

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER  
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

**NURS 3205  
All Sections**

**CONCEPTS of PROFESSIONAL NURSING  
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according to current learning needs

## **NURS 3205 (WEB) – Concepts of Professional Nursing**

### **SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS**

Two (2) hours didactic

### **PREREQUISITES**

College of Nursing advisor approval.

### **1.1 COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course introduces the discipline of nursing based on a liberal education in the arts and sciences. Emphasis is on the development of professional identity through exploration of the major concepts of nursing.

### **1.2 COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon successful completion of the course, students will:

1. Discuss the historical foundations of nursing pertaining to the evolution of nursing as a profession.
2. Discuss how the core values of professional nursing impact contemporary nursing practice.
3. Discuss the interactions of knowledge and caring on the development of professional nursing practice.
4. Develop modern approaches for the development of professional nursing knowledge and attitudes.
5. Comprehend how health policy and political action influence nursing practice.
6. Discuss ethical and legal foundations of nursing in the development of professionalism.
7. Differentiate between how nurses use health promotion and disease prevention to guide client outcomes.
8. Understand the basics of the Institutes of Medicines' (IOM) five core competencies for professional nurses.
9. Describe how the professional nurse functions in each IOM competency.
10. Describe the transformation of professional nursing practice through leadership.

### **1.3 REQUIRED TEXT**

Finkelman, A., & Kenner, C. (2016). *Professional nursing concepts: Competencies for quality*

*leadership*. (3<sup>rd</sup> ed). Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett Learning. (ISBN: 978-1-284-06776-7)

**Students may purchase a used text.**

**1.4 GRADING POLICY**

Completion of NURS 3205 is based on satisfactory attainment of all course criteria. Any student failing to meet the course objectives and expectations will not be considered for admission to the nursing program.

<b>Assignments</b>	<b>Points</b>
Weekly Electronic Reflective Journals (ERJ) (10@2pts.)	20
Quizzes (6 @ 5 pts. each)	30
Team Assignments (3 @ 12pts. each)	36
Discussion Board #1	4
Discussion Board #2 Ethics	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100 points</b>

**Grading Policy \*\*\*\*Students must attain at least 75 Points to pass this course\*\*\*\*.**

1. Grades will not be rounded when calculating the final grade (74.5-74.9 is not rounded to 75).
2. The final course grade will be calculated based on the assignments and assigned points.
3. Letter grades will be assigned according to the following scale:
  - A 90 -100
  - B 80-89
  - C 75-79
  - D 60-74
  - F 60 and below