**N5305 Adult Management**

**The University of Texas at Arlington**

**College of Nursing and Health Innovation**

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**Section Information:** NURS 5305 Sections 001-002

**Time and Place of Class Meetings:**

Pickard Hall, Room TBA, Jan. 19, 1 pm-4PM NOTE change of date this class only

CHAT online February 16 4-6:00

Pickard Hall, Room 205, March 9 4 pm – 9:50 pm

CHAT online March 30 4-6:00

Pickard Hall, Room 205, April 13 4 pm – 9:50 pm

University Hall, SMART Lab Room 517, April 27 9:00 – 12:00

Final exam online May 4 (see information)

**Description of Course Content:** Foundations of clinical management for commonly occurring

conditions of adults in primary care. Prerequisites: NURS 5418, NURS 5334 or Certificate Program Standing.

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

1. Apply theoretical and empirical knowledge of adolescent and adult acute and chronic commonly occurring health problems in primary care practice.
2. Assess, diagnose, and manage the health care needs of the adolescent and adult patient with acute and chronic commonly occurring health problems using evidence-based data.
3. Integrate health promotion, health protection, and disease prevention in the care of the adolescent and adult patient with acute and chronic commonly occurring health problems.
4. Implement health education and counseling strategies for the adolescent and adult with acute and chronic commonly occurring health problems.
5. Function in a beginning NP role within the health care system.
6. Integrate legal and ethical decision-making in the provision of patient care for the advanced practice nurse (APN) role.
7. Provide culturally, spiritually, ethnicity, age, gender, and sexual orientation sensitive care to the adolescent patient, adult patient, and their families.

**Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials:**

1. Dunphy, LM, Winland-Brown, JE, Porter, BO & Thomas DJ. [2015]. Primary Care—The Art & Science of Advanced Nursing Practice [4th Edition]. FA Davis. ISBN-13: 978-8036-3801-3 see info below regarding from FA DAVIS
2. If you have already purchased Buttaro, TM et al (2017) Primary care: a collaborative practice. (5th edition). Elsevier. ISBD; 978-0-323-35501-8, you may use it for this class instead of Dunphy.
3. Gilbert, D., Moellering, R., Eliopoulous, G, Chambers, H., Saag, M., (2015). *The Sanford Guide to Antimicrobial Therapy.* (45th ed.). Antimicrobial Therapy, Inc. 2015 Edition—ISBN-13: 978-1930808843 ISBN-10: 1930808844 (OR LATEST EDITION)
4. Uphold, CR, and Graham, MV. (2013) Clinical Guidelines in Family Practice (5th edition). ISBN-13: 978-0964615199, ISBN-10: 0964615193.
5. Story, L. [2014]. Pathophysiology—A Practical Approach [2nd Ed.]. Jones Bartlett. ISBN-13: 978-1284043891; ISBN-10: 1284043894 or a comparable pathophysiology text that is NO MORE than 2 years old
6. Any refererence guide for quick look up of clinical conditions and treatment in primary care (electronic is HIGHLY recommended on a smart phone such as Epocrates, PEPID, Lexi-Comp, Ferri’s, 5 minute clinical consult, etc. Epocrates is one of the most popular and comes in several versions depending on how comprehensive you wish to purchase.
7. You will need some sort of coding reference that gives you ICD-10 codes—perhaps an app for your smart phone that will automatically update. Epocrates does contain this.

Receive 20% off your total purchase at FADavis.com and free freight; you may use the discount as many times as you’d like, it will not expire; follow instructions below:

1.) Go to [www.fadavis.com](http://www.fadavis.com)

2.) Use our Search feature to find the title(s) you are looking for. You can search by author, title, keyword, ISBN, etc. The textbook for class is Dunphy, Winland-Brown, Porter & Thomas [2015] Primary Care—The Art and Science of Advanced Practice Nursing [4th Ed.] ISBN #978-0-8036-3801-3

3.) Click the “Add to Cart” button which will direct you to the shopping cart. Click on the “Continue Shopping” icon until you have all the titles you wish to purchase in your cart.

4.) In the “Enter Promotional Code” Box, input the code below. Program: Texas University of Texas-Arlington Promo Code: PWEA7M82

5.) Click “Apply” and your discount will automatically calculate

**Descriptions of major assignments and examinations:**

**Clinical Content -- will comprise 50% of the grade assuming a passing score of 70 and satisfactory practicum grade.**

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| Preceptor & Site Evaluation by Student (1) | P/F |  |
| Clinical Notebook forms to typhon  | P/F |  |
| Preceptor Evaluation of Student | P/F |  |
| End of Course Clinical Practicum-must pass with 83% | 37% |  |
| SOAP Notes (1)\*\*SOAP Notes (2)\*\*\*\*Clinical Faculty may require add’l SOAPs to gauge your clinical progress and integation of content | 16%19% |  |
| Motivational Interview MP3 | 20% |  |
| Participation in Clinical Group activitiesCompletion of Typhon notes in required timeframe without faculty reminder. May result in grade of zero. | 04%04% |  |
| Preceptor & Site Evaluation by Student (1) | P/F |  |

**Didactic Content Evaluation (50% of total grade) Must pass at 70%**

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| Multiple Choice Exam I | 22% |  |
| Multiple Choice Exam II [comprehensive] | 27% |  |
| BB QuizzesBB quizz on DM/Resp/ENTBB quiz on HA/ThyroidBB quiz on DM/MSK/GI/GUOut of Class Prevention Case Discussion Board assignments (2) | 24% 15%12% |  |

**The faculty team is available to provide assistance and support your learning success. Please reach out to us for help as needed. Becoming a nurse practitioner is an educational journey**.

**Course Schedule. See the attached class schedule with clinical & didactic content deadlines.**

 “*As the faculty for this course, we reserve the right to adjust this schedule in any way that serves the educational needs of the students enrolled in this course. – Dr. Courtney*

**Attendance Policy:** At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required. Rather, each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students’ academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. As the instructor of this section, **class attendance and participation is expected of all students. Students are responsible for all missed course information. A percentage of your grade is student participation in on campus sessions. In addition, a graded group presentation is part of your grade and your must be present in the classroom.**

**Clinical Attendance/other requirements:** Forty-five (45) hours are required for this course. The clinical hours will be completed in clinical sites approved by UTA College of Nursing and Health Innovation. You are expected to have clincial experiences in a family medicine or internal medicine practice NOT in a specialty practice or nursing home. Your clinical hours must be approved by your clinical faculty your clincial hours may need to be repeated.

Clinical hours are for direct patient care in the clinical site seeing adult patients (i.e., lunch hours do not count). Hospital hours (for rounds or patient visits) with your preceptor will NOT count as clinical hours for this course. You may see clients 12 and older, but adults (those 20 and older) are strongly preferred. Your clinical schedule must be approved by your clinical faculty prior to beginning your hours or your hours may not be counted! Arrange your clinical hours over the course of the semester to enhance your learning experiences. You may not complete the majority of your hours prior to the mid-term date [in most cases] or within a brief period such as one week [unless this falls near the end of the semester].

**Grading Policy:** Students are expected to keep track of their performance throughout the semester and seek guidance from available sources (including the instructor) if their performance drops below satisfactory levels.

Course Grading Scale

A = 90 to 100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 60 to 69 – cannot progress

F = below 59 – cannot progress

Students are responsible for uploading & submitting the correct document in the Blackboard assignment drop box. The document submitted will be graded and no substitution of the document will be accepted. Submit ONLY MS Word documents. Apple MAC users—do not submit Pages! Please verify you have submitted the correct document within five minutes of submission. If faculty are unable to open the document, you will receive a grade of zero.

**Late written assignments will not be accepted and may receive a grade of zero unless specific permission is obtained from the lead teacher and your clinical faculty ahead of time.**

Students are responsible for assigned readings, web-based assignments, classroom and/or participatory assignments as given by faculty. To participate in case studies, you will be required to complete readings and/or review voiced slides PRIOR to attending class. **Students are expected to remain in class for the entire session.**

**Exams and Quizzes:**

\*\*\*Please do NOT request altered exam, quiz, or graded assignments dates or times; you are expected to adhere to the course schedule. Exceptions will ONLY be granted for an emergency and documentation must be provided [please refer to student handbook and uiversity accepted exceptions].

Students must comply with BB online test taking guidelines to assure system compatibility for BB and Respondus lockdown browser. Failure to comply may result in a reduced or grade of zero if unable to successfully access or complete the quiz. You MUST be hardwired to take a quiz—NOT wireless. That means your computer must be connected directly to a modem or router. You are always welcome to make arrangements and come to UTA campus to take a quiz. Also, look carefully at the start time for a quiz as missing a quiz time cannot be corrected. **Quizzes and exams will open at midnight Thursday and close at midnight Sunday (except for the final exam which will be from Thursday 8 AM to Saturday midnight.).**

For exams given on campus, students entering the room more than 10 minutes after the start of the examination may not be allowed to take the examination at that time. If faculty are able to assist to proctor a late start, that may be an option. Otherwise, any make-up examinations given may include questions that are **other** than multiple choice. Make-up examinations will be given at the convenience of the faculty and availability of staff proctors.

**Grade Grievances**: Any appeal of a grade in this course must follow the procedures and deadlines for grade-related grievances as published in the current University Catalog. Every school or college must create his/her/its own grade grievance policy. For graduate courses, see <http://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/grades/#graduatetext>. For student complaints, see <http://www.uta.edu/deanofstudents/student-complaints/index.php>.

**Make-up Exams:** Please contact your faculty for approval.

**Test Reviews:** Contact faculty for instructions.

**Expectations of Out-of-Class Study:** A general rule of thumb is this: for every credit hour earned, a student should spend 3 hours per week working outside of class. Hence, a 3-credit course might have a minimum expectation of 9 hours of reading, study, etc. Beyond the time required to attend each class meeting, students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least an additional \_\_15\_\_\_ hours per week of their own time in course-related activities, including reading required materials, completing assignments, preparing for exams, etc.

**CONHI – language**

**Drop Policy:** Graduate students who wish to change a schedule by either dropping or adding a course must first consult with their Graduate Advisor.

Regulations pertaining to adding or dropping courses are described below. Adds and drops may be made through late registration either on the Web at MyMav or in person through the student’s academic department. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance**. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. Contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at <http://www.uta.edu/fao/>  .  The last day to drop a course is listed in the Academic Calendar available at <http://www.uta.edu/uta/acadcal.php?session=20166>

1.      A student may not add a course after the end of late registration.

2.      A student dropping a graduate course after the Census Date but on or before the last day to drop may, receive a grade of W. Students dropping a course must:

(1)  Contact your graduate advisor to obtain the drop form and further instructions before the last day to drop.

**Census Day: February 1, 2017**

**Last day to drop or withdraw by March 3, 2017 by 4:00 p.m.**

**Disability Accommodations:** UTArlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including *The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA),* and *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.* All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide “reasonable accommodations” to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of **a letter certified** by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD).Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting:

**The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD)** [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or calling 817-272-3364. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability).

**Counseling and Psychological Services, (CAPS)** [www.uta.edu/caps/](http://www.uta.edu/caps/) or calling 817-272-3671 is also available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems and make positive changes in their lives.

**Non-Discrimination Policy:** *The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit*[*uta.edu/eos*](http://www.uta.edu/hr/eos/index.php)*.*

**Title IX Policy:** The University of Texas at Arlington (“University”) is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination based on sex in accordance with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which prohibits sex discrimination in employment; and the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act). Sexual misconduct is a form of sex discrimination and will not be tolerated.*For information regarding Title IX, visit* [www.uta.edu/titleIX](http://www.uta.edu/titleIX) or contact Ms. Jean Hood, Vice President and Title IX Coordinator at (817) 272-7091 or [jmhood@uta.edu](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Colivier%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CTemp%5Cjmhood%40uta.edu).

**Academic Integrity:** All students enrolled in this course are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

*I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.*

*I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.*

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code as they see fit in their courses, including (but not limited to) having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted.

Per UT System Regents’ Rule 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university’s standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with the University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University. Additional information is available at <https://www.uta.edu/conduct/>.

"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."

 Be aware that asking other students or graduates or others for help with individual assignments is considered cheating. This includes posting questions to a private student Facebook page.

As a licensed registered nurse, graduate students are expected to demonstrate professional conduct as set forth in the Texas Board of Nursing rule **§215.8. in the event that a graduate student holding an RN license is found to have engaged in academic dishonesty, the college may report the nurse to the Texas BON using rule §215.8 as a guide.**

**Plagiarism:** Copying another student’s paper or any portion of it is plagiarism. Copying a portion of published material (e.g., books or journals) without adequately documenting the source is plagiarism. Consistent with APA format, 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, according to APA format. 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 expected to review the plagiarism module from the UT Arlington Central Library via <http://library.uta.edu/plagiarism/index.html> A student will be reported to the university for violations and may receive an assignment grade of zero or course grade of F. Please do not plagiarize—students, it is not worth the impact it will have on you.

**.** There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>.

If you are unable to resolve your issue contact the Helpdesk at helpdesk@uta.edu.

**Student Feedback Survey:** At the end of each term, students enrolled in face-to-face and online classes categorized as “lecture,” “seminar,” or “laboratory” are directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student’s feedback via the SFS database is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. Students’ anonymity will be protected to the extent that the law allows. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law and aggregate results are posted online. Data from SFS is also used for faculty and program evaluations. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

**Final Review Week:** For semester-long courses**,** a period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate. All course content for N5305 will be complete as of April 13. From that date until the final exam, students are expected to review and complete clinical requirements.

**Emergency Exit Procedures:** Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist individuals with disabilities.

Sign up for the MavAlert system that will send information in case of an emergency to cell phones or email accounts. Anyone can subscribe at <https://mavalert.uta.edu/> or <https://mavalert.uta.edu/register.php>

**Librarian to Contact:**

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Contact all nursing librarians:

library-nursing@listserv.uta.edu

**Helpful Direct Links to the UTA Libraries’ Resources**

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| **Research Information on Nursing**  | [**http://libguides.uta.edu/nursing**](http://libguides.uta.edu/nursing) |
| **Library Home Page**  | <http://library.uta.edu/> |
| **Subject Guides**  | <http://libguides.uta.edu> |
| **Ask us** | <http://ask.uta.edu> |
| **Database List**  | <http://libguides.uta.edu/az.php>  |
| **Course Reserves**  | <http://pulse.uta.edu/vwebv/enterCourseReserve.do> |
| **Library Catalog**  | <http://uta.summon.serialssolutions.com/#!/> |
| **E-Journals**  | <http://pulse.uta.edu/vwebv/searchSubject> |
| **Library Tutorials**  | [library.uta.edu/how-to](http://library.uta.edu/how-to) |
| **Connecting from Off- Campus**  | <http://libguides.uta.edu/offcampus> |
| **Academic Plaza Consultation Services** | [library.uta.edu/academic-plaza](http://library.uta.edu/academic-plaza) |
| **Study Room Reservations** | [openroom.uta.edu/](http://openroom.uta.edu/) |

In addition to providing the general library guide for nursing (<http://libguides.uta.edu/nursing>), we can put together course specific guides for your students.  The subject librarian for your area can work with you to build a customized course page to support your class if you wish. For examples, visit <http://libguides.uta.edu/os> and <http://libguides.uta.edu/pols2311fm> .

**Please contact Kaeli if you would like this for your course.**

**UTA College of Nursing and Health Innovation - Additional Information:**

**Clinical Evaluations:** Students must pass both the didactic and clinical portions of a clinical course in order to pass the course. In order to pass the clinical portion, the student must receive a passing grade (minimum of 80%) on the faculty evaluation of the student’s clinical performance (Nurse Practitioner Clinical Evaluation). Students who fail a faculty evaluation have a one-time option to retake the practicum. A second faculty member will be present during the clinical performance retake. If the student passes the clinical performance retake (minimum of 80%), the **maximum** grade the student can receive for the exam for purposes of grade calculation is 80%. If the student fails the retake, the student will receive a grade of “F” for the course.

**Clinical Clearance**:  All students must have current immunizations to legally perform clinical hours each semester.  If your clinical clearance is not current, you will be unable to do clinical hours that are required for this course and this would result in course failure.

Please visit the “clinical coordinator” organization on Black Board (Bb) for all your clinical clearance questions or contact your clinical coordinators for clinical clearance questions.

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**Student Requirement for Preceptor Agreements/Packets:**

1. You must submit an online survey to “propose your site and preceptor”. You can find the survey in Step 4 in Bb’s “clinical coordinator” organization. Your preceptor and clinical site must be approved by your clinical coordinator **PRIOR** to completing any clinical hours.
2. After your site and preceptor are approved, submit a **preceptor packet** (*preceptor agreement and preceptor bio)* to your clinical coordinator **TWO WEEKS** before you begin your clinical hours. The *preceptor packet* can be found in Step 5 of Bb. The *preceptor agreement* **must be signed and dated** by the student and the preceptor. The *preceptor bio* is not necessary if the preceptor is already in Typhon.
3. The signed/completed agreement is part of the clinical clearance process.  **Failure to submit tWO WEEKS BEFORE YOUR CLINICAL START DAY will result in inability to do your clinical hours and denied access to the Typhon system.**

**Clinical Electronic Logs**:

During your first clinical semester you will receive a link to Typhon along with your unique login username and password. **You will receive Typhon access after the online survey has been submitted, your preceptor and site are approved, and you have submitted a preceptor packet to your clinical coordinator.**

Students are required to enter all patient encounters into the Typhon Group Healthcare Solutions (“Typhon”) electronic log system.  **YOU ONLY HAVE 7 DAYS TO ENTER YOUR CASE LOGS AND TIME LOGS FROM THE DAY OF YOUR CLINICAL EXPERIENCE. Failure to log cases/hours within 7 days will results in a loss of those hours.**  **Further, you will not receive course credit for participation.** Typhon is both a student learning opportunity and an evaluation method for your clinical courses.  Patient encounters include patients the student assesses, diagnoses, and manages as part of their clinical coursework.  Individual clinical courses may have additional guidelines/requirements related to their specific course and will be noted in the course syllabus (e.g. types of encounter required, number of patients required during course).

 Students can access their Typhon account by entering their own unique username and password which will be accessible their first clinical semester.

The student’s electronic log data provides a description of the patients managed during the student’s clinical experience, including the number of patients, diagnoses of patients, and the type of interventions initiated.  As a result, the data is an essential requirement of the student’s clinical experience and is used to evaluate student clinical performance.  The data is also used to meet course requirements and to evaluate student clinical performance.  Upon completion of the Program, students will have access to an executive summary of their log entries through Typhon for their professional portfolio.

**Students are expected to enter information accurately so faculty may verify/validate the information provided.  Falsifying and/or misrepresenting patient encounter data is considered academic dishonesty and will result in a course failure.**

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**Status of RN Licensure:** All graduate nursing students must have an unencumbered license as designated by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) to participate in graduate clinical nursing courses. It is also imperative that any student whose license becomes encumbered by the BON must immediately notify the Associate Dean, Department of Graduate Nursing. The complete policy about encumbered licenses is available online at: [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us)

**MSN Graduate Student Dress Code:** The College of Nursing and Health Innovation expects students to reflect professionalism and maintain high standards of appearance and grooming in the clinical setting. Students must adhere to the Dress Code Policy. www.uta.edu/nursing/file\_download/234/BSNDressCode.pdf **Clinical faculty has final judgment on the appropriateness of student attire and corrective action for dress code infractions. Students not complying with this policy will not be allowed to participate in clinical.**

**UTA Student Identification: MSN Students MUST be clearly identified as UTA Graduate Students and wear a UTA College of Nursing and Health Innovation ID in the clinical environment.**

**Unsafe Clinical Behaviors:** Students deemed unsafe or incompetent will fail the course and receive a course grade of “F”. **Any of the following behaviors constitute a clinical failure**:

1. Fails to follow standards of professional practice as detailed by the Texas Nursing Practice Act \* (available at [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us))

2. Unable to accept and/or act on constructive feedback.

3. Needs continuous, specific, and detailed supervision for the expected course performance.

4. Unable to implement advanced clinical behaviors required by the course.

5. Fails to complete required clinical assignments.

6. Falsifies clinical hours.

7. Violates student confidentiality agreement.

\*Students should also be aware that violation of the Nursing Practice Act is a “reportable offense” to the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners.

**Blood and Body Fluids Exposure:** A Health Verification form was signed by all MSN students at start of the program documenting personal health insurance coverage. All MSN students have mandatory health insurance and will need to manage exposure to blood and fluids. Current CDC guidelines can be found at:<http://www.cdc.gov/>

**Ebola exposure**: Please inform your faculty if you have been in contact with anyone who has Ebola/have traveled to a country that has Ebola virus.

**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.

**Graduate Student Handbook:** Students are responsible for knowing and complying with all policies and information contained in the Graduate Student handbook online at: <http://www.uta.edu/conhi/students/msn-resources/index.php>

**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 student handbook online: <http://www.uta.edu/conhi/students/msn-resources/index.php>

**No Gift Policy:** In accordance with Regent Rules and Regulations and the UTA Standards of Conduct, the College of Nursing and Health Innovation has a “no gift” policy. A donation to one of the UTA College of Nursing and Health Innovation Scholarship Funds, found at the following link: is <http://www.uta.edu/conhi/students/scholarships/index.php> 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.

**Online Conduct:** The discussion board 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 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 boards. Refer to UTA CONHI Graduate Student Handbook for more information.

***For this course Blackboard communication tools, discussion boards, and UTA MAV email will be used extensively and should be checked at least weekly***

**Emergency Phone Numbers**: In case of an on-campus emergency, call the UT Arlington Police Department at 817-272-3003 (non-campus phone), 2-3003 (campus phone). You may also dial 911. For non-emergencies, call 817-272-3381.