**Syllabus**

**The University of Texas at Arlington**

**College of Nursing and Health Innovation**

**NURS 5350 Role of the Nurse in Advance Practice**

**Spring 2018**

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**Office Hours:** by appointment only; I respond to emails within 24 hours. Availability may vary slightly on weekends or holidays when UTA is on break. If any change to this, students will be notified via Blackboard and mymav email.

**Section Information: Nurs 5350-section**

**Time and Place of Class Meetings:** Online via Blackboard at <http://elearn.uta.edu>

Class time will be asynchronous.

**Description of Course Content:** Theory and application of the multiple roles of the Advanced Practice Nurse within the healthcare system. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Construct a Nurse Practitioner (NP) role that is based on a successful role transition from an RN identity to an advanced role identity
2. Translate a historical perspective of the NP role development into his/her current NP role identity
3. Discuss the function of the NP in the roles of: provider, coordinator, researcher, leader, educator, consultant, and clinician
4. Evaluate the NP scope of practice using required legal strategies and parameters
5. Analyze healthcare policies, business and management principles, marketing strategies required for successful NP clinical practice
6. Outline the NP role based on a specialty clinical practice in relationship to the overall healthcare system.
7. Synthesize ethical and moral principles as applied to social media and information technology.

 **Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials:**

Buppert, C. (2015). *Nurse practitioner's business practice and legal guide* (6th Ed.). Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett Learning. **ISBN: 978-1-284-117165**

Joel, L. A. (2013). *Advanced practice nursing: Essentials for role development*. (3rd Ed.). Philadelphia, PA: F.A. Davis Company. **ISBN: 978-0-8036-2785-7**

**Recommended:**

American Psychological Association. (2011). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th Ed.)*.* Washington, DC: Author.

**Descriptions of major assignments and examinations with percentage of total grade:**

Attestation of Review of Syllabus and Course Overview: **2.5% Due January 21**

Discussion boards:

Discussion: Introduction: **2.5% Initial post due January 19, Response to classmates due January 21**

Discussion Question Module 1: **5% Initial post due January 31, Response to classmates due February 4**

Discussion Question Module 2: **5% Initial post due February 24, Response to classmates is optional**

Discussion Question Module 3: **5% Initial post due March 28, Response to classmates due April 1**

Discussion Question Module 4: **5% Initial post due April 25, Response to classmates due April 29**

Group Assignment **10% Due March 4**

Self-assessment **5% Due March 18**

Development of resume **15% Due April 8**

Paper: Ethics **15% Due April 22**

Quizzes:

 Module 1 **10% Due February 10**

 Module 2 **10% March 10**

 Module 4 **10% Due May 3**

**Total: 100%**

**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, I will not take attendance, however, it is expected for the student to check their emails and announcements at least three times a week for any course changes or updates. You will be responsible for meeting assignment and activity deadlines. Not meeting an assignment and activity deadline will result in a zero grade.

**Other Requirements:** This course is offered in entirety as an online format through Blackboard. It is a requirement and responsibility of each student to have access to a computer and a high speed Internet connection on a daily basis. Review UT Arlington’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>

You will use your Netid and password to login to Blackboard at <https://elearn.uta.edu/>. It is your responsibility to become familiar with Blackboard and how to access course components. There are several Blackboard resources for students including <http://www.uta.edu/blackboard/students/index.php> and <http://help.blackboard.com/>.

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 UT Arlington bookstore <http://www.uta.edu/bookstore>

As this course does testing 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>

* Respondus Lockdown Browser with video monitoring will be used to administer each quiz. Please make sure to download Respondus prior to taking your first quiz. Locations are within the course and on your Blackboard Main page.
* Update Respondus prior to completing each quiz and test.
* Update Java prior to completing each quiz and test.
* It is strongly recommended that you be hardwired using an Ethernet cable to your modem—wireless laptops or tablets are **not reliable** and if you use these, you risk a grade of zero for problems you experience during the exam.
* You will need a high definition (1080p) free standing webcam. This will ensure that your IDs and videos are clearly seen. You will use this webcam throughout the FNP curriculum.
* If you are kicked out of a quiz or test, close your browser completely, reopen it, and log back into Respondus lockdown browser to continue taking the quiz or test.
* A photo ID is required to take the test. Show your driver’s license or Mav ID when prompted by the system. Only your driver’s license or Mav ID are acceptable forms of identification. A work ID badge, passport, or other forms of ID are not acceptable and should not be used.
* Your photo ID must be held close enough to the camera to be read. The photo must be facing the camera. If the image of your ID is not legible you will be asked to provide an electronic copy of your driver’s license or Mav ID to verify your identity. Your grade will not be released until your identify has been verified. Failure to verify your identity so it can be viewed by the proctor will result in a zero for the quiz or test.
* Please ensure that there are no lights shining in front of the webcam. This will obscure the images taken by the webcam.
* Your desk must be completely clear of all materials. Papers, pencils, pens, books, electronics, cell phones, tablets etc. are not allowed on or around your desk while taking a quiz or test. The clear desktop MUST be visible on the environment scan and REMAIN visible throughout the exam.
* YOU MUST BE CLEARLY VISIBLE IN FULL PROFILE FROM HEAD TO CHEST TO CLEAR DESKTOP.
* Drinks are not allowed while taking a quiz or test.
* No one else may be in the room while you are taking a quiz or test.
* Once you have started a quiz or test you are not allowed to leave your desk. You must complete and submit the quiz or test prior to leaving your desk.
* Plug in laptops and computers prior to starting the quiz or test.
* Talking is prohibited.
* The use of any electronics is strictly prohibited. YOU MAY NOT USE ANY KIND OF HEADSET DURING THE EXAM.

Any violation in the above rules may result in any and all of the following:

* A point deduction up to and including a grade of zero on the respective quiz or test.
* The student may be reported to The Office of Student Conduct. If the Office of Student Conduct determines the reported student has participated in academic dishonesty the consequences may include any or all of the following: a quiz or test score of zero, course failure, probation, suspension or expulsion from the university.
* **You must have a webcam to take the test**

**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

**Due dates and times will not be altered; you are expected to adhere to the course schedule. Special Note: Papers that are uploaded will be graded as is. Failure to upload the correct paper version OR uploading the wrong paper will result in point deductions as described above. The faculty is NOT responsible for notifying the student the wrong paper was submitted. Verify every upload carefully. If faculty is unable to open a paper, it may receive late points as described.**

**ALL papers must be submitted as MS-Word documents—no exceptions (do not send as Apple documents, pdf, or rtx). Papers sent in non-word documents will not be graded and resubmitted papers will be treated as late. All discussion question responses are to be posted on Blackboard; attachments are not accepted.**

**Adverse events, such as a serious personal illness resulting in hospitalization or a death in the immediate family (parent, sibling, spouse, child) that will effect an assignment being completed on time; the student must ask for a special request prior to the assignment due date, not after. Travel or work schedule is not an acceptable excuse for a delayed assignment.**

**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. 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. An assignment or make-up quiz will need an excused absence approved prior to the due date unless extenuating circumstances.

**Test Reviews:** We will not provide quiz reviews. The content is covered in the module.

**Expectations of Out-of-Class Study:** Beyond the time required to attend each class meeting, students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least an additional \_10 to 15\_ hours per week of their own time in course-related activities, including reading required materials, completing assignments, preparing for exams, etc. The student is expected to check for announcements at least three times a week.

**CONHI – language**

**Drop Policy:  [REQUIRED] 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 @ 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:  January 31, 2018 11:59 pm**

**Late Registration – January 16-19, 2018**

**Last day to drop or withdraw – March 30, 2018 by 4:00 p.m.**

**Last day of classes – May 4, 2018**

**Final Exams – May 5-9, 2018**

**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."

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](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/current/academic-support/learning-center/tutoring/index.php), [major-based learning centers](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/college-based-clinics-labs.php), developmental education, [advising and mentoring](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/advising.php), personal counseling, and [federally funded programs](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/current/academic-support/mcnair/index.php). 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, or view the information at <http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/index.php>.

**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 2nd 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. 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.

**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.

**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:** (This will not apply to this class.)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.

**Emergency Procedures:** Students are encouraged to subscribe to the MavAlert system that will send information in case of an emergency to their 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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**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/) |

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.

 <http://libguides.uta.edu/pols2311fm> .

**Course Schedule.**

Modules are designed to open over a period of time throughout the semester. The dates that the modules are open are listed below and also on the Module title. Each module contains an overview, readings, lectures or videos, and the assessments. The schedule for discussion questions, quizzes, and assignments are in the course calendar as well as each module and the syllabus.

**Introduction** (Available January 16)

 This module provides you an overview of the course and expectations with assignments.

 Attestation statement: Due January 21

 Discussion Board: Introduction, initial response due January 19, response to others due January 21

**Module 1: History and Development of the APRN**  (available January 22)

This module’s readings and assignments meet course objectives 1, 2, and 3

Module Objectives:

* Review the history of the APRN
* Explain the consensus model for APRNs
* Compare theories of role transition
* Analyze the future of the NP education

Assignments:

Discussion Module 1: Initial response due January 31, response to others due February 4

Quiz: Opens February 8 and closes February 10

**Module 2: Health Policy and Regulation** (available February 19)

 This module’s readings and assignments meet course objectives 4, 5, and 6

Module Objectives:

* Discuss health care policy as it applies to the NP practice
* Discuss the importance of credentialing
* Compare and contrast the Affordable Care Act and the American Health Care Bill

Assignments:

Discussion Module 2: Initial response due February 24, response to others is optional

Group assignment: Due March 4 (You will be assigned to a group)

Quiz: Opens March 8 and closes March 10

**Module 3: Business and Economics** (available March 19)

This module’s readings and assignments meet course objectives 4, 5, and 6

Module Objectives:

* Compare options for NP practice
* Discuss NP performance and outcomes
* Analyze the NP role in leadership

Assignments:

Self-assessment Test Due March 18

Discussion Module 3: Initial response due March 28, response to others due April 1

Resume: Due April 8

**Module 4: Ethics of the NP in Practice** (available April 9)

This module’s readings and assignments meet course objective 7

Module Objectives:

* Explain the importance of ethical application as it applies to all areas of practice
* Discuss issues surrounding blending the professional and personal life as it applies to social media
* Discuss best practice for NPs to avoid malpractice

Assignments:

Paper: Ethics Due April 22

Discussion Module 4: Initial response due April 25, response to others due April 29

Quiz: Opens Mary and closes May 3

“*As the instructor for this course, I reserve the right to adjust this schedule in any way that serves the educational needs of the students enrolled in this course. –Donna L. Hamby, DNP, RN, APRN, ACNP-BC”*

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

**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 often.***

**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.

**Graduate Nursing Support Staff**

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