



Course Title – Health Policy for Population Health
Course Number 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 (4)	25% (6.25% each)
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

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- 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.
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 - 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: August 24, 2023

Census Date (withdraw without penalty): September 6, 2023

Last Date to Withdraw: November 4, 2023. 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
Start Here Readings: Syllabus, Course Calendar, Strat. for Success	<i>August</i>		
	21	Review Syllabus and Course Calendar	Classes Begin 8/24
	28	Review Syllabus and Course Calendar	Course Orientation Zoom 8/29
Module 1: Population Health: Keeping Americans Healthy Readings: Ch. 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9, The Future of Nursing and Measuring Functional Health Literacy	<i>September</i>		
	4	Population Health	DB #1, Student Information, Student Forms, and Strategies for Success due 9/6 Census Date 9/6
	11	Public Health Systems and Their Role in Society	DB #2 Personal Reflection on Health Policy due 9/13
	18	Health and Behavior	Part 1 Health Promotion Project and peer evaluation due 9/20
	25	Vulnerable Populations	Population Health Quiz and Part 2 Health Promotion Project and peer evaluation due 9/27
Module 2:	<i>October</i>		

Health Policy Readings: Ch. 1, 2, 3, and eChapter: A Visual Overview of Health Care Delivery in the United States	2	Health Care Delivery and Health Policy	
	9	Organization of Care	Midterm Zoom Check in 10/10 DB #3 Framing a Public Policy Current Problem/Issue due 10/11
	16	Policy and the Politics of Health Care	Part 3 Health Promotion Project and peer evaluation due 10/18
	23	Comparative Health Systems and Health Care Delivery in the United States	Policy Brief Topic/Existing Policy due 10/25
Module 3: Integration of Population Health and Promotion Readings: Ch. 14, Articles, ethical principles	30	The Future of Health Care Delivery and Health Policy	Last Day to withdraw 11/4
	November		
	6	The Future of Health Care Delivery and Health Policy	Policy Brief Paper due 11/8
	13	The Future of Health Care Delivery and Health Policy	DB #4 Course Reflection and Policy Application due 11/15
	20	Thanksgiving Break	
Module 4: Synthesis Readings: Major Provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	27	Synthesis	Part 4 Health Promotion Project, Posting of Group Presentations, due 11/29
	December		
	7	Synthesis	End of 15-week session 12/8

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

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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.