THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AT ARLINGTON
SCHOOL OF NURSING

N6390 - 016
Special Topics: Statistics for Health Care

SYLLABUS

Summer 2012
Classroom #: Pickard Hall 216

The University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing
PhD Program

N6390-016 (3 credit Hours, 33 clock hours)
Summer 2012
Wednesdays 4:00 to 7:00pm
Pickard Hall, Room # 216

INSTRUCTOR:

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COURSE WEB SITE OR WORLD WIDE WEB SITE:

All course handouts are available for download on Blackboard.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

Introductory statistics course.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS & MATERIALS:

None – handouts are the primary reading material

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1. Zar, J.H. (1999). *Biostatistical Analysis, 4th ed.* Upper Saddle River: Prentice-Hall.
2. Green, S.B., & Salkind, N.J. (2004). Using SPSS for Windows and Macintosh: Analyzing and Understanding Data (4th Edition): Prentice-Hall.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides students with the basic knowledge and skills to effectively use biostatistics in different research design and data analysis, and to understand articles in related professional journals. Topics include choosing correct statistical methods and study designs in nursing research and practice; descriptive statistics; probability and probability distributions; estimation and hypothesis testing, simple linear regression, introduction to analysis of variance and an introduction to the use of statistical software packages.

COURSE LEARNING GOALS/OUTCOME OBJECTIVES:

1. Identify different types and scales of measurement for health-related variables (i.e., nominal, ordinal, ranked, discrete, and continuous data).

2. Summarize health data using standard descriptive statistical methods including measures of central tendency and variation (dispersion), and grouped data procedures by using selected software.

3. Recognize the applications of descriptive statistical methods in nursing research.

4. Identify and apply the measures of disease frequency, commonly used in medicine and nursing, including counts, ratios, proportions,

and rates.

5. Apply basic concepts of probability and conditional probability used in hypothesis testing, evaluation of screening and diagnostic procedures, and measures of association used in nursing, medicine, and other health sciences.

6. Identify the concepts of Type I and Type II errors to the application of clinical research.

7. Calculate the confidence intervals for measures of disease frequency and association.

8. Select and apply the statistical tests needed to assess the significance of mean differences when two or more means are compared for paired and independent samples by using selected software.

9. Select and apply the statistical test needed to assess the significance of the difference of two proportions for paired and independent samples by using selected software.

10. Apply the statistical procedures of simple linear regression and correlation to analyze the relationship of two continuous variables by using selected software.

11. Calculate contingency tables and chi-square statistics to determine differences in proportions of responses.

ATTENDANCE AND DROP POLICY:

- Regular class attendance and participation is expected of all students.
- Students are responsible for all missed course information.

A PhD student who wishes to change a schedule by either dropping or adding a course must first consult with his or her PhD Advisor. The following regulations pertain to adds and drops:

1. A student may not add a course after the end of the late registration.
2. A PhD student dropping a course or resigning from the university after the Census Date but before the final designated drop date for the enrolled semester will receive a grade of W only if at the time of dropping the student is passing the course (has a grade of A, B, or C); if the student has a D or F at the time of dropping, an F will be recorded. Students dropping a course must: (1) Complete a Course Drop Form (available online http://www.uta.edu/nursing/PhD/forms/ or PhD Office Room 512; (2) obtain faculty signature and current course grade; and (3) Submit the form to PhD Office Room 512.
3. A PhD student who desires to drop all courses for which he or she is enrolled is reminded that such action constitutes a withdrawal from the University. The student should indicate intention to withdraw from all courses by: (1) Completing a Resignation Form (available online http://www.uta.edu/nursing/PhD/forms/ or PhD Office Room 512; (2) Obtaining faculty signature for each course enrolled and

current course grade; (3) Filing the registration form in the School of Nursing Office Room 512; and (4) Filing the Registration Form in the Office of the Registrar in Davis Hall Room 333.

4. PhD students may drop a course up to 12 weeks in the fall or spring semester and up to 8 weeks in a 10-week summer session. Under extreme circumstances, the Dean or Associate Dean of the PhD in Nursing Program may consider a petition to withdraw after the designated drop date, but in no case may a PhD student selectively drop a course after the drop date and remain enrolled in any other course.

Last Date Drop or Withdraw: July 19, 2012

TENTATIVE LECTURE/TOPIC SCHEDULE (COURSE CONTENT):

Review of Statistical Concepts Handout 1 Frequency Distributions, Measures of Central Tendency Measures of Variation and The Normal Curve Handout 2	June 6
The Normal Curve, continued Handout 2 Measurement Theory and Scales of Measurement Handout 3 Hypothesis Testing, Type I and II Errors Handout 4	June 13 HW 1 due
Correlation: Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient Handouts 5 and 6 Review for Midterm Exam	June 20 HW 2 & 3 due
MID-TERM EXAM	**June 27** **HW 4 due**
JULY 4 HOLIDAY: NO CLASS	
Linear Regression Handout 7 Sampling and Estimation Handout 8	July 11
T-tests: Independent and Paired Samples Handouts 9 and 10	July 18 HW 5 and 6 due

	ANOVA Handout 11	July 25 HW 7 due
	Chi Square and Contingency Tables Handout 12 Review for Final Exam	August 1 HW 8 due
	FINAL EXAM	**August 8** HW 9 due

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS:

This course requires the completion of 2 exams and 9 homework assignments. Homework will be assigned regularly to help students apply the lecture topic. Most assignments will require both pen/pencil/calculator as well as a computer with a statistical software package such as SPSS. SPSS is available in Pickard Hall 216. **Accompany all Homework Assignments with "Homework Summary Sheet" provided on the handout website.**

Homework is due on the date indicated on the schedule, in class (no electronic submissions). Homework turned in after the due date will not be counted, unless you obtain written permission from the instructor.

HW 1: Create frequency distributions and report measures of central tendency for sample data set: pencil/paper + SPSS
HW2: Compute SD and variance for sample data set: pencil/paper + SPSS
HW3: Z-score questions: pencil/paper only.
HW4: Compute Pearson correlations on sample data set: pencil/paper + SPSS
HW5: Compute regression coefficients on sample regression model: pencil/paper + SPSS
HW6: Estimation and confidence interval problems: pencil/paper only.
HW7: Compute independent-samples and paired-samples t-tests: pencil/paper + SPSS
HW8: Compute ANOVA with sample data set: pencil/paper + SPSS
HW9: Compute chi-square values with sample data set: pencil/paper + SPSS

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

This course requires the completion of all homework (above), and the completion of the midterm and final examinations.

TEACHING METHODS/STRATEGIES:

This course involves the applications of statistical formulas and concepts using both pencil/paper problem solving as well as using computer applications. The course materials are presented audio-visually and active participation from all class members is expected.

GRADE CALCULATION (COURSE EVALUATION & FINAL GRADING):

	% of Final Grade
Homework Assignments:	1/3
Midterm Exam:	1/3
Final Exam:	1/3

Students with a final grade of 91 to 100 will receive an 'A'
Students with a final grade of 81 to 90 will receive a 'B'
Students with a final grade of 71 to 80 will receive an 'C'
A final grade of <71% constitutes failure.

STATUS OF RN LICENSURE:

All graduate nursing students must have an unencumbered license as designated by the Board of Nursing (BON). It is imperative that any student whose license becomes encumbered by the BON must immediately notify the Associate Dean for the PhD Program, Dr. Jennifer Gray. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the PhD Program. The complete policy about encumbered RN license is available online at: http://www.uta.edu/nursing/PhD/forms/

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

You signed a Confidentiality Form in orientation and were provided a copy of the form. Please take your copy of this Confidentiality Form with you to your clinical sites. Please do not sign other agency confidentiality forms. Contact your faculty if the agency requires you to sign their confidentiality form.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:

The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 93112 -- The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of new federal legislation entitled Americans With Disabilities Act - (ADA), pursuant to section 504 of The Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens.

As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility primarily rests with informing faculty of their need for accommodation and in providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels. Information regarding specific diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability. Also, you may visit the Office for Students with Disabilities in room 102 of University Hall or call them at (817)

272-3364.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The University of Texas at Arlington supports a variety of student success programs to help you connect with the University and achieve academic success. They include learning assistance, developmental education, advising and mentoring, admission and transition, and federally funded programs. Students requiring assistance academically, personally, or socially should contact the Office of Student Success Programs at 817-272-6107 for more information and appropriate referrals.

STUDENT CODE OF ETHICS

The University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing supports the Student Code of Ethics Policy. Students are responsible for knowing and complying with the Code. The Code can be found in the Student Handbook online: http://www.uta.edu/nursing/hbk/toc.htm

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University.

"Scholastic dishonesty includes but is 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." (Regents' Rules and Regulations, Series 50101, Section 2.2)

PLAGIARISM:

Copying another student's paper or any portion of it is plagiarism. Additionally, copying a portion of published material (e.g., books or journals) without adequately documenting the source is plagiarism. If five or more words in sequence are taken from a source, those words must be placed in quotes and the source referenced with author's name, date of publication, and page number of publication. If the author's ideas are rephrased, by transposing words or expressing the same idea using different words, the idea must be attributed to the author by proper referencing, giving the author's name and date of publication. If a single author's ideas are discussed in more than one paragraph, the author must be referenced at the end of each paragraph. Authors whose words or ideas have been used in the preparation of a paper must be listed in the references cited at the end of the paper. Students are encouraged to review the plagiarism module from the UT Arlington Central Library via http://library.uta.edu/tutorials/Plagiarism

BOMB THREATS:

If anyone is tempted to call in a bomb threat, be aware that UTA will

attempt to trace the phone call and prosecute all responsible parties. Every effort will be made to avoid cancellation of presentations/tests caused by bomb threats. Unannounced alternate sites will be available for these classes. Your instructor will make you aware of alternate class sites in the event that your classroom is not available.

E-CULTURE POLICY:

The University of Texas at Arlington has adopted the University email address as an official means of communication with students. Through the use of email, UT-Arlington is able to provide students with relevant and timely information, designed to facilitate student success. In particular, important information concerning department requirements, registration, financial aid and scholarships, payment of bills, and graduation may be sent to students through email. All students are assigned an email account and information about activating and using it is available at www.uta.edu/email. Students are responsible for checking their email regularly.

NO GIFT POLICY:

In accordance with Regent Rules and Regulations and the UTA Standards of Conduct, the School of Nursing has a "no gift" policy. A donation to one of the UTA School of Nursing Scholarship Funds, found at the following link: Nursing Scholarship List would be an appropriate way to recognize a faculty member's contribution to your learning. For information regarding Scholarship Funds, please contact the Dean's office.

PhD COURSE SUPPORT STAFF:

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(817) 272-7429
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Research Information on Nursing:
http://www.uta.edu/library/research/rt-nursing.html

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

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The University of Texas at Arlington
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PHD IN NURSING WEBSITES

Description	Website
University of Texas Home Page	http://www.uta.edu
Graduate Catalog & Faculty	http://www.uta.edu/gradcatalog/nursing
PhD in Nursing Programs	http://www.uta.edu/nursing/PhD/program.php
PhD Nursing Courses & **Syllabi**	http://www.uta.edu/nursing/PhD/course_descriptions.php
Faculty and Staff Email Contacts and Biosketches	http://www.uta.edu/nursing/faculty.php
♦ Graduate Forms ♦ Student Confidentiality Statement ♦ Liability Policy ♦ Health Insurance Verification Form ♦ Traineeship Statement Forms	http://www.uta.edu/nursing/PhD/forms/
Criminal Background Check (Group One)	http://www.dfwhc.org/GroupOne/
Instructions for E-Reserves	http://www.uta.edu/library/ Select under Library Catalogs (UTA Library Catalogs) Select Course Reserves Look for Instructor's Name Click Search Select Article Password is course abbreviation and course number. ALL CAPS no spaces (ex. NURS5340).

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