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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials- Textbooks, Supplementary Readings:
Textbook(s) Required:

Other Resources:
Texas Board of Nursing website
American Nurses Association website
Other online resources and articles as directed

Course Description: (2 credit hours)
Concentrates on legal, ethical, economic, and political issues affecting the nurse as an individual and a professional, in health care delivery to clients, groups and aggregates. Students are encouraged to apply critical thinking strategies during classroom discussions and presentations.

Student Learning Outcomes:
Upon successful completion of the course, students will have demonstrated the ability to:
1. Discuss historical and contemporary issues in nursing and their impact on current nursing practice.
2. Describe state and national statutes, rules, and regulations that authorize and define professional nursing practice.
3. Debate moral/ethical/legal issues that impact nursing practice and the health care delivery system.
4. Discuss the implications of healthcare policy on issues of access, equity, affordability, and social justice in healthcare delivery.
5. Compare/contrast the roles and perspectives of the nursing profession with other care professionals on the
healthcare team, such as scope of discipline, education and licensure requirements.
6. Articulate the value of pursuing practice excellence, lifelong learning, and professional
   engagement to foster
   professional growth and development.

   **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

   **Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments**
   This course consists of a series of activities and assessments to assist you in achieving the
   outcomes/objectives for the course. Each week you will complete various combinations of assignments,
   discussions, activities, readings, etc. Instructional Strategies that may be used include: lecture, discussion,
   demonstration, media resources (YouTube and others), audio-visual aids, computer assisted instruction,
   study and practice groups, and debates.

   **Grading**
   Grades will be determined as follows:

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   Grading Scale:
   A = 90-100
   B = 80-89
   C = 75-79
   D = 67-74
   F = 66 and Below
   A minimum grade of 75 is required to pass the course.

   **TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS**
   This course will be enhanced using eCollege, the Learning Management System used by Texas
   A&M University-Commerce. To login to the course, go to: [http://leo.tamuc.edu/login.aspx](http://leo.tamuc.edu/login.aspx).
   You will need your CWID and password to log in to the course. If you do not know your CWID
   or have forgotten your password, contact Technology Services at 903.468.6000 or
   helpdesk@tamuc.edu

   The following hardware and software are necessary to use eCollege.

   - Internet access/connection-high speed recommended (not dial up)
   - Word Processor (MS Word, or Word Perfect)

   Our campus is optimized to work in a Microsoft Windows environment. This means our courses
   work best if you are using a Windows operating system (XP, Vista, or 7) and a recent version of
   Microsoft Internet Explorer (6.0, 7.0, 8.0, or 9.0).

   Your courses will also work with Macintosh OS X or better along with a recent version of Safari
   (5.1 is now available). Along with Internet Explorer and Safari, eCollege also supports the
   Firefox browser (3.0) on both Windows, and Mac operating systems.

   It is strongly recommended that you perform a “Browser Test” prior to the start of your course.
   To launch a browser test, login to eCollege, click on the “myCourses” tab, and then select the
   “Browser Test” link under Support Services.

   **COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT**

   **Interaction with Instructor Statement:**
   Communication between faculty and students is primary and taken seriously. Preferred communication
   methods are individualized office hours, email, or via office phone. If a phone call is not answered please
leave a message and send an e-mail using the direct e-mail link on the course home page. You will be treated with collegial respect and you are expected to communicate likewise in a professional manner.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

CLASS
1. Class Cancellation: In the event that a class is canceled, the student is expected to do the readings and complete the objectives for that day. The material in this syllabus and dates identified in the Course Calendar are subject to change.
2. Class attendance is mandated by current Nursing Program policy. Refer to the Nursing Student Handbook. This course meets face-to-face every other week.
3. As an adult learner and responsible professional, the student is responsible for reading and completing assignments prior to class and for being prepared to participate in discussions over the assigned material. It should not be expected that all material will be covered in class. Students are expected to come to class prepared.
4. Assignments must be handed in on time. Assignments submitted late without prior arrangement with the instructor will receive a 0.

Students with Disabilities:
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library
Room 132
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

Student Conduct Code – Refer to the BSN Student Guide
Students must adhere to standards of professional and academic conduct. Academic misconduct involves any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the University, or subvert the educational process, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, falsifying academic records, misrepresenting facts and any act designed to give unfair academic advantage to the student or the attempt to commit such an act. Students are responsible for their own academic honesty and for reporting violations of academic honesty by others.