Holistic Health Assessment  
NURS 3308.060, Concurrent ADN-BSN  
Spring 2023  

Scheduled Class Days and Times:  
Online; synchronous Zoom sessions are required and will be announced

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Course Description: This course focuses on patient assessment across the lifespan, including health history and physical assessment. Cultural perspectives, diversity, belief systems, and holistic healthcare are addressed.

Prerequisites: Admission to the Concurrent ADN-BSN Program.

Corequisites: Concurrent enrollment in an approved ADN Program.

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

1. **Professionalism**: Demonstrate behaviors that reflect professional values, empathy, and the concept of caring in developing nurse/patient relationships. Integrate knowledge of legal, ethical, and professional values and standards in the assessment and nursing care of clients and their families in a variety of settings and levels of wellness and illness.

2. **Patient-Centered Care**: Demonstrate increasing skill in the assessment of clients across the life span, understanding normal and abnormal variations of findings while recognizing clients and their families as unique individuals with varied preferences, values, and needs.

3. **Evidence-Based Practice (EBP)**: Utilize and apply evidence-based practice to health assessment techniques and approaches across the life span.

4. **Informatics & Technology**: Utilize technology and information systems to facilitate, document, and improve patient assessment.

5. **Quality Improvement**: Identify a systematic approach to obtain positive outcomes
through quality improvement based on health assessment findings.

6. **Teamwork & Collaboration:** Recognize the importance of teamwork and inter/intra-professional collaboration and communication in shared decision making towards quality patient care as it relates to health assessment.

7. **Wellness & Prevention:** Integrate wellness and health promotion, health maintenance, health restoration, and disease prevention to promote healthy outcomes in a variety of communities and populations.

8. **Leadership:** Identify the roles of the nurse as leader in regard to advocacy, education, and health team member as it relates to holistic health assessment.

9. **Safety:** Demonstrate the importance of promoting quality and safe environments for patients, others, and self, based on holistic health assessment findings.

10. **Strengths:** Determine how Strengths (signature talent themes) influences the role of the student nurse and clinical decision-making.

**Required Textbooks and Readings:**

- You may use the Health Assessment Text from your ADN program as a resource (most assignment/readings will be from ATI, see below).

**Recommended Textbooks and Readings:**


**Additional Required Supplies**

- Manual BP Cuff, stethoscope, pulse oximeter, penlight, computer, & white t-shirt

**Special Course Notes:**

- Proctoring Notice: All Unit Exams will be taken via Canvas through ProctorU Live. This service will NOT be an additional cost to you but you MUST schedule the exam through ProctorU 72 hours in advance of your exam time. You will be given information about obtaining a ProctorU account through UT Tyler.
  
  * Please note: there are equipment and internet requirements for ProctorU because it is a live proctoring service. These requirements cannot be waived. Please plan in advance to ensure you have the required setup for the exam. If your home internet or computer equipment does not meet specifications, you may have to test at your home school.

- This class will meet for synchronous Zoom sessions on Fridays at 2pm **most weeks**. Please see your course calendar for specifics.
This course requires you to use ATI HealthAssess 2.0, an external resource, for content readings and assignments. Your ATI access is included in your course fees and you will be given access information in class during the first week. *Note: if your ADN program also uses ATI, please note that you must utilize your UT Tyler account for all homework.

Assignments and Weights/Percentage/Point Values

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*There will be no opportunities for extra credit, re-graded assignments, or points added at the end of the term to boost scores. Please follow assignment directions carefully and be mindful of the weights for each graded category. Due dates are firm.

Clinical & Lecture Credit Hours

- Holistic Health Assessment includes one lecture credit hour per week. Lecture content may include Zoom sessions, online ATI Health Assess 2.0 assignments, lecture videos, and other content found in your Canvas course.
- Additionally, 75 clinical hours are required for the completion of this 14-week course. These will be completed virtually, via assignment completion, or through uploaded skills verification videos.
- Please see Attendance and Make-Up Policy.

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

- The simple average of all exam grades must first be at or above 75% 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.

- Final course grades less than 75 are not rounded up.
- Student must achieve 90% or above on Midterm Head-to-Toe Assessment to pass the checkoff. 89% or below on Midterm Head-to-Toe Assessment results in a Success Plan and mandatory remediation.
- **Student must achieve 90% or above on Final Head-to-Toe Assessment in order to pass the course.**

**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.uttoyler.edu/mopp/](https://www.uttoyler.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:** Five points will be deducted each day that an assignment is past due, and all work submitted more than 3 days after the due date will receive a grade of 0. **However, all assignments must be completed and turned in for successful completion of the course (assignments count toward the lecture and clinical hour calculation).** Extenuating circumstances may apply at the discretion of course faculty.

**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 class/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 [http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar](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.

**Graded Course Requirements Information:**

- **Participation:** this includes interacting during Zoom class sessions *with camera on*, completing the required forms on Canvas, and quality participation in assignments.
- **Various Learning activities:** these assignments are created to guide your learning and build your knowledge base of Holistic Health Assessment. They will include ATI focused assessments, weekly BP/VS practice sheets, ATI simulation, discussion boards, and other activities.
- **Exams:** there will be 3 exams to test your knowledge of health assessment. *Exams will be given online through Canvas and proctored via ProctorU Live* as described above.
- **Head to Toe assessment:** The head-to-toe assessment is the mastery skill for this course. *See minimum grade requirements above.*
- **Health History:** You will be doing a complete health history on a client of your choice (this can be a family member or older adult who has health problems).

**Important Course Dates:**

- **14-week Classes Begin:** January 9, 2023
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday:** January 16, 2023
- **Census Date (withdraw without penalty):** January 20, 2023
- **Spring Break:** March 13 – 18, 2023
- **Last Date to Withdraw:** March 20, 2023
- **For forms from Office of the Registrar:** [https://www.uttyler.edu/registrar/forms/](https://www.uttyler.edu/registrar/forms/)
- **Final Exam Date:** n/a in this course
### Calendar of Topics, Readings, and Due Dates:

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**End of 14-week Classes: April 22, 2023**
UT Tyler School of Nursing Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Statement

The University of Texas at Tyler School of Nursing aspires to create, foster, and sustain a culture of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion irrespective of one's identity. We value and embrace all backgrounds, experiences, and identities, realizing that no one group, person or perspective has all the answers. We are richer when our individual skills, knowledge, experiences, cultures, backgrounds, and identities are combined in an accepting community. We strive to ensure that every individual gets a fair and equal chance to participate and thrive in a nurturing environment where all feel a sense of belonging. We are committed to intentionally and deliberately creating a diverse community that instills a sense of equitable justice and belonging for everyone affiliated with our school.

School of Nursing Policies and Additional Information:
https://www.uttyler.edu/nursing/college/student_guide_and_policies.php

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