

**The University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing and Health Innovation  
N5447 Neonatal Nursing III (4-0)  
Fall 2017**

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**Section Information:**

NURS 5447-010, 011

**Time and Place of Class Meetings:**

This class meets online in Blackboard. While most class participation is asynchronous, some synchronous online activities may be scheduled.

**Description of Course Content:**

Clinical management of the high-risk neonate using evidence based knowledge, research, pharmacological, and technological therapies. Focus on the following systems: neurologic, skeletal, integumentary, and immunologic. Includes clinical management of complex health problems affecting infants (birth to 2 years of age) and their families including chronic care and ethical issues.

**Other Requirements:**

Prerequisite: NURS 5537.

As this course is offered in an online format, **each student must have a computer with a high speed internet connection**. The computer should meet UTA's hardware recommendations: <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/hardware/student-laptop-recommend.php> and Blackboard's browser requirements:

<http://www.uta.edu/blackboard/browsertest/browsertest.php> This course requires the use of word processing and presentation software that is compatible with Microsoft Office formats. Students may purchase this software (in person or by mail) at a significant discount from the UTA bookstore <http://www.uta.edu/bookstore> (scroll to the bottom of the webpage). Students are **required to have a webcam** to participate in web conferences and to test online. Testing will be done online using Respondus browser and monitor (which students must download from a link within Blackboard and install on their computer). The instructor will determine what option is offered to students who are unsuccessful in completing a test online. Students may be required to complete an alternate version of the test using ProctorU for which students must pay a fee.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Assess, diagnose, and plan for the management of health care needs of the high-risk neonate using evidence-based knowledge.

2. Use pharmacologic and technologic therapies in the management of the high risk neonate's complex acute and chronic illnesses.
3. Develop plans for health promotion and disease prevention in the care of the high-risk neonate within their family system.

**Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials:**

1. American Psychological Association. (2009). *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: APA. ISBN: 9781433805615
2. Martin, R., Fanaroff, A. & Walsh, M. (2014). *Fanaroff and Martin's Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine: Diseases of the Fetus and Infant* (10th ed.) – 2-Volume Set. St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Mosby. ISBN-10: 1455756172, ISBN-13: 978-1455756179
3. Tappero, E.P., & Honeyfield, M.E. (2014). *Physical Assessment of the Newborn: A Comprehensive Approach to the Art of Physical Examination* (5th ed.). Santa Rosa, CA: NICU INK Publishers. ISBN: 9781887571180

**Other Required Course Materials:**

1. Webcam

**Descriptions of major assignments and examinations with due dates:**

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Major Assignments	Percentage	Proposed Date
Participation/brief assignments	10%	Ongoing/online
Clinical Decision Making Paper	20%	10/12/17
Discharge Plan	10%	11/16/17
Ethics Presentation	10%	11/30/17
Test 1	25%	10/4/17
Test 2	25%	11/8/17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	

**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

- There are no options for extra credit in this course.
- Work may not be re-submitted for re-grading
- Acceptance of a late assignment is at the discretion of the instructor. You must contact your instructor immediately if you experience an emergency that will prevent you from submitting your work on time and provide documentation of the emergency. Work is considered late if it is received after the scheduled due date and time. Points will be deducted for work that is submitted late. Graded late work is not guaranteed to be returned at the same time on-time assignments are returned.
- Grades of incomplete are NOT automatically given when there are missing assignments at the end of the course. A student must discuss, with the faculty of record for the course, the reasons that an incomplete grade is being requested. This discussion must occur as soon as the student recognizes that a problem exists. Faculty members are not obligated to grant an incomplete grade. With no prior discussion of the need for an incomplete, students not completing the required activities will receive the grade for the course based on the percentage of the required material submitted.

In this course, you will submit papers as Microsoft Word-compatible documents to the designated drop box in Blackboard. **The document you upload to the dropbox is the one that will be graded, so be certain it is the correct paper.** Submissions will be submitted to the SafeAssign database to screen for plagiarism.

**Expectations of Out-of-Class Study:** Beyond the time required to participate in class each week, students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least an additional **12 hours per week** on their own time in course-related activities, including reading required materials, completing assignments, preparing for exams, etc.

**Attendance Policy:** At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required but attendance is a critical indicator in student success. 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, I monitor attendance regularly. However, while UT Arlington does not require instructors to take attendance in their courses, the U.S. Department of Education requires that the University have a mechanism in place to mark when Federal Student Aid recipients "begin attendance in a course." UT Arlington instructors will report when students begin attendance in a course as part of the final grading process. Specifically, when assigning a student a grade of F, faculty report the last date a student attended their class based on evidence such as a test, participation in a class project or presentation, or an engagement online via Blackboard. This date is reported to the Department of Education for federal financial aid recipients.

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#### **Drop Policy:**

Graduate students who wish to change a schedule by either dropping or adding a course must first consult with their Graduate **Academic** Advisor at [msnadvising@uta.edu](mailto:msnadvising@uta.edu).

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=20176>

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: September 11, 2017**  
**Late Registration – August 24 – August 30**  
**Last day to drop or withdraw - November 1, 2017 by 4:00 p.m.**  
**Last day of classes – December 6, 2017**  
**Final Exams – December 9 - 15**

**Disability Accommodations:** UT Arlington 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://uta.edu/eos).*

**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](mailto:jmhood@uta.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."

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>

**Student Support Services:** UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include [tutoring](#), [major-based learning centers](#), developmental education, [advising and mentoring](#), personal counseling, and [federally funded programs](#). For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to [resources@uta.edu](mailto:resources@uta.edu), or view the information at <http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/index.php>.

**University Tutorial & Supplemental Instruction (Ransom Hall 205):** UTSI offers a variety of academic support services for undergraduate students, including: 60 minute one-on-one [tutoring](#) sessions, [Start Strong](#) Freshman tutoring program, and [Supplemental Instruction](#). Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. For more information visit [www.uta.edu/utsi](http://www.uta.edu/utsi) or call 817-272-2617.

**The IDEAS Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Central Library)** offers **FREE** tutoring to all students with a focus on transfer students, sophomores, veterans and others undergoing a transition to UT Arlington. Students can drop in, or check the schedule of available peer tutors at [www.uta.edu/IDEAS](http://www.uta.edu/IDEAS) , or call (817) 272-6593.

**The English Writing Center (411LIBR):** The Writing Center offers **FREE** tutoring in 15-, 30-, 45-, and 60-minute face-to-face and online sessions to all UTA students on any phase of their UTA coursework. Register and make appointments online at <https://uta.mywconline.com>. Classroom visits, workshops, and specialized services for graduate students and faculty are also available. Please see [www.uta.edu/owl](http://www.uta.edu/owl) for detailed information on all our programs and services.

The Library's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Academic Plaza offers students a central hub of support services, including IDEAS Center, University Advising Services, Transfer UTA and various college/school advising hours. Services are available during the library's hours of operation. <http://library.uta.edu/academic-plaza>

**Campus Carry:** Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/>

**Student Success Faculty:** In order to assist masters nursing students who are at academic risk or who need academic support, there are graduate faculty members available to you. The goal of the success faculty members is to support student achievement in masters-level coursework so students can reach their educational goals. Students may contact a success faculty member



directly, or a course instructor may encourage you to contact a success faculty member.

The success faculty in the MSN Program:

Dr. Donelle Barnes is available as a writing coach to assist students in the MSN Core courses; theory, research, and evidence based practice. Since these courses are writing intensive, Dr. Barnes can help students improve the clarity and organization of their written papers. She can be reached via email: [donelle@uta.edu](mailto:donelle@uta.edu).

Dr. Mary Schira is available as a success faculty to assist with diverse resources that may include study skills, testing challenges/approaches, managing multiple responsibilities, and addressing personal issues impacting academic performance. Course content challenges may also be addressed, with referral to additional resources as indicated. Dr. Schira can be reached via email: [schira@uta.edu](mailto:schira@uta.edu).

**Electronic Communication:** UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university- related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. **All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly.**

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](mailto: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.

**Librarian to Contact:**

<b>Peace Williamson</b> 817-272-6208 <a href="mailto:peace@uta.edu">peace@uta.edu</a>	<b>Lydia Pyburn</b> 817-272-7593 <a href="mailto:lpyburn@uta.edu">lpyburn@uta.edu</a>	<b>Heather Scalf</b> 817-272-7436 <a href="mailto:scalf@uta.edu">scalf@uta.edu</a>
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Contact all nursing librarians:

[library-nursing@listserv.uta.edu](mailto:library-nursing@listserv.uta.edu)

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

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

For help with APA formatting, you can go to:

- 1) <http://libguides.uta.edu>
- 2) Scroll down and click on "Nursing"
- 3) Click on "APA Guide" for advice on various aspects of paper writing. This is a short-cut for the APA Manual. When in doubt, refer to the Manual.

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>.



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## UTA College of Nursing and Health Innovation - Additional Information

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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 Dr. Mary Schira College of Nursing, Associate Dean- Department of Advanced Practice Nursing. The complete policy about encumbered licenses is available online at: [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us)

**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/nursing/msn/msn-students>

**Student Code of Ethics:** The University of Texas at Arlington College 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/msn/msn-students>

**No Gift Policy:** In accordance with Regent Rules and Regulations and the UTA Standards of Conduct, the College of Nursing has a “no gift” policy. A donation to one of the UTA College of Nursing Scholarship Funds, found at the following link: is <http://www.uta.edu/nursing/student-resources/scholarship> 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 UTACON 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 often.***

## Graduate Nursing Support Staff

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### **Graduate Advisors – see the link below**

<http://www.uta.edu/conhi/students/advising/nursing-grad.php>

### N5447 Schedule Fall 2017

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<b>Dates</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Dates* of Major Assignments</b> <i>*subject to change</i> (See Blackboard for weekly assignments)
Week 1 8/24 -first day of class	Orientation	
Week 2 8/28	Newborn Sepsis Immunology	
Week 3 9/5 (9/4 Labor Day)	Orthopedics	
Week 4 9/11 (census date)	Neuro	
Week 5 9/18	Neuro	
Week 6 9/25	Pain and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome	
Week 7 10/2	Apnea Airway obstruction Airway anomalies	<b><i>Test 1 on 10/4/17</i></b>
Week 8 10/9	Antenatal exposure to teratogens Genetics	<b><i>CDM due 10/12/17</i></b>
Week 9 10/16	Genetics	
Week 10 10/23	Integumentary	
Week 11 10/30 (Drop date 11/1 by 4pm)	ROP	
Week 12 11/6	Problems affecting the NICU graduate	<b><i>Test 2 on 11/8/17</i></b>
Week 13 11/13	Ethics	<b><i>Discharge plan due 11/16/17</i></b>
Week 14 11/20 (TGVG holiday 11/23-25)	Ethics	
Week 15 11/28		<b><i>Ethics presentations 11/30/17</i></b>
Week 16 12/5		
Finals week 12/11-15		