



**Course Title:** Healthcare Informatics for the 21st Century  
**Course Number** NURS 5381  
**Spring 2023**

**Scheduled Class Days and Times:** Online

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**Course Description:** Provides introductory principles to understand conceptual and theoretical basis for information management in healthcare informatics. An interdisciplinary approach will be used to examine the clinical aspects, practice considerations, and application of information technology.

**Prerequisites:** None

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

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

1. Explain the role of the informatics professional in the healthcare setting.
2. Analyze healthcare environments to determine how informatics and technology can support organizational needs and a caring environment.
3. Utilize select theories that guide the application of informatics in healthcare delivery and education.
4. Construct policies that incorporate ethical principles as well as regulatory and legal standards in the use of health and information technologies.
5. Analyze legal and ethical issues within the health care system as it relates the use of information, information technology, and communication networks in various healthcare settings.
6. Apply concepts of privacy, security, and ethical use of information to a variety of healthcare settings and consumer groups.
7. Explain the concept of interprofessional practice and its importance in healthcare informatics and technologies.

8. Demonstrate competency in word processing software applications required for informatics professionals and nursing leaders.

**Required Textbooks and Readings:**

McGonigle, D. & Mastrian, K. G. (2018) *Nursing informatics and the foundation of knowledge 4<sup>th</sup> edition*. Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett Learning

ISBN-13: 9781284122688

Used or Rental is acceptable – no requirement to use online resources

This text is also used in NURS 5383, 5385, & 5387

All students need to load and install Microsoft Word 365 desktop for PC/Mac. Instructions will be found in Canvas.

Other learning materials will be provided in the Canvas course.

**Recommended Textbooks and Readings:**

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). Washington, D.C.: Author.

ISBN-13: 9781433832161

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

Criteria for Evaluation	Percentage Weight of Grade
Participation	5%
Discussions	20%
Required Webinars	20%
Application Assignments	30%
Learning Assessment Exercises	15%
Module Quizzes	20%
<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). 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

**Exam and homework materials, questions, and problems are the intellectual property of faculty, UT Tyler, or publishers.**

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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.

**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:**

The following is an overview of the major graded assignments. Detailed information will be provided in the Canvas course.

The toolkit competencies focus on students' development of expert-level competencies in the Microsoft Office applications, a foundational skill for an informatics nurse specialist. This course focuses on Microsoft Word. These skills will be assessed in learning assessment exercises and then applied in two assignments.

Each module will have a Assess Your Understanding quiz. The module assessment may be taken as many times as you wish. There is no time limit to each attempt however, there is no save and return function. A minimum of 80 out of 100 possible points for successful completion.

Discussion boards and webinars cover topics of importance in nursing informatics and may be conducted by faculty or guest speakers.

### **Important Course Dates:**

**Classes Begin:** January 9, 2023

**Census Date (withdraw without penalty):** January 20, 2023

**Last Date to Withdraw:** March 20, 2023. Students please notify your course faculty and contact your advisor.

### **Course Topics**

The course topics are based on the 2018 ANCC Test Plan for Certification in Nursing Informatics and the 2017 Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Certified Associate in Health Information and Management Systems (CAHIMS) Certification. Details on assignments and due dates are available in Canvas course.

<b>Module Information</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Topics</b>
Toolkit	Jan 9 – Apr 22, 2023	Toolkit Competencies: Word processing software
Module 1: Introduction, Objectives, and Essentials/Competencies Calendar Week 1	Jan 9 – 15, 2023	Introduction – What are your goals for this class? Knowledge assessment survey
Module 2: Professional Practice Calendar Weeks 2 & 3	Jan 16 – 29, 2023	Scope and standards of practice Organizations guiding professional practice Informatics competencies for all nurses Informatics roles and relationships Staff development related to informatics
Module 3: Methodologies, Theories and Ethics Calendar Weeks 4 & 5	Jan 30 – Feb 12, 2023	Concepts or theories that support informatics practice, organizational behavior, communication, systems, learning styles)

Module Information	Dates	Topics
		Applying ethical practices related to data and informatics solutions
Module 4: Rules, Regulations & Requirements Calendar Weeks 6 & 7	Feb 13 – 26, 2023	Regulatory, reimbursement, and accreditation requirements (e.g., clinical processes involving revenue cycles, The Joint Commission, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services [CMS], HITECH Act), Legal issues (e.g., malpractice, scope of practice, proprietary data misuse) Security, privacy, and confidentiality regulations, laws, and principles
Module 5: Evidence-based Practice & Informatics Calendar Weeks 8-9	Feb 27 – March 12, 2023	Information literacy and evidence-based practice Applying evidence-based practice to informatics solutions, Critical thinking and decision-making, Fair use and intellectual property, Clinical decision support/Expert Systems
Spring Break Week 10	March 13 – 18, 2023	
Module 6: Interprofessional Collaboration & Teamwork Weeks 11-13	March 20 – April 9, 2023	Effective communication strategies and techniques Team building, conflict management, and resolution, HIT Education
Module 7: HIT Teams Calendar Week 14	April 10 – 16, 2023	Teamwork in HIT teams – working with others outside of clinical disciplines
Wrap-up and Finals Calendar Week 15	April 17 – 22, 2023	Word Processing Skills Post-Assessment Survey DB: Reflection on Learnings

**UT Tyler School of Nursing Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement:**

The University of Texas at Tyler School of Nursing aspires to create, foster, and sustain a culture of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, irrespective of one's identity. We value and embrace all backgrounds, experiences, and identities, realizing that no one group, person or perspective has all the answers. We are richer when our individual skills, knowledge, experiences, cultures, backgrounds, and identities are combined in an accepting community. We strive to ensure that every individual gets a fair and equal chance to participate and thrive in a nurturing environment where all feel a sense of belonging. We are committed to intentionally and deliberately creating a diverse community that instills a sense of equitable justice and belonging for everyone affiliated with our school.

**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.