**The University of Texas at Arlington**

**College of Nursing**

**N5333 Family Nursing 1**

**Fall 2017**

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**Office Hours:**

Virtual Office Hours:

2 pm to 4 pm CST, non class Thursdays

6 to 7 pm CST, Sundays

Please email the professor to schedule an individual or small group, virtual work session during office hours or at a separate time if necessary. Include the purpose of the meeting, what you hope to learn as a result of this meeting and who will be participating..

The purpose of virtual office hours is to address those unique instructional challenges or questions that require a response that cannot be answered via email, an announcement, or the question and answer forum provided within the course. In addition, on campus students may schedule an appointment for an on campus meeting with the professor.

**Section Information:** NURS 5333, section 001

**Time and Place of Class Meetings:** Selected Thursdays in the CONHI in Pickard Hall. Class meets from 1 to 350 pm in room 206.

On campus dates are:

August 24

September 21

October 12

November 16

**Description of Course Content:**

This course focuses on advanced concepts and knowledge for nurse practitioner primary care management of designated acute, chronic and complex health problems of individuals and families across the lifespan. Particular emphasis will be on pediatric wellness, women's health, men's health, and geriatrics concepts and conditions. Prerequisite: [NURS 5418](http://catalog.uta.edu/search/?P=NURS%205418) or concurrent enrollment or Certificate Program Standing.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Evaluate theoretical and empirical knowledge of designated acute, chronic and complex health problems in primary care practice for individuals and families across the lifespan.

1. Assess diagnose, and manage the health care needs of individuals across the lifespan with **designated** acute, chronic and complex problems.
2. Apply evidenced-based practice guidelines to the planning of comprehensive health care for individuals and families across the lifespan.
3. Plan health promotion, health protection, and disease prevention approaches in the care of individuals and families across the lifespan.
4. Plan health education, coaching, shared decision-making, and counseling strategies in the care of individuals and families across the lifespan.
5. Plan care that is sensitive to individuals and families across the lifespan in the domains of culture, spirituality, age, gender, and sexual orientation.
6. Identify collaborative roles of other health professionals in the care of individuals and families across the lifespan.

# Course Outcomes and Performance Measurement:

| Module # | **Master**  **Essential** | **Learning Outcomes** | Module Objective | Activity / Assessment |
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| **Module 2, 4**  **Introd to Family**  **Care** | VII. Inter-professional Collaboration for Improving  Patient and population outcomes  VIII. Clinical Prevention and Population Health for Improving Health  IX. Master’s-Level Nursing Practice | Evaluate theoretical and empirical knowledge of **designated** acute, chronic and complex health problems in primary care practice for individuals and families across the lifespan  Assess diagnose, and manage the health care needs of individuals across the lifespan with **designated** acute, chronic and complex problems.  Apply evidenced-based practice guidelines to the planning of comprehensive health care for individuals and families across the lifespan.  Plan health promotion, health protection, and disease prevention approaches in the care of individuals and families across the lifespan. | Upon completion of the assigned readings and lectures, the nurse practitioner student will:  Effectively treat patients with common immunization, growth and development, and family dynamic issues seen in primary care across the lifespan:  1. Effectively assess patients through use of the following strategies:  gathering patient information including patient growth and development and immunization history.  performing the applicable physical exam given the patient's symptoms.  ordering appropriate diagnostic tests.  2. Evaluate and synthesize assessment data to determine a primary diagnosis and differential diagnoses.  3. Create treatment plans that include:  personalized recommendations ranging from holistic care to medical prescriptions and rehabilitation.  comprehend patient scripts describing the pathophysiology (relaying to patient in laymen's terms).  age and culturally | In class immunization lecture and case studies  Power point lecture and videos Readings  Immunization Quiz  Discussion Board Application of Family Theory Assignment |
| **Module 5,6,7,8**  **Reproductive**  **Health** |  | Evaluate theoretical and empirical knowledge of **designated** acute, chronic and complex health problems in primary care  Assess diagnose, and manage the health care needs of individuals across the lifespan with **designated** acute, chronic and complex problems.  Apply evidenced-based practice guidelines to the planning of comprehensive health care for individuals and families across the lifespan.  Plan health promotion, health protection, and disease prevention approaches in the care of individuals and families across the lifespan | Upon completion of the assigned readings and lectures, the nurse practitioner student will:  Effectively treat patients across the lifespan with common reproductive health issues and diseases seen in primary care:  1. Effectively assess patients through use of the following strategies:  gathering patient information including patient history.  performing the applicable physical exam given the patient's symptoms.  ordering appropriate diagnostic tests.  2. Evaluate and synthesize assessment data to determine a primary diagnosis and differential diagnoses.  3. Create treatment plans that include:  personalized recommendations ranging from holistic care to medical prescriptions and rehabilitation.  comprehend patient scripts describing the pathophysiology  (relaying to patient in laymen's terms).  age and culturally appropriate patient education.  appropriate referrals when needed.  including available resources in the community to assist patients. | Power point lecture and videos and readings  Med U #14 (fm)  Genetics Quiz |
| **Module**  **3**  **Geriatrics** | VII. Inter-professional Collaboration for Improving  Patient and population outcomes  VIII. Clinical Prevention and Population Health for Improving Health  IX. Master’s-Level Nursing Practice | Evaluate theoretical and empirical knowledge of **designated** acute, chronic and complex health problems in primary care  practice for individuals and families across the lifespan  Assess diagnose, and manage the health care needs of individuals across the lifespan with **designated** acute, chronic and complex problems.  Apply evidenced-based practice guidelines to the planning of comprehensive health care for individuals and families across the lifespan.  Plan health promotion, health protection, and disease prevention approaches in the care of individuals and families across the lifespan. | Upon completion of the assigned readings and attendance of this lecture, the nurse practitioner student will:  In order to effectively treat adult and pediatric patients with common urologic and renal disorders seen in primary care:  1. Effectively assess patients through use of the following strategies:  gathering patient information including patient history.  performing the applicable physical exam given the patient's symptoms.  ordering appropriate diagnostic tests.  2. Evaluate and synthesize assessment data to determine a primary diagnosis and differential diagnoses.  3. Create treatment plans that include:  personalized recommendations ranging from holistic care to medical prescriptions and rehabilitation.  comprehend patient scripts describing the pathophysiology  (relaying to patient in laymen's terms).  age and culturally appropriate patient education.  appropriate referrals when needed.  including available resources in the community to assist patients.  . | Power point lectures and videos and readings  Med U 29  Geriatric Syndrome  Presentation |
| **Module 1, 9**  **Derm**  **Heme** |  | Evaluate theoretical and empirical knowledge of **designated** acute, chronic and complex health problems in primary care  practice for individuals and families across the lifespan  Assess diagnose, and manage the health care needs of individuals across the lifespan.  problems in primary care  Apply evidenced-based practice guidelines to the planning of comprehensive health care for individuals and families across the lifespan.  Plan health promotion, health protection, and disease prevention approaches in the care of individuals and families across the lifespan. | Upon completion of the assigned readings and lectures, the nurse practitioner student will:  In order to effectively treat patients across the lifespan with common endocrine disorders seen in primary care:  1. Effectively assess patients through use of the following strategies:  gathering patient information including patient history.  performing the applicable physical exam given the patient's symptoms.  ordering appropriate diagnostic tests.  2. Evaluate and synthesize assessment data to determine a primary diagnosis and differential diagnoses.  3. Create treatment plans that include:  personalized recommendations ranging from holistic care to medical prescriptions and rehabilitation.  comprehend patient scripts describing the pathophysiology (relaying to patient in laymen's terms).  age and culturally appropriate patient education.  appropriate referrals when needed.  including available resources in the community to assist patients. | In class dermatology case studies  Power point lectures and videos and readings  Hematology Decision Making activity |
| **Module 10.11**  **GI** | VII. Inter-professional Collaboration for Improving  Patient and population outcomes  VIII. Clinical Prevention and Population Health for Improving Health  IX. Master’s-Level Nursing Practice | Evaluate theoretical and empirical knowledge of **designated** acute, chronic and complex health problems in primary care  practice for individuals and families across the lifespan  Assess diagnose, and manage the health care needs of individuals across the lifespan.  needs of individuals of individuals and families across the lifespan.  Apply evidenced-based practice guidelines to the planning of comprehensive health care for individuals and families across the lifespan.  Plan health promotion, health protection, and disease prevention approaches in the care of individuals and families across the lifespan | Upon completion of the assigned readings and lectures, the nurse practitioner student will:  In order to effectively treat patients across the lifespan with common neurologic disorders seen in primary care:  1. Effectively assess patients through use of the following strategies:  gathering patient information including patient history.  performing the applicable physical exam given the patient's symptoms.  ordering appropriate diagnostic tests.  2. Evaluate and synthesize assessment data to determine a primary diagnosis and differential diagnoses.  3. Create treatment plans that include:  personalized recommendations ranging from holistic care to medical prescriptions and rehabilitation.  comprehend patient scripts describing the pathophysiology (relaying to patient in laymen's terms).  age and culturally appropriate patient education.  appropriate referrals when needed.  including available resources in the community to assist patients.  . | Power point lectures and videos and readings  Med U#15 |
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Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials

# Buttaro, Terry Mahan, et al [2016] *Primary Care: A Collaborative Practice*, 5e 5th Edition Mosby ISBN-13: 978-0323355018

Kaplan and Sadock's *Synopsis of Psychiatry: Behavioral Sciences/Clinical Psychiatry* Paperback– by Benjamin J. Sadock, Virginia A. Sadock. & Pedro Ruiz. (2014). 11th ed, Wolters Kluvier. ISBN-13: **978-1609139711**

Wright, L., Leahey, M. (2012) *Nurses and Families: A Guide to Family Assessment and Intervention*. (6th ed.). Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company. **ISBN**: **9780803627390**.

Burns, C., Dunn, A., Brady, M., et al. (2016). *Pediatric Primary Care*. (6th ed.). Saunders.

Youngkin, E., Davis, M., Schadewalk, D., Juve, C. (2013). *Women’s Health: A Primary Care Clinical Guide*. (4th ed.). Prentice Hall. **ISBN: 9780132576734**

Http://www.med-u.org/ Virtual Patient Cases: Purchase during the first week of Family 1. Order online as an individual subscriber, not as an institutional subscriber. Purchase the FamilyMedicine Cases. Please see instructions on how to access this.

Reuben, D., Herr, K., Pacala, J., Pollock, B., Potter, F., Semla, T. (2017). Geriatrics at Your Fingertips (19th ed.). New York: American Geriatrics Society. ISBN:

      978-1886775466

Always get latest version—updated annually (online access is acceptable)

Textbooks or Equipment:  SUPPLEMENTAL (No required readings, BUT will be required in 5335 and the following courses):

  Hollier, A. (2016). Clinical Guidelines in Primary Care. (2nd ed). APEA. IBSN: 978-1-892418-22-7.

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

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| Discussion Board: Family theory application | 10% September 3 |
| Geriatric Med U Case 29 | 10% September 10 |
| MedU Clipp Case (Asia)  Immunization Quiz  Genetics Quiz | 5% September 17  5% September 17th-24th  10% September 24th |
| Med U Case 14 | 10% October 8 |
| Hematology Decision Making Activity | 10% October 22 |
| Med U Case 15 | 10% October 29 |
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| Final examination  Geriatric Presentation | 20% December 7-10  10% November 16 latest |

**Attendance Policy:** In this course, I have elected to track attendance but it is not factored into the grade. There is required attendance for the class presentation.

**Other Requirements:** Students will be expected to make contact and work within a group outside of class hours to produce the Geriatric project.

**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**: In attempting to resolve any student grievances regarding grades, it is the student’s obligation first to make a serious effort to resolve the matter with the individual with whom the grievance originated. Individual course instructors retain primary responsibility for assigning grades. The instructor’s judgment is final unless compelling evidence shows preferential treatment or procedural irregularities. If students wish to appeal, their request must be submitted in writing—on an appeal form available in departmental or program offices—to the department chair or program director. The student has one calendar year from the date the grade is assigned to initiate the grievance. The normal academic channels are department chair or program director and then academic Dean. However, before considering a grievance, the department chair or program director will refer the issue to a departmental or program committee of faculty. If the student does not find the committee’s decision acceptable, the student may appeal to the academic Dean. The decision of the Dean is final. Information specific to the procedures to be followed in each academic unit is available in the office of the academic Dean.

**Make-up Exams:** Please contact your faculty for approval. Make-up exams are typically not approved without documentation.

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

**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.

**CONHI – language**

Graduate students who wish to change a schedule by either dropping or adding a course must first consult with their Graduate Academic 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=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:** 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>.

**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](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/current/academic-support/learning-center/tutoring/index.php) sessions, [Start Strong](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/current/academic-support/learning-center/tutoring/start-strong.php) Freshman tutoring program, and [Supplemental Instruction](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/current/academic-support/learning-center/si/index.php). 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 (**2nd 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)**: [Optional.] 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. 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.

The evacuation route will be reviewed on the first day of class.

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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| 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/) |

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> .

**Course Schedule.**

**Week 1 Dermatology (on campus)**

**Week 2 Family Theory (Discussion Board: Family theory application)**

**Week 3 Geriatrics (Med U, start work on Geri presentations)**

**Week 4 Pediatric Growth and Health Promotion (Med U, Immunization Quiz)**

**Week 5 Genetics (Genetics Quiz) (on campus)**

**Week 6 Women’s Health Part 1**

**Week 7 Women’s Health Part 2 (Med U Assignment)**

**Week 8 Men’s Health (Geri presentations may begin here) (On campus)**

**Week 9 Hematology (Hematology Decision Making Assignment)**

**Week 10 Overview of Gastroenterology (Med U Assignment)**

**Week 11 Pediatric Gastroenterology**

**Week 12 In Class Geri Presentations (on campus)**

**Week 13 Review Week**

**Week 14 Review Week**

**Final Exam Available December 7th-10th**

“*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. –Bethany M. Mcclean.”*

**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.**

**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.

***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.

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