



**The Advanced Practice Role**

**NURS 5111 - LEGACY**

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**Scheduled Class Days and Times: Online**

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**Course Description:** Study of the Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) role. The evolution of the role, current and continuing issues relevant to advanced practice nursing, and clinical practice issues related to health promotion and disease prevention.

**Prerequisite**

Admission to any MSN degree program or an NP post-master's certificate.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

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

1. Examine the historical evolution of advanced practice registered nursing roles.
2. Evaluate the key National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty (NONPF) concepts and competencies related to advanced practice registered nursing.
3. Examine the scope of practice within the advanced practice registered nursing roles and responsibilities of provider, teacher/educator, advocate, consultant, and collaborator.
4. Compare operational definitions and differing scopes of practice for selected advanced practice registered nursing specialties.
5. Investigate the impact of current health policy, billing & coding, and reimbursement on advanced practice registered nursing roles.
6. Describe key factors essential for marketing the Nurse Practitioner role, and including formulating, articulating, and negotiating APRN positions.

### Required Textbooks and Readings:

Buppert, C. (2018). *Nurse practitioner's business practice and legal guide (6<sup>th</sup> ed.)*. Sudbury, MA: Jones & Bartlett Learning.

Joel, L. (2017). *Advanced practice nursing: Essentials for role development. (4<sup>th</sup> ed.)*. F.A. Davis: Philadelphia, PA.

**The readings are identified within the respective Canvas Modules.**

### Special Course Notes:

This course will study the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) role and selected issues such as the scope of practice, political, economic, and legislative influences are analyzed. The historical development and acceptance of the nurse practitioner role is traced through nursing practice acts, requirements imposed by boards of nursing, national certification efforts, third party payment systems, and various professional organizations.

### Assignments and Weights/Percentage/Point Values

COURSE ELEMENT	DESCRIPTION	Percent
Participation in the Module APRN Topics Discussion Board forums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active participation is required to successfully complete the course.</li> <li>• APRN Topics Discussion Board engagement</li> <li>• Individual grading rubric will be used to score Discussion Board participation</li> </ul>	<b>40%</b>
Professional Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A purposeful and reflective Professional Practice Statement essay that addresses:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reasons for becoming an advanced practice registered nurse</li> <li>○ Personal philosophy of nursing practice goals for the future</li> <li>○ Proof of Organizational Membership: Successful completion of this requirement will include submission of receipt or copy of membership card from one NP professional organization (e.g. TNP, AANP, etc.) to faculty via Canvas</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Course Quizzes</li> <li>• Proof of Organizational Membership</li> </ul>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

### 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). The simple average of all unit exam grades, including a final must be at or above 80% to pass the course. Once the student has achieved a simple unit exam average of 80% or higher, course grades will be determined based on the weighted calculation of exams and other required course work. Students are required to achieve an average of 80% (B) to complete the course successfully.

Although the university policy allows 60 days for grade appeals, the School of Nursing follows a stricter timeline of 10 days to facilitate students' timely progression through the curriculum. In the case of extenuating circumstances, please consult the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for guidance.

**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.

**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:**

- Professional Practice Statement
- Membership to a Professional Organization
- Quizzes
- Course Participation in the Discussion Board forums

#### **PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE STATEMENT**

Each student will be required to develop a professional practice statement. The assignment should be a thoughtful and reflective essay that addresses the student's reasons for becoming an advanced practice registered nurse, personal philosophy for nursing practice, and goals for the future.

#### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION**

Professionalism is an important part of the role of Advanced Practice Nursing. Students must submit proof of membership in either a State or National Nurse Practitioner Organization. Submit receipt of membership or a copy of your membership card via the assignment link. Acceptable organizations include (but not limited to) Texas Nurse Practitioners, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, American College of Nurse Practitioners.

#### **DISCUSSION BOARD PARTICIPATION**

Module Discussion Board APRN topics are available for shared course content. Watch the recorded topic videos and read the selected articles for the respective topics. Generation of three substantive posts towards any of the 13 APRN topics, plus two peer responses are expected as course participation for the Module APRN discussion board participation.

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

**Important Course Dates:** included within the calendar of topics, readings and due dates below.

**Classes Begin:** May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Census Date (withdraw without penalty):** May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Last Date to Withdraw:** July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Students must notify course faculty and your advisor.

### Calendar of Topics, Readings, and Due Dates:

Begin Date	Assignment	Instruction
05/13/2024	<b>First Class Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Course Introduction</li> <li>Complete Class Introductions</li> </ul>	Complete by 05/17/2024
05/13/2024	<b>Module 1: History of Advanced Practice Nursing</b>	Complete Module Readings and Learning Activities <b>by 06/01/2024</b>
Throughout the semester	<b>Available material inside the Module APRN Discussion Board topic forums*</b>	Generate three Substantive Discussion Board [DB] posts toward any of the 13 Module APRN topics during the semester and two additional posts toward another peer's postings.
05/31/2024	Submit Module 1 Quiz	<b>Due by 05/31/2024</b>
06/02/2024	<b>Module 2: Preparation for APRN Practice</b>	Complete Module Readings & Learning Activities <b>due by 06/29/2024</b>
06/24/2024	Submit Midterm Quiz A	<b>Due by 06/24/2024</b>
06/28/2024	Submit Module 2 Quiz	<b>Due by 06/28/2024</b>
07/07/2024	<b>Module 3: Implementing the APRN Role</b>	Complete Module Readings and Learning Activities <b>due by 08/09/2024</b>
07/08/2024	<b>Module APRN Discussion Board forum topics*</b>	Submit your two substantive posts towards any of the 13 APRN Topics <b>by 07/08/2024</b>
07/12/2024	<b>Submit Professional Practice Statement</b>	Submit Essay in a word document <b>due by 07/12/2024</b>
08/05/2024	Submit Module Quiz 3	<b>Due by 08/05/2024</b>
08/09/2024	<b>Module APRN Discussion Board forum topics*</b>	Submit your substantive reply post towards any of the peer posting's <b>by 08/09/2024</b>
08/14/2024	Submit Final Quiz B	<b>Due by 08/14/2024</b>
08/15/2024	<b>Submit Proof of Membership to Professional Organization</b>	Submit Org membership wallet card
08/16/2024	<b>End of term</b>	Complete the course evaluation

#### School of Nursing Policies and Additional Information:

[https://www.utt Tyler.edu/nursing/college/student\\_guide\\_and\\_policies.php](https://www.utt Tyler.edu/nursing/college/student_guide_and_policies.php)

<https://www.utt Tyler.edu/digital-learning/ai/>

Student Resources and University Policies are provided in Canvas.