

NURS 591.02

Research Project



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COURSE NUMBER: NURS 591.02
COURSE TITLE: Research Project
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PREREQUISITE: Students must have completed all other required coursework for a MSN degree and ended their coursework prior to enrolling for NURS 591.02.

CLASS LOCATION: Blackboard

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In .01 and .02 of NURS 591, the student will plan and implement a clinical proposal /clinical project in the practice setting based on best evidence, and evaluate the results. This is the final capstone course in the clinical portion of the curriculum. The purpose of the project is to design, implement and evaluate a project that integrates the knowledge and theory gained in graduate nursing courses to improve an aspect of patient care. At the completion of the project in NURS 591.02, the student will present results in a professional paper suitable for publication and in an oral presentation.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Bonnel, W., & Smith, K. V. (2014). Proposal writing for nursing capstones and clinical projects. New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company. ISBN: 9780826122899

Polit, D. F., & Beck, C. T. (2012). Nursing research: Generating and assessing evidence for nursing practice. (9th ed.). Philadelphia: PA, Wolters Kluwer. ISBN: 9780763785864

Publication manual of the American Psychological Association. (2012). (6th ed.)
Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. ISBN 9781433805615.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of this semester, nursing students will be able to

- Identify a clinical problem/project through consideration of needs assessment, context, and technology.
- Integrate a theoretical framework(s) as a basis for planning a solution to the problem
- Demonstrate knowledge of relevant current evidence and clinical practice guidelines
- Incorporate quality improvement measures in developing a plan of approach
- Assure the rights of human subjects by submitting the clinical project to the Institutional Review Board for approval
- Plan methods of evaluation for effectiveness of project

***The Essentials for Master's Education for Professional Nursing Practice, 2011)* and the Philosophy of the Department of Nursing provide a foundation for the course objectives.**

METHODS OF EVALUATION:

GRADING CRITERIA:

Signed Academic Integrity Form	-- CREDIT
Part 1 – Updated ROL	-- 5%
Part 2 – Data Analysis and Interpretation of Findings	-- 20%
Part 3 – Limitations/Conclusions/Recommendations	-- 10%
Part 4 - Poster and Presentation	-- 15%
Part 5 - Final Research Project	
Proposal	-- 15%
Final Manuscript to Journal	-- 15%
Discussion Board	-- 20%
	100%

Teaching Methods

The course will be taught via readings, discussion, video sessions, and one-on-one consultation with course faculty. Student outcomes will be measured via the submission of required assignments.

The students will download the Institutional Review Board (IRB) packet and follow the instructions. Also, the students will submit their proposed research projects to the IRB committee for approval before proceeding with the project. The students will develop a timeline indicating how they will proceed in accomplishing the requirements of the course. One-on-one interaction with the course faculty who will review and offer feedback for the project is required for successful completion of the course.

GRADING SCALE:

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 60-69

F = 59 and below

Grades below a "C" are NOT passing in all nursing courses.

JUSTIFICATION:

This core course has been developed to meet the requirements of students seeking a Master of Science in nursing degree from Texas A&M University Texarkana. This serves as the capstone experience for MSN students.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

A. Participation Policy

The student is expected to participate in weekly online discussions by making initial postings with responses to other classmates as assigned.

Students are responsible for beginning their participation on the FIRST CLASS DAY by logging on and completing assignments according to the COURSE CALENDAR. Failure to submit online assignments between the first day of classes and the "university census date" (according to the university schedule) will result in an ADMINISTRATIVE DROP from the course.

B. Course Etiquette

Students are expected to demonstrate respect for fellow classmates and the instructor throughout the course by responding in a thoughtful manner that does not criticize or demean anyone in the class.

C. Discussion Board Standards

Please see the Discussion Board Rubric posted in Blackboard.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS:

Students with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations through the A&M-Texarkana Disability Services Office by calling 903-223-3062.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Academic integrity is an expectation of all students. Violations of academic integrity is the same as academic dishonesty which is inconsistent with professional behavior.

Academic cheating, fabrication, unauthorized collaboration, falsification, plagiarism, and complicity constitute academic dishonesty and will be grounds for disciplinary actions. For additional information about violations of academic integrity, please consult the university catalog. The Texas A&M University System [Student Rules](#) pages list definitions and examples of each type of violation. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the definitions and examples of what constitutes various violations.

The policy for Violations of Academic Integrity is discussed below. Each student will submit a signed and dated statement of understanding and commitment to the Academic Integrity Standards each semester, per course instructions, during the first week of the course.

Student work in all courses of the Department of Nursing will be evaluated for plagiarism by a variety of methods, which may include the use of specialized software.

Consequences

Should a violation of academic integrity be suspected, the course faculty member will consult with the teaching team, fellow faculty and/or the Director of Nursing to validate existence of violation and to determine approach. If it is determined that the student has violated integrity standards, the following sanctions will apply:

1. **First offense.** Student will receive a grade of “zero” on the assignment. A written counseling report will be placed in the student file. The student will receive an assignment related to academic integrity as determined by faculty with a stated due date. Failure to submit this assignment will result in a “F” in the course.
2. **Second offense.** Student will receive an “F” in the course. A written counseling report will be completed, with a copy submitted to the Office of Student Affairs.
3. **Third offense.** Student will not be eligible for enrollment in the nursing program. The student will immediately withdraw from all coursework.

For additional information, see the university catalog.

Please sign, date, and submit the Academic Integrity policy located under assignments for WEEK 1.

A&M-TEXARKANA EMAIL ADDRESS:

Upon application to Texas A&M University-Texarkana an individual will be assigned an A&M-Texarkana email account. This email account will be used to deliver official university correspondence. Each individual is responsible for information sent and received via the university email account and is expected to check the official A&M-Texarkana email account on a frequent and consistent basis. Faculty and students are required to utilize the university email account when communicating about coursework.

DROP POLICY:

To drop this course after the census date, a student must complete the Drop/Withdrawal Request Form, located on the University website (<http://tamut.edu/Student-Support/Registrar/Dropping.html>) or obtained in the Registrar's Office. The student must submit the signed and completed form to the instructor of each course indicated on the form to be dropped for his/her signature. The signature is not an "approval" to drop, but rather confirmation that the student has discussed the drop/withdrawal with the faculty member. The form must be submitted to the Registrar's office for processing in person, email Registrar@tamut.edu, mail (7101 University Ave., Texarkana, TX 75503) or fax (903-223-3140). Drop/withdraw forms missing any of the required information will not be accepted by the Registrar's Office for processing. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the form is completed properly before submission. If a student stops participating in class (attending and submitting assignments) but does not complete and submit the drop/withdrawal form, a final grade based on work completed as outlined in the syllabus will be assigned.

CLASS PARTICIPATION:

Students are responsible for beginning their participation on the FIRST CLASS DAY by logging on and completing assignments according to the COURSE CALENDAR. Failure to submit online assignments between the first day of classes and the University census date (according to the University schedule) will result in an ADMINISTRATIVE DROP from the course.

STUDENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

- Solutions to common problems and FAQ's for your web-enhanced and web courses are found at this link:
<http://www.tamut.edu/Training/Student%20Training/index.html>
- If you cannot find your resolution there, you can send in a support request detailing your specific problem here: <http://www.tamut.edu/techde/support.htm>
- Blackboard Helpdesk contacts (office hours are: Monday - Friday, 8:00a to 5:00p)

Julia Allen (main contact) 903-223-3154 julia.allen@tamut.edu

Nikki Thomson (alternate) 903-223-3083 nikki.thomson@tamut.edu

Jayson Ferguson (alternate) 903-223-3105 jayson.ferguson@tamut.edu

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum Windows PC Requirements

- Pentium IV 1.5GHz+ (preferred: Core Duo)
- 1 GB RAM minimum (preferred: 2 GB)
- 128MB Video Card minimum - Sound Card is required for some courses
- 56K modem minimum (Cable or DSL required for some courses)
- Windows 2000, XP, Vista or 7
- Web browser (Internet Explorer 7.0+; Firefox 3.0+)
- Microsoft Word, minimum Office 97

Some courses will need plug-ins such as Flash player 10 +, QuickTime player 7.0+, Adobe Reader 9.0+, Java Runtime Environment (Java 1.6.0_15), Windows Media Player 10+, RealPlayer, and Macromedia/Adobe Shockwave.

Some online courses may also require a CD ROM (8x minimum, higher recommended)

Blackboard has certified the following browsers for computers running Windows Operating Systems:

- Internet Explorer 8 or 9 (IE is not supported on Windows XP)
- Mozilla Firefox 3.6+
- Google Chrome

Minimum Apple Macintosh Requirements

- Intel Core 2.0GHz+
- 1 GB RAM (preferred: 2 GB)
- 128MB Video Card minimum - Sound Card is required for some courses
- 56K modem minimum (Cable or DSL required for some courses)
- Web browser (Firefox 3.0+ ; Safari 3.0+)
- Microsoft Word, minimum Office 97

Some courses will need plug-ins such as Flash player 10+, QuickTime player 7.0+, Adobe Reader 9.0+, Java Runtime Environment, RealPlayer, and Macromedia/Adobe Shockwave.

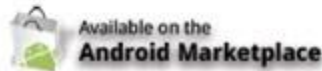
Some online courses may also require a CD ROM (8x minimum, higher recommended)

Blackboard has certified the following browsers for computers running Macintosh Operating Systems:

- Mac OS 10.2 (Jaguar): (Safari 1 is compatible)
- Mac OS 10.3 (Panther): Safari 1.2 (Firefox 1.5 is compatible)
- Mac OS 10.4 (Tiger): Safari 2 and Firefox 1.5
- Mac OS 10.5 (Leopard): (Firefox 2.0 is compatible)

I-OS and Android Devices

These devices are currently supported using the Blackboard Mobile App, available for free from your App Store or scan the code below:



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