



**Introduction to DNP Role and Culture  
NURS 6301  
Fall 2024**

**Scheduled Class Days and Times: Online**

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**Course Description:** This introductory course in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program includes an exploration of the various functions, roles, and positions that DNP-prepared nurses may hold. The responsibility of DNP-prepared nurses to promote evidence-based practice is emphasized. Students will use self-assessment and reflection of individual strengths and emotional intelligence to develop action plans for personal growth during the DNP program.

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the DNP Program

**Corequisites:** NURS 6302

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

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

1. Employ a variety of professional communication modalities to promote a participatory approach with diverse audiences. (AACN, 2.2, 9.2)
2. Demonstrate a spirit of inquiry that fosters flexibility and professional maturity (AACN, 10.2)
3. Demonstrate a commitment to personal health and well-being. (AACN, 10.1)
4. Analyze the philosophy, background, and issues related to the development and evolution of the DNP degree. (AACN, 1.1)
5. Examine the leader, EBP champion, and innovator roles of DNP-prepared nurses in healthcare. (AACN 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.6, 7.1, 7.3)
6. Explore the development of their professional identity as DNP-prepared nurses. (AACN, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5 & 9.6)
7. Develop a capacity for leadership as DNP-prepared nurses. (AACN, 10.3)

**Required Textbooks and Readings:**

- American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000165-000>
- Bradberry, T., & Greaves, J. (2009). *Emotional intelligence 2.0*. TalentSmart.
- Chism, L. A. (Ed.) (2023). *The Doctor of Nursing Practice: A guidebook for role development and professional issues*. (5<sup>th</sup> ed). Jones & Bartlett Learning.
- Dang, D., Dearholt, S. D., Bissett, K., Ascenzi, J., & Whalen, M. (2022). *Johns Hopkins evidence-based practice for nurses and healthcare professionals: Model & guidelines*. (3<sup>rd</sup> ed). Sigma Theta Tau International.
- Rath, T. (2007). *Strengthsfinder 2.0*. Gallup Press.
- Ratj. T.. & Conchie, B. (2009). *Strengths based leadership: Great leaders, teams and why people follow*. Gallup Press.
- Schadewald D. (2023). *Zaccagnini & White's core competencies for advanced practice nursing: A guide for DNP's* (5th ed.). Jones Bartlett
- Sylvia, M. L., & Terhaar, M. F. (2023). *Clinical analytics and data management for the DNP*. (3<sup>rd</sup> ed). Springer Publishing.

**Recommended but not Required:**

- Hacker, D., & Sommers, N. (2021). *A writer's reference*. (10<sup>th</sup> ed). Bedford/St. Martin's Macmillan Learning

There may be additional assigned readings in the modules in Canvas.

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

Assignment Category	Total
Participation	10
Leadership Development	20
Discussion Boards	20
DNP Scholarly Project Activity	20
DNP Project Deliverables	30
Total:	100

**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.

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

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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.

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**Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in this Course**

UT Tyler is committed to exploring and using artificial intelligence (AI) tools as appropriate for the discipline and task undertaken. We encourage discussing AI tools' ethical, societal, philosophical, and disciplinary implications. All uses of AI should be acknowledged as this aligns with our commitment to honor and integrity, as noted in UT Tyler's Honor Code. Faculty and students must not use protected information, data, or copyrighted materials when using any AI tool. Additionally, users should be aware that AI tools rely on predictive models to generate content that may appear correct but is sometimes shown to be incomplete, inaccurate, taken without attribution from other sources, and/or biased. Consequently, an AI tool should not be considered a substitute for traditional approaches to research. You are ultimately responsible for the quality and content of the information you submit. Misusing AI tools that violate the guidelines specified for this course (see below) is considered a breach of academic integrity. The student will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in UT Tyler's Academic Integrity Policy.

For this course AI is permitted only for specific assignments or situations, and appropriate acknowledgement is required.

During some class assignments, we may leverage AI tools to support your learning, allow you to explore how AI tools can be used, and/or better understand their benefits and limitations. Learning how to use AI is an emerging skill, and we will work through the limitations of these evolving systems together.

However, AI will be limited to assignments where AI is a critical component of the learning activity. I will always indicate when and where the use of AI tools for this course is appropriate.

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

Throughout this course, discussion boards are utilized to further understanding and communication among the cohort regarding the DNP role and the leadership a DNP-prepared nurse employs in healthcare. Assignments are also included in which students will demonstrate their understanding of practice problem identification for their DNP Scholarly Project. The focus of additional assignments will be on strengths and emotional intelligence development.

### Important Course Dates:

**Classes Begin:** 8/29/24

**Census Date (last day to withdraw without penalty):** 9/11/24

**Last Date to Withdraw:** 11/5/24 Please notify your course faculty & contact your advisor

**Calendar of Topics, Readings, and Due Dates:** Details about readings and assignments will be provided in Canvas.

### COURSE CALENDAR Spring 2024 (Thurs 1/11 – Fri 4/26) (Subject to Change)

Week Begins	Wk #	Topic/Activities	Assignment/Due Dates
Thursday 8/29		Course Opens	
Mon 9/2	1	<b>Module 1: Getting Started</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orientation Webinar: Tues, 9/3, 6:00PM <a href="https://uttyler.zoom.us/j/2293114842">https://uttyler.zoom.us/j/2293114842</a></li> </ul>	<b>Due Sun., 9/8 by 2359 CT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce Yourself (Roundtable)</li> <li>Surveys (Need to be signed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate Affirmation Forms</li> <li>Scholarly Writing Affirmation</li> <li>Rise Model Orientation</li> <li>Instructor Feedback</li> <li>What is Plagiarism?</li> <li>Course Orientation Attestation</li> <li>Crews (Small Groups)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Mon 9/9	2	<b>Module 2: Introduction to the DNP and the Essentials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Readings</li> <li>Videos</li> </ul>	<b>Due Sun, 9/15 by 2359 CT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DB: Beginning the DNP Journey (initial post)</li> <li>Obtain Copyright to JHEBP model</li> </ul>
Mon 9/16	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9/11/24 - Census Day</li> </ul>	<b>Due Sun, 9/22 by 2359 CT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DB: Beginning the DNP Journey (response post)</li> </ul>

Week Begins	Wk #	Topic/Activities	Assignment/Due Dates
Mon 9/23	4	<b>Module 3: Defining Practice Problem</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Readings</li> <li>Videos</li> </ul>	Due Sun, 9/29 by 2359 CT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attestation: Practice Problem Video</li> </ul>
Mon 9/30	5		Due Sun 10/6 by 2359 CT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Root Cause Analysis</li> <li>Practice Problem Identification</li> </ul>
Mon 10/7	6		Due Sun 10/13 by 2359 CT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appendix B: Initial Steps- Defining the Problem</li> <li>Approval Email for Practice Problem</li> </ul>
Mon 10/14	7	<b>Module 4: Internal Evidence and Organization, Setting and Culture</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Readings</li> <li>Videos</li> </ul>	Due Sun 10/20 by 2359 CT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Watch video</li> <li>DB: How do I know this is a Problem? (initial post)</li> </ul>
Mon 10/21	8		Due Sun 10/27 by 2359 CT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DB: How do I know this is a Problem? (response post)</li> </ul>
Mon 10/28	9		Due Sun 11/3 by 2359 CT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal Evidence and Description of the Organization Paper</li> </ul>
Mon 11/4	10	<b>Module 5: Strengths &amp; Emotional Intelligence for the DNP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Readings</li> <li>Videos</li> </ul>	Due Sun 11/10 by 2359 CT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DB: Strengths: Balconies and Basements (initial post)</li> <li>EI Self-Appraisal</li> <li>EI Self-awareness and Personal Vision Statement</li> </ul> <p><b>Last Day to Withdraw: Nov 5, 2024</b></p>
Mon 11/11	11		Due Sun 11/17 by 2359 CT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengths, Emotional Intelligence and Persistence Paper</li> </ul>
Mon 11/18	12	<b>Module 6: Roles and Leadership Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Readings</li> <li>Videos</li> </ul> Thanksgiving Break	Due Sun 11/23 by 2359 CT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second draft Internal Evidence and Description of Organization and Culture</li> </ul>
Mon 11/25	13		
Mon 12/2	14		Due by Sun, 12/8 2359 CT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EV: Leadership Development Plan</li> <li>Elevator Speech</li> </ul>
Mon 12/9	15	<b>Health &amp; Well-Being</b>	Due by Sat, 12/14 2359 CT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health and Wellness</li> <li>Reflection about Learning and the Course</li> <li>Clinical Hours Check-In Affirmation</li> </ul>

Sat. 12/14 End of session; Tues. 12/17 Final grades due by 12:00 noon

### 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 and University Policies are provided in Canvas.