and if found violating any of these standards the student will be disciplined accordingly (See BSN/MSN Nursing Student Guide for definitions). *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 pervious semesters is considered self-plagiarism and is subject to academic discipline, including failing the assignment or the course.*
4. The School of Nursing reserves the right to dismiss students from the program for any infraction of a legal, moral, social, or safety nature, pursuant to the procedures detailed in the *Regent's Rules*.

8.0 General Expectations of Students in Medical Surgical Nursing I

8.1 Attendance

1. Attendance during lecture, clinical experiences and clinical conferences is a professional expectation and will be monitored by course faculty. Participation grade will be impacted by attendance. Refer to the university catalog for the policy regarding student attendance and possible student consequences. Unexcused absences will be grounds for clinical failure.
2. Students should read and understand the attendance statement in the current UT Tyler General Catalogue.
3. Students are responsible for all material discussed and all announcements made if they are absent.
4. Students must notify the instructor prior to any scheduled clinical or post clinical conference if an absence is necessary. When scheduled in the clinical agency, the students must contact the agency personnel at least one hour prior to the scheduled clinical time. If the student is going to be late, the student must notify the agency and indicate the approximate time of arrival.
5. The use of cellular phones and other technical devices for recreational uses (social media, retail, gaming, web surfing) during class and in the clinical setting is prohibited
6. **For further information, please see University Policies on syllabus page 7.**
7. **Non-emergent course and clinical absences:** Course and/or clinical absences (including international travel) MUST be approved by the faculty a minimum of 2 weeks in advance. Approval of any absences will be determined by availability of course/clinical make-up opportunities and determined by the course coordinator. If the student wishes to participate in a study abroad program and seeks clinical/course credit, the faculty must pre-approve objectives and number of clinical hours credited.
8. **To make up any activity in class or clinical requires approval of the faculty.** Medical excuse or appropriate documentation related to a funeral will need to be provided.

8.2 Student Dress Code for the University of Texas, School of Nursing

A. General

It is the philosophy of the School of Nursing that the student has a responsibility to be neatly groomed and modestly dressed. Appearances should promote good health, safety and general well-being of the student. Clothing should avoid brevity and/or design that are offensive to the dignity and rights of others. School officials have the right and responsibility to counsel with the student or take any other corrective action. Types of clothing (other than

those specified in this document) may be worn at the direction of the nursing instructor for special events.

B. Classroom

Casual or everyday business wear is recommended. This includes but is not limited to the following: Slacks or skirt; sweater, blouse, and shirt. Jeans as well as conservative shorts (mid-thigh or longer) may be worn but avoid overly frayed or soiled. Shoes must be worn. See items to be avoided below.

C. Professional Presentations, Ceremonies/ Graduation

Business or dressy day social: suit, dress, dressy separates, jacket, ties, nice fabrics. Dress shoes. Avoid denim, jeans, t-shirt or other casual clothes. For workshops/seminars attended by students, business attire will be worn.

D. Items to be Avoided in all School-related Functions (including but not limited to)

Overly frayed, worn or soiled garments. Costume look, transparent blouses, bare midriff shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, overtly sexual, gang colors or logos, facial or body piercing, obscene slogans or pictures, bedroom wear, short-shorts, short skirts, or clothing that may be offensive to others.

E. Laboratory

The school clinical laboratory setting is designed to simulate the health care clinical area. Students will wear school scrubs with name tag and UT Tyler school patch on the front left side unless otherwise indicated.

F. Pre or Post-clinical Experiences in the Health Care Setting

Students may be required to attend conferences or visit the clinical areas as part of their course requirements. Students should wear scrubs or lab coat with name tag and UTT school patch. The following items will be avoided in the clinical areas: jeans, shorts, sandals, jogging/athletic suits, t-shirts, ball-caps, etc.

G. Clinical Experience: When attending any clinical experience students are required to wear the adopted student uniform with name badge and school patch. Professional dress will be worn in appropriate clinical settings as directed by the clinical faculty with white lab coat, name badge and school patch (see items to avoid in clinical areas). Students are to remember that whenever they are visiting a clinical agency or any clinical site, they are a representative of UT Tyler and the School of Nursing and are expected to be professional in appearance and behavior at all times. Students will refrain from wearing student uniforms to non-UT Tyler related activities (restaurants, shopping, etc.)

When student uniforms are required for clinical experiences, as specified by the course, the following guidelines must be adhered to:

- a) School patch on the front left pocket area of lab coat, uniform top, or warm-up jacket.
- b) The UT Tyler name badge with photo will be worn in all clinical settings. Name tag must be worn above the waist, so name and title are clearly visible.
- c) White or neutral nylon hose are worn with dress/skirt; nylon hose, knee highs or white socks with pants. Socks must cover ankles.
- d) Clean, white clinical shoes or white leather athletic shoes should be worn, no canvas, mesh, or clogs (shoes may be mostly white and if stripes or logos are on shoes, these must be minimal and light colored). Shoes must be secured at heel with fixed back.
- e) Jewelry: wedding or engagement rings only; single stud earrings and only 1 in each lobe (no dangling or hoops); no rings or studs in the nose, tongue, lip or any other

- facial or body piercing (other body piercing must be covered or removed); no necklaces or bracelets (only Medic Alert). Students must have a watch with a second hand.
- f) Make-up, hair, and grooming should be conservative. Hair shoulder length or longer must be pulled neatly back in a ponytail or bun. Hair clips, bands, etc. shall be functional, not decorative (no bows). Mustaches and beards will be neatly groomed, clean and trimmed.
 - g) Tattoos must be covered and not visible.
 - h) Nails are to be clean and neatly trimmed to no more than fingertip length; no polish or artificial nails.
 - i) No perfume, after-shave or other strong scents since this causes nausea and /or difficulty in breathing for many patients.
 - j) Gum chewing is not allowed.
 - k) Any question concerning adherence to the dress code should be directed toward the clinical instructor.

In order to meet the variety of needs for warmth the following options for undershirts and/or jackets are permissible:

- l) No undershirt for females is required if uniform top neckline is such that complete modesty is maintained, no cleavage is to be showing.
- m) Sleeveless white round neck tank top.
- n) A short sleeve, round neck, royal blue or white top available through designated vendor.
- o) A 3/4 length sleeve, white top available through designated vendor.
- p) Men will wear a round neck white undershirt without visible logos or advertising. Short sleeves should not be visible hanging from under sleeve of uniform top.
- q) Long sleeve or turtleneck tops are not acceptable options.
- r) A royal blue, cotton jacket available through a designated vendor with the UT Tyler School of Nursing patch on the upper left pocket area, may be worn over the student's matching UT Tyler uniform.

Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in an unexcused clinical absence and/or negative clinical evaluation.

If the dress code rules are broken and a change of clothes is not available, the student may be removed from the school-related function for the remainder of the day. **Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken for repeated violations of this code.**

8.3 CPR/ Required Immunizations and TB

Students are responsible for providing proof of current CPR certification through the American Heart Association, required immunizations, and current TB screening prior to beginning clinical experiences. Beginning Fall 2017, all students must have all requirements completed in the Castlebranch system before they attend clinical. Failure to produce documentation of met requirements will result in a missed clinical day.

8.4 Clinical Injuries

Hospital and other health facilities **do not cover** any medical expenses as a result of accident or injury; thus, each student is responsible for any medical or hospitalization charges that occur.

8.5 Working Prior to Clinical

Students working the shift prior to the assigned clinical experience are at high risk for unsafe clinical practice.

8.6 Lecture

1. Lecture materials will be posted on Canvas at least two working days prior to class.
2. The clinical portion of the course syllabus, handouts, and any other required course materials will be placed on Canvas.
3. All submitted written material (papers, assignments, examinations, etc.) are the property of the School of Nursing. They will be maintained in an archived file in the School of Nursing.
4. All nursing students are required to use their student patriot email accounts for all course correspondence. (FO: 2/03)

8.7 Student Affirmation and Social Networking Forms

1. Each line of affirmation form must be checked.
2. The form must be electronically signed and dated for each course every semester.
3. Affirmation and social networking forms are located on Canvas and are to be submitted electronically on Canvas.

8.8 Faculty Response to Student Questions: Contacts made after 5PM, including email correspondence, will not be addressed until AT LEAST the following working day.

II. CLASSROOM COMPONENT

Handouts/outlines and any other required course materials will be placed on Canvas.

9.0 Unit Student Learning Outcomes

Week 1	NURSING CARE OF THE PERIOPERATIVE, POSTOPERATIVE PATIENT
Week 2	NURSING CARE OF PATIENTS WITH ONCOLOGY
Week 3	NURSING CARE OF PATIENTS WITH HEMATOLOGY DISORDERS
Week 4	NURSING CARE OF THE PATIENT WITH UPPER RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS
Week 5	NURSING CARE OF THE PATIENT WITH LOWER RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS
Week 6	NURSING CARE OF THE PATIENT WITH OBSTRUCTIVE RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS
Week 7	NURSING CARE OF THE PATIENT WITH HYPERTENSION
Week 8	NURSING CARE OF THE PATIENT WITH HEART FAILURE AND PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASES
Week 9	NURSING CARE OF THE PATIENT WITH DIABETES MELLITUS
Week 10	NURSING CARE OF PATIENTS WITH RENAL DISORDERS
Week 11	NURSING CARE OF THE PATIENT WITH UPPER GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISORDERS
Week 12	NURSING CARE OF THE PATIENT WITH LOWER GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISORDERS
Week 13	NURSING CARE OF PATIENTS WITH REPRODUCTIVE DISORDERS

Complete on Course Canvas as Assignment

Social Networking Policy

Online social networking mediums, such as Facebook® and MySpace®, etc. may be effective modalities for students to connect in positive ways. However, students must be aware of, and, sensitive to, the information and pictures they post (of themselves and others).

The **purpose** of this policy is to outline the privacy and confidentiality issues related to students' postings to ensure safeguarding of The University of Texas at Tyler (U.T. Tyler), School of Nursing's identity, integrity and overall reputation, in an effort to prevent violations of confidentiality and privacy.

Social Networking (definition) – Any activity that involves interaction with other individuals/users in an online environment, *i.e.*, Facebook®, Twitter®, MySpace®, Flickr®, Friendstar®, Classmates.com®, LinkedIn®, Xanga®, Bebo®, etc. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_social_networking_websites). In addition, the use of other electronic devices to record pictures, images, and other information or data that may be stored, reviewed, or shared with others either immediately or at a future date are considered social networking.

For purposes of this policy, this interaction includes, but is not limited to, browsing other users' profiles/personalized web pages, browsing other users' photos, reading messages sent through social networking forums, and engaging in online messaging services, such as instant messaging or email that is in any way related to U.T. Tyler or the School of Nursing or activities conducted while in attendance at the University. The following provides guidance as to what type of behavior is inappropriate relative to online social networking. These guidelines are not all inclusive; rather, they are intended to be used as a foundation for sound decision making.

Students are encouraged to refer to the following which was prepared by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN): *Professional Boundaries: A Nurse's Guide to the Importance of Professional Boundaries*, located at:

https://www.ncsbn.org/Professional_Boundaries_2007_Web.pdf

Confidentiality and Privacy

Violations of confidentiality include but are not limited to:

1. Photocopying patient documents, removing patient documents from the clinical site, and postings of patient information on Internet social networking sites (Facebook®, MySpace®, Twitter®, YouTube®, etc.) as well as online blogs and journals.
2. Contacting patients/patients’ family members through a social networking system.
3. Photographing in any clinical setting. Taking and/or posting any picture taken within a clinical facility without written permission of the facility or patient (even if the patient’s identity is not disclosed) is a breach of the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act* (HIPPA).
4. Discussing/posting any patient information related to the clinical facility one is assigned on Internet social networking sites or in a public place.
5. Social networking, texting, email, and other recreational computer use is prohibited during class or clinical time.
6. Using U.T. Tyler, School of Nursing’s name, logo, or other information in one’s personal social networking profile. Pictures of oneself should not be posted wearing U.T. Tyler nursing attire. Social networking mediums, blogs, Twitter® and Internet/electronic mail, all are considered public domain.

Failure to comply with the above guidelines will result in disciplinary action which can include dismissal from the program. Any student found in violation of the above mentioned policies and/or any policies related to conduct unbecoming a University of Texas at Tyler student, is subject to procedural disciplinary action as outlined in the U.T. Tyler Manual of Policies and Procedures for Student Affairs: Specifically Sec 8-801 and 8-804:

<http://www2.uttyler.edu/mopp/documents/MOPPChapter8StudentConductandDiscipline-updated011411.pdf>

Student Name

Signature Date

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