**The University of Texas at Arlington**

**College of Nursing and Health Innovation**

**N5372 Primary Clinical Practice 2**

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**Office Hours: By Appointment**

**Section Information:** N 5372, Section 1

**Time and Place of Class Meetings:** NA

**Description of Course Content:** Continued clinical preceptorship in selected primary health practice sites with opportunities to apply knowledge and concepts of advanced nursing practice implementing the pediatric nurse practitioner role in evidenced based patient care. Prerequisite: NURS 5465, 5371 or concurrent enrollment

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Implements evidence based guidelines in the assessment, diagnosis, and management of the health care needs of pediatric patients and their families with designated acute and chronic problems.

2. Implements health promotion, protection, and disease prevention approaches in the health supervision of pediatric patients and their families.

3. Utilizes interprofessional communication and consultation to develop management plans that coordinate care of pediatric patients and their families.

4. Evaluates pediatric patient and family outcomes to monitor and modify the plan of care.

5. Provides ethical care that is sensitive to pediatric patients and their families in the domains of culture, spirituality, age, gender, and sexual orientation.

6. Utilizes patient care technologies to deliver and enhance care.

**Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials:**

1. Kliegman, R. Stanton, B., Geme, J., Schor, N., Behrman, R. (2013). Nelson Textbook of Pediatrics, (20th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Saunders ISBN: 978-1455775668

2. Burns, C., Dunn, A., Brady, M., Barber, N., Blosser, C., (2013). Pediatric Primary Care. (5th ed.). Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier Saunders. ISBN: 9780323080248

3. Hagan, J. F., Shaw, J. S., & Duncan, P. (Eds). (2008). Bright Futures pocket guide: Guidelines for health supervision of infants, children, and adolescents. (3rd ed.). Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics. ISBN: 9781581102246

4. Richardson, B. (2017). Pediatric Primary Care. (3rd ed.). Jones & Bartlett Learning. ISBN: 978-1284093100

5. Pocket reference guide or app to use during your clinical rotation

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

**Clinical Schedule: weekly/monthly to clinical instructor—50 points**

**Clinical Goals: Initial Submission (Due BEFORE the first day of clinical preceptorship Due January 21, 2018) and Final Evaluation (Due May 4, 2018) –50 points**

**Interprofessional Collaborative Activity and Essay—100 points Due February 25, 2018**

During the spring semester in February, graduate and undergraduate students from UTA, TWU, and UTSW will have the opportunity to participate in a joint learning activity focused on inter professional collaborative practice.  Inter professional education is a competency expected of all health professions. This session is focused on working together as a team around the situation of medical error. Because over 600 students will be involved in this activity, students will need to sign up for an appointment time to meet together with a small group of students from different health professions on one of the two Saturdays scheduled in February.  Because this is such an important topic and can best be done with students from other professions, participation is a mandatory activity.  Your clinical faculty in your clinical course will give you specific information about how your participation can be counted as clinical hours in your course.

In order to receive credit for participation, students must complete the following:

1.     Sign up for a timeslot before January 26, 2018

2.     Watch the video and enter your answers to the questions within the video the first time you watch it.

3.     Upload your signed UTSW simulation center participant form to the dropbox in the Interprofessional Education website before January 30, 2018.

4.     Arrive on time and participate in the activity at UTSW on the day/time that you selected

5.     Complete the post exercise survey by clicking on the link you will receive in an email after your participation in February.

6.     Complete essay on the discussion board and respond to at least one classmate.

**Clinical Evaluation by Instructor/Telephone Conferences (Due May 4, 2018)—250 points**

**Weekly Typhon entries to include 8 entries per clinical day with one SOAP note each day, due every Sunday evening for the previous week by 11:59pm—200 points**

**Completion of 3 DXR clinician case studies. Log onto uta.dxrclinician.com and select the snell\_5372 option. Select three to work through. They will take 90-120 minutes each. Be as thorough as possible. –100 points (Due Date: May 4, 2018)**

**Scholarly Writing: Case Study Presentation (May 4, 2018)—250 points**

**The goal for this assignment is to prepare you to write a case presentation in a scholarly manner. In the clinical setting, the PNP can encounter a patient presentation with a rare condition or an atypical presentation of a common condition.  These are great opportunities that can be shared with other clinicians in the form of a scholarly written case study that can be submitted for publication in a journal. Follow the steps below:**

* Locate a scholarly journal and read through a case study (preferably a pediatric journal, such as the Journal of Pediatric Health Care or Pediatric Annals). Note how it is written and organized. Use this as a guide for your case presentation.
* Choose a patient that presents with a rare or uncommon condition or atypical presentation of a common condition.
* Discuss possible patient cases with your preceptor and/or clinical instructor in order to help you choose an appropriate case study for your scholarly writing.
* Review the rubric to ensure that you have met the assignment expectations.
* Post your scholarly paper to the Discussion board and comment on one other classmate’s paper.

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance at all scheduled clinical preceptorships is required. Any deviation from the student’s clinical plan must be communicated to the instructor and preceptor as soon as possible. Attendance at lab on campus date is Mandatory.

**Note**: Any student failing to complete the required clinical hours prior to the last class date (May 4, 2018) will receive an incomplete. You will not be allowed to complete any hours between semesters. You must suspend clinical hours until the first-class day of the subsequent semester. If they you are able to complete these hours prior to the census day of your next semester, you may late enroll in the subsequent course. If you are unable to complete these hours prior to this date, you will need to sit out a semester.

**Clinical Hours:** This course requires the completion of 180 clinical hours in approved preceptorships.

**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

**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: <http://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/grades/#graduatetext>. For student complaints, see <http://www.uta.edu/deanofstudents/student-complaints/index.php>.

**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 9 hours per week of their own time in course-related activities, including reading required materials, completing assignments, preparing for exams, etc.

**Late Assignments / Assignments:** *Late assignments may not be accepted for a grade or reviewed for feedback (regardless of the reason) and may be assigned a zero. Your must contact your instructor prior to the due date to determine if your late work will be accepted. Quizzes and tests must be started, completed, and submitted prior to the submission due date and time. Any quiz or test submitted after the due date and time will not be accepted.*

**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:  January 31, 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 5-11, 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:\Users\olivier\AppData\Local\Temp\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](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](mailto: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 20-, 40-, or 60-minute face-to-face and online sessions to all UTA students on any phase of their UTA coursework. Our hours are 9 am to 8 pm Mon.-Thurs., 9 am-3 pm Fri. and Noon-6 pm Sat. and Sun. Register and make appointments online at http://uta.mywconline.com. Classroom Visits, workshops, and specialized services for graduate students 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. 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.

**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.

**Librarian to Contact:**

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| Peace Williamson  817-272-6208  [peace@uta.edu](mailto:peace@uta.edu) | Lydia Pyburn  817-272-7593  [llpyburn@uta.edu](mailto:llpyburn@uta.edu) | Heather Scalf  817-272-7436  [scalf@uta.edu](mailto:scalf@uta.edu) |  |

Contact all nursing librarians:

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

**Course Schedule: At the end of the semester the student will complete 180 clinical hours**

**Weekly/monthly submissions to clinical instructor of schedule**

**Clinical goals due prior to first clinical date with a final evaluation of clinical goals**

**Interprofessional Collaborative Activity and Essay**

**Clinical evaluation by instructor**

**Telephone conferences with instructor/Site visit**

**Weekly typhon entries to include 8 entries per day and one SOAP note per day (8 clinical hours)**

**Dxr Clinician cases**

**Case study Presentation**

“*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. –Snell, Heather.”*

**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.

**Castle Branch**: All students must have current immunizations and other compliance documents on file with the university to legally perform clinical hours each semester. These requirements are submitted to Castle Branch. Your clinical clearance in Castle Branch must be current and remain in compliance throughout the duration of your clinical experiences. Failure to maintain compliance will result in removal from your clinical site until compliance is achieved. If you are not able to complete clinical hours due to noncompliance in Castle Branch, this may result in a course failure.

**Clinical Approval and 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 **in the week or two prior to beginning your first clinical course after you have been fully cleared for your clinical with your clinical coordinator.**

To be cleared for clinical, this means you have submitted the online proposal for your preceptor(s) and clinical site(s), received approval for your preceptor(s) and clinical site(s) from your clinical coordinator, submitted the online affiliation agreement information request for all clinical site(s) you will be attending, and submitted a signed and complete preceptor agreement(s) for each preceptor you will work with to the appropriate drop box to your clinical coordination organization on Blackboard (your Pathway to Graduation).

**You must work with your preceptor(s) of record in the clinical site(s) of record.** This means that you must work with the preceptor and clinical sites that appear in your Pathway to Graduation and have been approved by your clinical coordinator. Note: If your clinical site or preceptor has not been fully approved and does not appear in your Pathway to Graduation for your clinical course, **you are not approved from a legal standpoint to be in the facility or with the preceptor.**

**Once you begin your clinical course, you may not make changes to your preceptors of record** except in circumstances where your preceptor leaves their position or it is determined that the preceptor or clinical site is not allowing you to meet the objectives of the course. You will need to submit a written request through the Pathway to Graduation to make any changes to your preceptors of record at any time during the course. Approval is required by the clinical coordination team – your faculty’s approval alone is not sufficient to make a change.

Students are required to enter all patient encounters into the Typhon Group Healthcare Solutions (“Typhon”) electronic log system.  Students can access their Typhon account by entering their own unique username and password which will be accessible their first clinical semester. **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. No exceptions.** 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).  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.

**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/policy/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.

**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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