



**Capstone Course  
NURS 4339  
Fall 2022**

**Scheduled Class Days and Times: Monday and times varies by Campus**

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**Course Description:** This course will integrate principles of evidence-based practice, health promotion, population health, quality and safety, and leadership to develop a project to improve client outcomes.

**Prerequisites:** NURS 4626; NURS 4628

**Corequisites:** Successful completion of, or concurrent enrollment in NURS 4634; NURS 4338

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

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

1. Professionalism: Uphold standards of practice using moral, altruistic, ethical, and humanistic principles, while maintaining legal and regulatory standards.
2. Patient-Centered Care: Recognize individual's preferences, values, and needs; anticipate the uniqueness of all individuals, families, and populations; and incorporate the patient/family/population in the plan and implementation of care.
3. EBP: Synthesize and apply evidence, along with clinical expertise and patient values, to improve patient outcomes.
4. Informatics & Technology: Use information and technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision-making.
5. Quality Improvement: Use a systematic, data-guided approach to continuously improve outcomes and processes for the patient and healthcare systems.
6. Teamwork and Collaboration: Function effectively in nursing and interprofessional teams and foster communication, mutual respect, and shared decision-making to achieve quality patient care.
7. Wellness and Prevention: Assess health and wellness in individuals, families, groups, communities, and populations to promote health outcomes.
8. Leadership: Promote the practice of professional nursing through leadership and advocacy.
9. Safety: Implement measures to promote quality and a safe environment for patients, self, and others.

**Required Textbooks and Readings:**

ATI Books from Level 1

**Recommended Textbooks and Readings:**

**Special Course Notes:**

- 1) Proctoring Notice: The course includes ATI Proctored exams and no additional fees are required.
- 2) Alternate Locations of Class: Classroom, Computer Lab, UC Theater
- 3) This course requires you to complete assignments using a personal device for ATI products.

**Assignments and Weights/Percentage/Point Values**

1. EBP Refresher Quiz	5%
2. Capstone Modules	10%
3. Comprehensive Predictor	25%
4. Virtual ATI	15%
5. NCLEX Quizzes (4 Total)	15%
6. Capstone Assessment A and B	15%
7. NCLEX Action Plan	5%
8. ATI Live Review	10%

**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 - 75-79
- D - 60-74
- F - Below 60

Final course grades less than 75 are not rounded up.

The simple average of all exam grades, including a final, must first be at or above 75% in order to pass the course. Once the student has achieved a simple exam average of 75% or higher, course grades will be determined based on the weighted calculation of exams and other required course work.

**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.

### **Important Course Dates**

Classes Begin: August 29, 2022

Census Date (withdraw without penalty): **Sept. 9 – census date, 2022**

Last Date to Withdraw: Monday, Nov. 7th; <https://www.uttyler.edu/registrar/forms/>

Classes End: December 9, 2022

**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:**

Attendance in mandatory for all classes including ATI Live Review

Completion of all Capstone Modules and Assessments, both practice and proctored

Completion of all EBP and NCLEX Quizzes

Completion of the Comprehensive Predictor and Virtual ATI

Completion of the NCLEX Action Plan

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

Week 1: 8/29	Course Orientation	ATI Proctored Capstone A; EBP Refresher Quiz
Week 2: 9/5	Labor Day--No class	Capstone Module 1; NCLEX Action Plan

Week 3: 9/12	NCLEX Test Prep	Capstone Module 2
Week 4: 9/19	NCLEX Test Prep	Capstone Module 3
Week 5: 9/26	NCLEX Test Prep	Capstone Module 4; ATI Comprehensive Practice A
Week 6: 10/3	NCLEX Test Prep	Capstone Module 5; ATI Comprehensive Practice B
Week 7: 10/10	Computer Lab	Capstone Module 6; ATI Proctored Comprehensive Predictor NCLEX Action Plan
Week 8: 10/17	Computer Lab	Capstone Module 7; ATI Proctored Comprehensive Predictor Retake NCLEX Action Plan
Week 9: 10/24	NCLEX Test Prep; Computer Lab	ATI Proctored Capstone B; Virtual ATI (starts 10/26); NCLEX Questions Quiz #1
Week 10: 10/31	NCLEX Test Prep	Virtual ATI; NCLEX Questions Quiz #2
Week 11: 11/7	NCLEX Test Prep	Virtual ATI; NCLEX Questions Quiz #3
Week 12: 11/14	NCLEX Test Prep	Virtual ATI; NCLEX Questions Quiz #4 NCLEX Action Plan Due
Week 13: 11/28	Final Check in	Virtual ATI; ATI Live Review
Week 14: 12/5	No Class	Virtual ATI--Finish strong! **
<p>* Bring ATI Book relevant to the content that week in Capstone Modules  **Recommended to test within 3 weeks of "Green light" on ATI</p>		

### 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)

### Student Resources to assist you in this course:

[UT Tyler Student Accessibility and Resource \(SAR\) Office](#) (provides needed accommodations to students with document needs related to access and learning)

[UT Tyler Writing Center](#)

[The Mathematics Learning Center](#)

[UT Tyler PASS Tutoring Center](#)

[UT Tyler Supplemental Instruction](#)

[Upswing \(24/7 online tutoring\) - covers nearly all undergraduate course areas](#)

[Robert Muntz Library](#) and [Library Liaison](#)

[Canvas 101](#) (learn to use Canvas, proctoring, Unicheck, and other software)

Digital Support Toolkit (for supported courses only. Students are automatically enrolled in the toolkit for supported courses)

LIB 422 - Computer Lab where students can take a proctored exam

[The Career Success Center](#)

[UT Tyler Testing Center](#)

[Office of Research & Scholarship Design and Data Analysis Lab](#)

### **Resources available to UT Tyler Students**

[UT Tyler Counseling Center](#) (available to all students)

[TAO Online Support Center](#) (online self-help modules related to mental & emotional health)

[Military and Veterans Success Center](#) (support for all of our military-affiliated students)

[UT Tyler Patriot Food Pantry](#)

[UT Tyler Financial Aid and Scholarships](#)

[UT Tyler Registrar's Office](#)

[Office of International Programs](#)

[Title IX Reporting](#)

[Patriots Engage](#) (available to all students. Get engaged at UT Tyler.)

### **University Policies and Information**

**Withdrawing from Class:** Students are allowed to [withdraw](#) (drop) this course through the University's withdrawal portal. Texas law prohibits students 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 other 2-year or 4-year Texas public colleges and universities. Make sure to consider the impact withdrawing from this class has on your academic progress as well as the financial implications. We encourage you to consult your advisor(s) and financial aid for additional guidance. CAUTION #1: Withdrawing before census day does not mean you get a full refund. Please see the [Tuition and Fee Refund Schedule](#). CAUTION #2: All international students must check with the [Office of International](#)

[Programs](#) before withdrawing. All international students are required to enroll full-time for fall and spring terms.

**Final Exam Policy:** Final examinations are administered as scheduled. If unusual circumstances require that special arrangements be made for an individual student or class, the dean of the appropriate college, after consultation with the faculty member involved, may authorize an exception to the schedule. Faculty members are required to maintain student final examination papers for a minimum of three months following the examination date.

**Incomplete Grade Policy:** If a student, because of extenuating circumstances, is unable to complete all of the requirements for a course by the end of the semester, then the instructor may recommend an Incomplete (I) for the course. The "I" may be assigned in lieu of a grade only when all of the following conditions are met: (a) the student has been making satisfactory progress in the course; (b) the student is unable to complete all course work or final exam due to unusual circumstances that are beyond personal control and are acceptable to the instructor, and (c) the student presents these reasons prior to the time that the final grade roster is due. The semester credit hours for an Incomplete will not be used to calculate the grade point average for a student.

The student and the instructor must submit an Incomplete Form detailing the work required and the time by which the work must be completed to their respective department chair or college dean for approval. The time limit established must not exceed one year. Should the student fail to complete all of the work for the course within the time limit, then the instructor may assign zeros to the unfinished work, compute the course average for the student, and assign the appropriate grade. If a grade has not been assigned within one year, then the Incomplete will be changed to an F or NC if the course was originally taken under the CR/NC grading basis.

**Grade Appeal Policy:** UT Tyler's Grade Appeal policy requires the completion of a Grade Appeal form for this action to take place. The grade appeal begins with the instructor of your course. If you do not agree with the decision of the instructor, you may then move your appeal to the department chair/school director for that course. If you are still dissatisfied with the decision of the chair/director, you may move the appeal to the dean of the college offering that course, who has the final decision. Grade appeals must be initiated within sixty (60) days from the date of receiving the final course grade. The grade Appeal form is found on the [Registrar's Form Library](#).

**Disability/Accessibility Services:** The University of Texas at Tyler has a continuing commitment to providing reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. Students with disabilities who may need accommodation(s) in order to fully participate in this class are urged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources Office (SAR) as soon as possible to explore what arrangements need to be made to ensure access. If you have a disability, you are encouraged to visit the SAR Portal (<https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler/>) and

complete the New Student Application. For more information, please visit the [SAR webpage](#) or call 903.566.7079.

**Military Affiliated Students:** UT Tyler honors the service and sacrifices of our military-affiliated students. If you are a student who is a veteran, on active duty, in the reserves or National Guard, or a military spouse or dependent, please stay in contact with me if any aspect of your present or prior service or family situation makes it difficult for you to fulfill the requirements of a course or creates disruption in your academic progress. It is important to make me aware of any complications as far in advance as possible. I am willing to work with you and, if needed, put you in contact with university staff who are trained to assist you. Campus resources for military-affiliated students are in the [Military and Veterans Success Center \(MVSC\)](#). The MVSC can be reached at MVSC@uttyler.edu or via phone at 903.565.5972.

**Academic Honesty and Academic Misconduct:** The UT Tyler community comes together to pledge that "Honor and integrity will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do." Therefore, we enforce the [Student Conduct and Discipline policy](#) in the Student Manual Of Operating Procedures (Section 8).

**FERPA:** UT Tyler follows the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as noted in [University Policy 5.2.3](#). The course instructor will follow all requirements in protecting your confidential information.

**COVID Guidance:** The UT Tyler community of Patriots respects the rights of others to wear a mask if they desire to do so. COVID guidelines may change as the situation warrants, and students should follow the instructions warranted by the situation.

**Absence for Official University Events or Activities:** This course follows the practices related to approved absences as noted by the Student Manual of Operating Procedures ([Sec. 1 -501](#)).

**Absence for Religious Holidays:** Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious holiday are requested to inform the instructor by the second class meeting of the semester.

**Campus Carry:** We respect the right and privacy of students 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>.