**The University of Texas at Arlington**

**College of Nursing**

**N6323 – Practice Scholarship**

**Fall 2014**

**Instructor:**

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| **Section Information: N6323-001** |
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**Time and Place of Class Meetings: Mandatory Class Meetings: Fridays 9-4pm Room 227 – Pickard Hall on Aug 29th, All other course dates Room 220 from 9-12 on Oct 3rd, Nov 7th, and Dec 5th (this date will be in room 220)**

**Description of Course Content:** Focuses on clinical scholarship and analytical methods for evidence-based practice. Prerequisite: N6320 or concurrent enrollment.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Analyze the DNP role regarding scholarship.
2. Apply core concepts of research to the judgment of research evidence for applicability to practice.
3. Conduct a systematic review of research evidence for a selected topic using a structured process.
4. Select an EBP model to implement a practice intervention.
5. Evaluate nurse sensitive outcomes including advanced practice outcomes for inclusion in practice scholarship.

**Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials:**

Melnyk, B., & Fineout-Overholt, E. 2nd Edition. (2011) *Evidence-Based practice in nursing & healthcare.*Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. **ISBN: 978-1-60547-778-7 There is a new edition promised by publisher October 1 but, of course, no guarantee. Consider borrowing a text and waiting to purchase the newer version.**

Burns, N., & Grove, S.K. (2013). The Practice of Nursing Research: Appraisal, Synthesis, and Generation of Evidence, 6th Edition(7th ed.). Philadelphia: Saunders. **ISBN13:** 978-1-4557-0736-2 pbk

(you may benefit from the associated workbook)

Holly, C., Salmond, S.W., & Saimbert, M.K. (2012). *Comprehensive systematic review for advanced practice.* New York: Springer Publishing Co. **ISBN 978-0-8261-1778-6**

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological*

*Association* (6th ed.). Washington, D.C.: Author. **ISBN 9781557987914**

Refworks Bibliographic Management Tutorial – found at

https://www.refworks.com/Refworks/login.asp?WNCLang=false

***Please do the tutorial and sign up for your own account (if you don’t already have one) before the first day of class.***

**Supplemental Textbooks/Materials:**

Hulley, SB; Cummings, SR; Browner, WS; Grady, DG; & Newman, TB. (2007) *Designing clinical research: An epidemiologic approach.* Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. **ISBN: 978-0-7817-8210-4**

Cullem, N.; Ciliska, D.; Haynes, RB; Marks, S. *Evidence-based nursing: An introduction.* Oxford: Blackwell Publishing. ISBN: **978-1-4051-4597-8**

**Selected resource lectures/materials for the** **Research Core:**

Research Topic Summaries**:** Uploaded to Research Topic file on Blackboard

**Helpful WEB resources for EBP:**

<http://www.uic.edu/depts/lib/lhsp/resources/ebminternet.shtml> (super web resources)

<http://www.cebm.net/> Oxford University well known for its work in EBM)

**Requirements:** Students are expected to participate in weekly online postings or sessions that will occur asynchronously (not at schedule time but expected during the week per guidelines). They are also expected to attend all scheduled classes on campus and live online sessions.

**Methods/Strategies:**

Critique of Systematic October 3, 2014

Review Study

Research Core Exam October 31, 2014

Systematic Review Paper December 5, 2014

With Abstract

Systematic Review Poster December 5, 2014

**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 = 92 to 100

B = 83 to 91

C = 74 to 82

D = 68 to 73 – cannot progress

F = below 68 – cannot progress

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| Research Core Exam 25% (15% exam and 10% weekly assignments)  Critique of Systematic 15%  Review Study  Systematic Review Paper 30%  With Abstract  Systematic Review Poster 10%  Participation 20%  Faculty will impose penalties for late work. Ten points will be deducted from the final assignment grade for each day or portion thereof past midnight the day work is late. Work is considered late if it is received after the scheduled due date and time.  **NOTE: a detailed course calendar is provided in BlackBoard.**  **Exams and Quizzes: Students must comply with BB online test taking guidelines to assure system compatibility for BB and lockdown respondus 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 in advance to 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. You are expected to login at the start time of the quiz for this course.** |

**Attendance Policy:** Regular class attendance and participation is expected of all students. Students are responsible for all missed course information.

**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://wweb.uta.edu/aao/fao/> . The last day to drop a course is listed in the Academic Calendar available at <http://www.uta.edu/uta/acadcal.php?session=20146>

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 end of the 10th week of class may with the agreement of the instructor, receive a grade of W but only if passing the course with a C or better average. A grade of W will not be given if the student does not have at least a C average. In such instances, the student will receive a grade of F if he or she withdraws from the class. Students dropping a course must: (1) complete a Course Drop Form (available online <http://www.uta.edu/nursing/MSN/drop_resign_request.pdf> or Graduate Nursing office rooms 512 or 606); (2) obtain faculty signature and current course grade; and (3) submit the form to Graduate Nursing office rooms 512 or 606.
3. A student desiring to drop all courses in which he or she is enrolled is reminded that such action constitutes withdrawal (resignation) from the University. The student must indicate intention to withdraw and drop all courses by completing a resignation form in the Office of the Registrar or by: (1) Completing a resignation form (available online <http://www.uta.edu/nursing/MSN/drop_resign_request.pdf> or Graduate Nursing office rooms 512 or 606; (2) obtaining faculty signature for each course enrolled and current course grade; (3) Submitting the resignation form in the College of Nursing office room 512 or 606; and (4) The department office will send resignation form to the office of the Registrar.
4. In most cases, a student may not drop a graduate course or withdraw (resign) from the University after the 10th week of class. Under extreme circumstances, the Dean of Graduate Studies may consider a petition to withdraw (resign) from the University after the 10th week of class, but in no case may a graduate student selectively drop a course after the 10th week and remain enrolled in any other course. Students should use the special Petition to Withdraw for this purpose. See the section titled Withdrawal (Resignation) From the University for additional information concerning withdrawal. <http://www.grad.uta.edu/handbook>

**Census Day: September 8, 2014**

**Last day to drop or withdraw October 29, 2014**

**Americans with Disabilities Act:**  The University of Texas at 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)*. 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 that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities, University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. 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) or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

**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.

"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 [www.uta.edu/resources](http://www.uta.edu/resources).

**Writing Center:** The Writing Center provides the workshops below to help guide graduate students through the demands of writing at the graduate level. In order to sign up for workshops, students must register with the Writing Center at http://uta.mywconline.com/. Workshops are listed on the regular appointment schedule. If you experience any difficulty signing up for any of these, please call (817)272-2601 and one of our staff will be happy to assist.

All Workshops hosted by the Writing Center are held in 411 Central Library and are offered at 6 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. These are not recorded and are not available online.

**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).

**Librarian to Contact:**

**Peace Williamson**, *Nursing Librarian*

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Research Information on Nursing:

[**http://libguides.uta.edu/nursing**](http://libguides.uta.edu/nursing)

Library Home Page [http://www.uta.edu/library](http://www.uta.edu/library" \t "_blank)

Subject Guides [http://libguides.uta.edu](http://libguides.uta.edu" \t "_blank)

Subject Librarians [http://www.uta.edu/library/help/subject-librarians.php](http://www.uta.edu/library/help/subject-librarians.php" \t "_blank)

Database List [http://www.uta.edu/library/databases/index.php](http://www.uta.edu/library/databases/index.php" \t "_blank)

Course Reserves [http://pulse.uta.edu/vwebv/enterCourseReserve.do](http://pulse.uta.edu/vwebv/enterCourseReserve.do" \t "_blank)

Library Catalog [http://discover.uta.edu/](http://discover.uta.edu/" \t "_blank)

E-Journals [http://liblink.uta.edu/UTAlink/az](http://liblink.uta.edu/UTAlink/az" \t "_blank)

Library Tutorials [http://www.uta.edu/library/help/tutorials.php](http://www.uta.edu/library/help/tutorials.php" \t "_blank)

Connecting from Off- Campus [http://libguides.uta.edu/offcampus](http://libguides.uta.edu/offcampus" \t "_blank)

Ask A Librarian [http://ask.uta.edu](http://ask.uta.edu/" \t "_blank)

**College of Nursing 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 Dr. Mary SCollege of Health Innovationra, 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)

**Student Code of Ethics:** The University of Texas at Arlington College of 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/nursing>

**No Gift Policy:** In accordance with Regent Rules and Regulations and the UTA Standards of Conduct, the College of Health Innovation has a “no gift” policy. A donation to one of the UTA College of Health Innovation 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.

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