



Health Policy for Population Health
NURS 5321

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Scheduled Class Days and Times: Online

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Course Description: This course explores the reciprocity between health care policies and population health.

Prerequisites: Admission to any MSN program or enrolled in the PhD in Nursing program.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify causes of social, political, and behavioral factors that affect health of individuals and populations.
2. Identify individual, organizational and community concerns, assets, resources and deficits for social and behavioral science interventions.
3. Examine the processes involved in development and implementation of institutional, local, state, and federal policies that impact health care.

4. Identify critical stakeholders for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of public health programs, policies and interventions.
5. Apply ethical principles to the analysis of a health policy.
6. Describe steps and procedures for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of a health promotion program, policies and interventions.

Required Textbooks and Readings:

American Psychological Association. (2019). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association*. (7th ed.). Washington, D.C.: Author. ISBN 978-1-4338-3216-1

Knickman, J. R., & Elbel B. (Eds.). (2024). *Jonas & Kovner's health care delivery in the United States* (13th ed.). New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company, LLC. ISBN: 978-0-8261-7272-3.

If you are in a clinical course, all students are required to have an active InPlace subscription.

Assignments and Weights/Percentage/Point Values

1. Discussion Board (3)	25%
2. Population Health Quiz	10%
3. Policy Brief Topic/Existing Policy	5%
4. Policy Brief	20%
5. Health Promotion Project	40% (10% each)

Grading Scale:

Specific guidelines and grading criteria for all assignments are in the Modules. Final grades for the course will be determined based upon the following point assignments:

A - 90-100
 B - 80-89
 C - 70-79
 D - 60-69
 F - Below 60

Grades will not be rounded when calculating the average (79.5 is not rounded to 80, and 89.5 is not rounded to 90). Students are required to achieve an average of 80% (B) to complete the course successfully.

Academic Integrity: Cheating of any kind, as defined in Section 8 of the UT Tyler Manual of Policies and Procedures (MOPP) for Student Affairs (<https://www.uttyler.edu/mopp/>), will not be tolerated.

Consequences may include:

- reprimand
- exam failure

- course failure
- expulsion from the Nursing program
- expulsion from the University
- other consequences as assigned

Exam and homework materials, questions, and problems are the intellectual property of faculty, UT Tyler, or publishers.

- These materials may not be distributed without permission.
- Distributing or uploading them to online resources destroys the integrity of the assignment and the course, allowing others an unfair advantage by letting them view the materials.
- Uploading these materials to online resources is a violation of UT Tyler's academic misconduct policies and may result in formal conduct charges.
- Sanctions for uploading or otherwise divulging the contents of these materials can include:
 - a reduced or failing grade on an assignment
 - a reduced or failing grade for the course
 - removal from the Nursing program
 - removal from UT Tyler

Late Policy: 5% will be deducted each day an assignment is past due unless prior arrangements have been made with your course faculty. Extenuating circumstances may apply.

* This course has a Late Policy that applies to most assignments, but there are exceptions. Discussion Boards have their own rubrics with point deductions that take precedence over the Late Policy. Therefore, the Late Policy does not apply to Discussion Board assignments. Additionally, the Late Policy does not apply to the Peer Evaluation component of the rubric for the Health Promotion Project.

Repeating a Course: Students repeating this course may not use previously submitted assignments nor utilize the same patients for an assignment. Submitting the same or slightly modified assignments from previous semesters is considered self-plagiarism and is subject to academic discipline, including failing the assignment or the course.

Attendance and Make-up Policy: Attendance/participation is expected. Make-up for exams, quizzes, assignments, and missed clinical time is at the instructor's discretion.

Graded Course Requirements Information:

- **Discussion Board:** Throughout the semester you will participate in group discussions to help you become familiar with concepts related to health policy and population health. Topics vary and are introduced within corresponding modules. Discussion board guidelines can be found in the start here module on Canvas. Grading criteria for assigned discussion board postings can be found within the modules for which they are assigned.
- **Population Health Quiz:** You will take a quiz over population health content covered in the Module 1 readings. The quiz will be open book, but students are encouraged to read the assigned chapters before beginning the quiz.

- **Policy Brief Topic/Existing Policy:** The Policy Brief Topic and an **existing** health policy (local, state, or federal law/hospital policy) related to the chosen topic will be submitted for approval prior to submission of the Policy Brief.
- **Policy Brief:** The purpose of the Policy Brief is to succinctly evaluate policy options regarding a specific health care delivery issue to advocate for intervention(s) at the systems level. This Policy Brief will include actionable recommendations to an *existing health policy* to positively impact healthcare. Recommendations will be informed by a literature review of the recently published (within the last 5 years) scholarly evidence available on the subject.
- **Health Promotion Project:** The Health Promotion for Populations Project has 4 parts (for a total of 40% of your grade). You will be divided into teams for this assignment. Teams will be determined after the first week of the course. Collaboration and participation of all team members will be key to successful completion. Our expectation is that this will be a great experience for all of you as you collaborate with your peers to learn more about population health.

Please Note: Detailed information along with grading rubrics for course assignments will be provided in Canvas.

Important Course Dates:

Classes Begin: January 11, 2024

Census Date (withdraw without penalty): January 24, 2024

Last Date to Withdraw: March 23, 2024. Students please notify your course faculty and contact your advisor.

Calendar of Topics, Readings, and Due Dates

Module:	Week Of:	Class Topic:	Due This Week:
<i>Start Here</i> Readings: Syllabus, Course Calendar, Strat. for Success	<i>January</i>		
	8	Review Syllabus and Course Calendar	Classes Begin 1/11
	15	Review Syllabus and Course Calendar	Course Orientation Zoom 1/16 @ 6PM CST (<i>link below</i>)
<i>Module 1: Population Health: Keeping Americans Healthy</i> Readings: Ch. 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9, The Future of Nursing and Measuring Functional Health Literacy	22	Population Health	DB #1, Student Information, Student Forms, and Strategies for Success due 1/24 Census Date 1/24
	29	Public Health Systems and Their Role in Society	DB #2 Personal Reflection on Health Policy due 1/31 (peer response due 2/2)
	<i>February</i>		
	5	Health and Behavior	Part 1 Health Promotion Project and peer evaluation due 2/7

	12	Vulnerable Populations	Part 2 Health Promotion Project and peer evaluation due 2/14 Population Health Quiz Opens 2/14
Module 2: Health Policy Readings: Ch. 1, 2, 3, and eChapter: A Visual Overview of Health Care Delivery in the United States	19	Health Care Delivery and Health Policy	Population Health Quiz Closes (2/21) Midterm Zoom Check in 2/20 @ 12 PM CST (<i>link below</i>)
	26	Organization of Care	Policy Brief Topic/Existing Policy due 2/28
	March		
	4	Policy and the Politics of Health Care	Part 3 Health Promotion Project and peer evaluation due 3/6
	11	Spring Break	
	18	Comparative Health Systems and Health Care Delivery in the United States	<i>Last Day to Withdraw 3/23 3/19 Discussion with Health Policy Expert 6 PM (link below)</i>
Module 3: Integration of Population Health and Promotion Readings: Ch. 14, Articles, ethical principles	25	The Future of Health Care Delivery and Health Policy	Policy Brief Paper due 3/27
	April		
	1	The Future of Health Care Delivery and Health Policy	
	8	The Future of Health Care Delivery and Health Policy	DB #3 Course Reflection and Policy Application due 4/10 (peer response due 4/12)
Module 4: Synthesis Readings: Major Provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	15	Synthesis	Part 4 Health Promotion Project, Posting of Group Presentations, due 4/17
	22	Synthesis	End of 15-week session 4/26

Please note that all assignments must be submitted by 11:59 PM Central Time on the due date listed

Course Orientation Zoom link:

<https://uttyler.zoom.us/j/81481098426?pwd=U0FCSHIPUWhmbEd3WmM3TXZKeFBEU09>

Midterm Zoom Check in Zoom link:

<https://uttyler.zoom.us/j/81903592419?pwd=RmUvazUxWi9iMUdkWWlna24xOFJ4QT09>

Discussion with Health Policy Expert Zoom link:

<https://uttyler.zoom.us/s/88017123506?pwd=YnJBSEFKSEp1czFwRHg2NDRSR0U1Zz09&from=addon#success>

*If you encounter any issues with the Zoom links above, please see the modules in Canvas to locate a link.

School of Nursing Policies and Additional Information:

https://www.uttyler.edu/nursing/college/student_guide_and_policies.php

Student Resources and University Policies are provided in Canvas.