



## Syllabus

### THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH INNOVATION RN to BSN ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

#### **N3300: Cooperative Nursing Work Experience**

##### **Course Description**

The focus of this course is on the development of professional knowledge skills and behaviors associated with the role of the BSN-prepared nurse. This course is designed for RN to BSN students to integrate classroom study with career-related practical experience in the workplace.

Registered nurse students only.

##### **Credit Hours and Clock Hours**

Credit hours (3-0)

##### **Course Instructor**

Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Mancini, RN, PhD, NE-BC, FAHA, ANEF, FAAN  
Associate Dean and Chair, Undergraduate Nursing Programs  
Baylor Professor for Health Care Research

##### **Required Textbooks**

None

##### **Supplemental/Optional Textbooks**

American Psychological Association. (2009). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association*. (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.

##### **Course Outcomes**

Course Performance Outcomes <i>At the end of this course, the student should be able to:</i>	Performance Measurement
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<b>1. Practice skills and apply theory learned in the classroom.</b>	Practice assignments, Discussions, Essay
<b>2. Integrate work experience into total education.</b>	Practice assignments, Discussions, Essay
<b>3. Function as a member of the employer's healthcare team.</b>	Practice assignments, Discussions, Essay
<b>4. Participate in personal and professional learning.</b>	Practice assignments, Discussions, Essay

### **Topics:**

Evidence-Based Practice

Professionalism

Team Dynamics

Self-Directed Learning

### **Teaching Methods**

Self-directed learning

Reflective journaling

Written assignments

Discussion boards

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**Grading Criteria** This course is graded Pass/Fail.

Successful completion of the course requires logging a minimum 120 clinical hours and submitting the required evaluation and hours verification form, completion of weekly assignments, submission of a final essay, and active participation in online discussions.

All participation will be electronically monitored.

### **Evaluation**

<b>Required Components for Course Credit</b>	<b>Weight</b>
<b>Completion of a minimum of 120 clinical hours and submission of supervisor's evaluation and work hours verification form.</b>	Required To Pass
<b>Required Assignments</b>	10%

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<b>Weekly Journal (5)</b>	40%
<b>Final Essay</b>	40%
<b>Participation (Discussions &amp; Student Evaluation)</b>	10%

## Course Planning Calendar

All due dates reflect an 2359 time deadline.					
	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5
M	<b>Class starts –</b> Work on content materials  <b>Make appointment to meet with supervisor this week.</b>	Work on content materials	Work on content materials	Work on content materials	Work on content materials  <b>Make appointment to meet with supervisor this week for debriefing and to complete Hours Verification Form.</b>
Tu	Work on content materials	Work on content materials	Work on content materials	Work on content materials	<b>*Supervisor Evaluation is due by 2359 CT</b>
W	Work on content materials  Submit Attestation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion 1 Post - Nursing Practice</li> <li>• Discussion 2 Post – Resume</li> </ul> (Find article on EBP if you have not done so.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion 3 Post – EBP Example</li> <li>• Discussion 4 Post – EBP Article</li> </ul> (Find article on professionalism if you have not done so.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion 5 Post – Professionalism Example</li> <li>• Discussion 6 Post – Professionalism Article</li> </ul> (Find article on team dynamics if you have not done so.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion 7 Post – Team Dynamics Example</li> <li>• Discussion 8 Post – Team Dynamics Article</li> </ul>
Th	Work on content materials	Work on content materials	Work on content materials	Work on content materials	Work on content materials
F	Work on content materials	Work on content materials	Work on content materials	Work on content materials	Work on content materials
Sa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assignment 1 – Goals, Job Description, and Supervisor Information</li> <li>• Assignment – Co-Op Log/Journal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion 1 Replies – Nursing Practice</li> <li>• Discussion 2 Replies - Resume</li> <li>• Assignment – Co-Op Log/Journal</li> <li>• Assignment - Resume</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion 3 Replies – EBP Example</li> <li>• Discussion 4 Replies - EBP Articles</li> <li>• Assignment – Co-Op Log/Journal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion 5 Replies – Professionalism Example</li> <li>• Discussion 6 Replies - Professionalism Articles</li> <li>• Assignment – Co-Op Log/Journal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion 7 Replies – Team Dynamics Example</li> <li>• Discussion 8 Replies - Team Dynamics Articles</li> <li>• Assignment – Co-Op Log/Journal</li> <li>• Assignment – Essay Assignment – Student Evaluation</li> </ul> <b>*Supervisor Evaluation is due by 2359 CT</b>
Su	Work on content materials				

## **Student Evaluation of Teaching**

At the end of the course, you will be asked to complete an evaluation form of the course content and the faculty's effectiveness.

## **Faculty's Philosophy and Responsibilities**

Education is a journey, not a destination. Learning is a life-long activity. My role is to facilitate your learning and help you to become a self-directed, life-long learner capable of maintaining your own knowledge and skill set over time.

## **Student Responsibilities**

The student is responsible for reading assigned materials, viewing the lecture videos, participating in the course discussions, completing assigned work, and reviewing other materials as necessary to support comprehension of course content. Students are responsible for all material provided online, including lecture notes, announcements, and material that results from group discussions. Students are responsible for communicating needs/concerns to their Academic Coach. As necessary, the Academic Coach will communicate with the course faculty member.

Students are expected to participate in the online discussions and students' comments/responses should reflect academic preparation. All written presentations should follow APA format guidelines, using correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

## **Library Information**

Peace Williamson, Nursing Librarian  
Email: [peace@uta.edu](mailto:peace@uta.edu)

Research information on Nursing: <http://www.uta.edu/library/research/rt-nursing.html>

## **UTA INFORMATION**

### **Student Code of Ethics**

The University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing and Health Innovation supports the Student Code of Ethics Policy. Students are responsible for knowing and complying with the Code. The Code can be found in the UTACON Student Handbook.

### **Academic Integrity**

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) For additional information please refer to the UTACON Student Handbook.

### **Statement for Americans with Disabilities Act**

The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter

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of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 92-112 - The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of 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 accommodation”** to students with disabilities so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. All lecture videos are provided in the Resources section of the course with ADA accommodations. Student responsibility primarily rests with **informing your Academic Coach or faculty at the beginning of the course and in providing authorized documentation**. Information regarding specific diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining academic accommodations can be found at **[www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability)**.

### **Online Conduct**

The discussion opportunities should be viewed as a public and professional forum for course-related discussions.

Students are free to discuss academic matters and consult one another regarding academic resources. The tone of online postings should be professional in nature.

It is not appropriate to post statements of a personal or political nature or statements criticizing classmates or faculty.

Inappropriate statements/language will be deleted by the course faculty and may result in denied access to the discussion board.

## **COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH INNOVATION - INFORMATION**

### **APA Format**

All nursing papers are expected to follow American Psychological Association (APA) format. In addition to the APA manual, a brief summary of commonly used APA information may be found under the UTACON Student Handbook.

The Student Handbook can be found by going to the following link:

**[http://www.uta.edu/nursing/file\\_download/113/BSN+STUDENT+HANDBOOK.pdf](http://www.uta.edu/nursing/file_download/113/BSN+STUDENT+HANDBOOK.pdf)** or by going to the nursing website **[www.uta.edu/nursing](http://www.uta.edu/nursing)** and using the link provided under BSN Programs.

### **No Gift Policy**

In accordance with Regents Rules and Regulations and the UTA Standards of Conduct, the College of Nursing and Health Innovation has a “no gift” policy. A donation to the UTA College of Nursing and Health Innovation Scholarship Fund would be an appropriate way to recognize an Academic Coach or faculty member’s contribution to your learning. For information regarding the Scholarship Fund, please contact the Dean’s office.

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### Learning Module Alignment

Module	Objectives	Course Activity
1	Get to know the professor for this course	Watch a video
	Identify the purpose of the course.	Read syllabus and course overview
2	Practice skills and use theory learned in the classroom	[Module 2 Discussion 1]
	Integrate work experience into total education	[Module 2 Discussion 2]
	Apply evidence-based practices in a work environment.	[Module 3 Discussion 1]
	Function as a leader and member of the healthcare team	[Module 3 Discussion 2]
	Participate in personal and professional learning.	[Module 2 Discussion 1]
	Demonstrate self-directed learning skills in seeking evidenced based guidelines.	[Module 3 Discussion 2]
3	Practice skills and use theory learned in the classroom.	[Co-Op Log/Journal]
	Integrate work experience into total education	[Co-Op Log/Journal]
	Demonstrate professionalism in nursing duties.	[Module 4 Discussion 1]
	Function as a leader and member of the healthcare team.	[Module 3 Discussion 2]
	Participate in personal and professional learning.	Update Resume
4	Practice skills and use theory learned in the classroom.	[Co-Op Log/Journal]
	Explore the role of the BSN-prepared nurse	[Module 5 Discussion 2]
	Integrate work experience into total education.	[Co-Op Log/Journal]
	Function as a leader and member of the healthcare team.	[Module 5 Discussion 2]
	Demonstrate behaviors to promote positive team dynamics	[Module 5 Discussion 1]
	Participate in personal and professional learning.	[Module 4 Discussion 2]
5	Practice skills and use theory learned in the classroom.	[Co-Op Log/Journal]
	Integrate work experience into total education.	[Co-Op Log/Journal] Meet with Supervisor for evaluation
	Evaluate how BSN education has impacted your personal nursing practice.	Final Essay
	Function as a leader and member of the healthcare team	[Module 5 Discussion 2]
	Participate in personal and professional learning.	Essay Self Evaluation
	Use reflection to enhance your learning.	Final Essay, self evaluation
	Demonstrate skills to be a self-directed, life-long learner.	Final Essay