



School of Nursing

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## NURS 5355

# Integrated Advanced Health Assessment, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacology

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## Course Description

This course is designed for the master's students who are not planning to pursue a nurse practitioner certification. Students will integrate concepts of advanced pathophysiology and advanced pharmacology to apply advanced health assessment principles and skills for comprehensive examination of clients. Focus will be on common deviations from normal. Populations across the lifespan will be included.

No on-campus meetings are required for this course. Web-based conferences will be employed to supplement online work throughout the semester.

Course Prerequisites: Admission to the MSN Program

## Course Learning Objectives

Building upon basic health (physical & mental) assessment, pathophysiology, and pharmacology (3Ps) knowledge, this course focuses on the application and synthesis of this knowledge for clinical decision-making. Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Master and apply advanced concepts in **health assessment** including interviewing for holistic health history, advanced health examination, documentation strategies, and frameworks for diagnostic reasoning (mini-lectures)

2. Master and apply advanced concepts in **pharmacology** including pharmacodynamic and pharmacokinetic properties of drugs, pharmacogenetic concepts influencing drug therapy, legal prescription writing techniques for controlled substances, and advances in safe medication administration (mini-lectures)
3. Master and apply advanced concepts in **pathophysiology** including genetics and epigenetics, the influence of neurobiology on daily functioning and mental health, inflammation and its role in disease, and all major body systems. (mini-lectures)
4. Appraise current topics impacting pharmacologic treatment (novel treatments for cancer, antimicrobial resistance, opioid overuse and abuse, etc.)
5. Synthesize clinical diagnoses from information from multiple sources (patient history, health assessment, review of systems, lab reports, and medication history).
6. Integrate pathophysiologic concepts of disease in the assessment and treatment of patients across the life span (mini-lectures)
7. Integrate pharmacologic concepts as well as non-pharmacologic concepts into a patient-centered care plan (mini-lectures)
8. Collaborate with team members to develop an effective, evidence-based, safe, individualized plan of care for the patient that takes into consideration life circumstances, cultural, ethnic, and developmental variations.

## Grading Policy and Criteria

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 successfully complete the course.

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.

Criteria for Evaluation:	Percentage of Grade:
Mini-Lectures	25%
Case Analyses	25%
Grand Rounds	25%
Shadow Health Virtual Assessment	25%

## Important Course Dates:

Note: The complete course schedule is available in the Course Canvas site.

Census Date: September 11, 2020

Last Date to Withdraw: **November 3, 2020**

<https://www.utt Tyler.edu/registrar/registration/withdrawals.php>

## Attendance and Make-up Policy

Attendance / participation is expected. Make-up for exams, quizzes, assignments, clinical time missed is at the discretion of the instructor.

## Required Textbooks/Materials

All students are required to have an active InPlace subscription.

This course combines required content that is traditionally taught in three separate courses. Textbooks are needed to fully understand advanced content and to be successful in various activities in the course.

Resource Author / Publisher	Resource Name	Edition	Ordering Instructions
Shadow Health	Shadow Health Digital Clinical Experience (simulation software)		See ordering instructions in Canvas Course Docs
EBSCO	DynaMed Plus Web-based Resource		Free Subscription through UTT Library – see below
McCance, K. L., & Huether, S. E. (2019)	Pathophysiology	8 <sup>th</sup> ed.	ISBN: 9780323583473
Burchum, J., & Rosenthal, L. (2019)	Lehne's Pharmacology for Nursing Care	10 <sup>th</sup> ed.	ISBN: 9780323512275
Rhoads, J., Demler, T. L., & Dlugasch, L. (2018)	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning	4th ed	ISBN: 9781284483994

## ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIPTIONS

**DynaMed Plus** (Required): Free through UTT library. Medications source for clinicians. Located within the library site's databases. If access from off-campus, please contact your instructor for special link.

**EMedicine by Medscape** (Recommended): Free online source for diseases and drug monographs. Registration is required. Extras include CEUs, alerts on favorite topics, and articles on current topics.

### Estimated Time Required for Completion of Assignments:

To accomplish the required weekly tasks, set aside at least 8 hours per week for this class. Reading of

professional materials (books, journals, etc.) is an integral aspect of role development of the masters prepared nurse. Each module will include articles and research on clinical topics and professional issues. Note that additional hours may be necessary to fully comprehend the didactic content as well as the clinical skills.

Every student is responsible for completing the recommended reading, completing the course module components, assignments, and quizzes according to due dates in the course calendar. Reading assignments consist of associated materials in the course textbooks and this list may be viewed on the course calendar and in each module. All assignments are made with the assumption that required reading assignments will be completed prior to completion of the assignments.

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

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

### **University Policies and Additional Information (updated 5/2019)**

The following course policies may be found at the website listed below: absence for religious observance, absence for university-supported trips, services to students with disabilities, grade replacement, state-mandated course drop policy, and Social Security and privacy.

<http://www.uttyler.edu/academicaffairs/files/syllabuspolicy.pdf>

### **UT Tyler Honor Code**

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

### **Students Rights and Responsibilities**

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: <http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

### **Campus Carry**

We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>

### **UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University**

All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors.

Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products.

There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit [www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free](http://www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free).

## **Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies**

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date).
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a "W" grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment.
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid.

## **State-Mandated Course Drop Policy**

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

## **Disability/Accessibility Services**

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Tyler at Texas offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible a diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit <https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler> and fill out the New Student application. The **Student Accessibility and Resources** (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with Cynthia Lowery, Assistant Director Student Services/ADA Coordinator. For more

information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>, the SAR office located in the University Center, # 3150 or call 903.566.7079.

### **Student Absence due to Religious Observance**

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

### **Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities**

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

### **Social Security and FERPA Statement**

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

### **Emergency Exits and Evacuation**

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

### **Student Standards of Academic Conduct**

Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but 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.

- i. "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:
  - copying from another student's test paper;
  - using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
  - failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
  - possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes". The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
  - using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;

- collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
  - discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
  - divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
  - substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
  - paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;
  - falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
  - taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
  - misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially
- ii. "Plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the submission of it as one's own academic work offered for credit.
- iii. "Collusion" includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.
- iv. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by plagiarism software.

### **UT Tyler Resources for Students**

- [UT Tyler Writing Center](http://writingcenter@uttyler.edu) (903.565.5995), [writingcenter@uttyler.edu](mailto:writingcenter@uttyler.edu)
- [UT Tyler Tutoring Center](http://tutoring@uttyler.edu) (903.565.5964), [tutoring@uttyler.edu](mailto:tutoring@uttyler.edu)
- [The Mathematics Learning Center](#), RBN 4021, this is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- [UT Tyler Counseling Center](http://903.566.7254) (903.566.7254)
- [UT Tyler Muntz Library](http://903.566.7343) (903 566-7343), Library Liaison for Nursing, Suzanne Abbey (903.566.7165) email: [sabbey@uttyler.edu](mailto:sabbey@uttyler.edu)