

**ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY**

**DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**



**NUR 3792\_4792**

**Theoretical Competency**

**Fall 2017**

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**Course Number:** NUR 3792 / NUR 4792

**Course Title:** Theoretical Competency

**Credit Hours:** Two (2) Hours

**Contact Hours:** Varies

**Course Faculty:**

Level Coordinator

**Catalog/Course Description:**

This course is a theory course designed to enable a student to prove theoretical competence. Students who have dropped or failed a junior or senior level practicum course but have passed the accompanying theories and concepts course must prove theoretical competence in order to progress to the next level. For the student who has failed, NUR 3792 / NUR 4792 would be taken the same semester the student is repeating the accompanying practicum course. Students who have been absent from the upper division of the nursing curriculum must prove theoretical competence at the level of the corresponding theory class.

**Course Objectives:**

The objectives of the theory course (NUR 3204, 3606, 4206, or 4606) for which the student is attempting to prove competency. By the completion of this course, the student will progress toward the student learning outcomes associated with the appropriate course.

**Conduct of the Course:**

See course syllabus: NUR 3204, NUR 3606, NUR 4206, or NUR 4606.

**Justification/Rationale for the Course**

By the completion of this course the student will progress toward student learning outcomes 1, 2, 3, and 4.

This upper division professional nursing course provides opportunities for the student to apply knowledge and skills from the general education component and from nursing courses to the care of individuals.

**Discrimination Statement:**

Arkansas Tech University does not discriminate on the basis of color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, age, national origin, religion, veteran status, genetic information, or disability in any of our practices, policies, or procedures. If you have experienced any form of discrimination or harassment, including sexual misconduct (e.g. sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, domestic or dating violence), we encourage you to report this to the institution. If you report such an incident of misconduct to a faculty or staff member, they are required by law to notify Arkansas Tech University's Title IX Coordinator and share the basic fact of your experience. The Title IX Coordinator will then be available to assist you in understanding all of your options and in connecting you with all possible resources on and off campus. For more information please visit: <http://www.atu.edu/titleix/index.php>.

**Disability Statement:**

Arkansas Tech University adheres to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to prevent barriers to academic accessibility. If you need an accommodation due to a disability, please contact the ATU Office of Disability Services, located in Doc Bryan Student Center, Suite 171, or visit <http://www.atu.edu/disabilities/index.php>.

**Student Responsibility:**

The student is required to contact the level coordinator responsible for Theoretical Competency on the first day of class. Theory Competency requirements will be provided by the level coordinator at the beginning of the semester.

**Course Content:****Theoretical competence can be attained by:**

1. Taking for credit corresponding theoretical competency. Student must maintain a 75% average on all exams.
2. Taking for credit corresponding theoretical competency. Student must make greater than or equal to 75% on corresponding comprehensive theory exam.

**Evaluation/Methods****Grading Scale**

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 75-79

D = 68-74

F = 67 or below

## Tardy Policy

Tardies are not acceptable and considered unprofessional. Three (3) tardies will result in one un-excused absence. Each additional tardy will result in additional un-excused absences and be subject to the absence policy.

The class doors will be closed at the beginning of class. Students may not walk into class late. If a student does walk in late, he or she will be asked to step out into the hallway and wait until a class break.

If a quiz is given at the beginning of the class, the student will miss the points given for that class period (if he or she is not in class when the quiz is handed out). If a quiz or take-home test is given to students later during the class when the student is present, the student may receive those points. Take home quizzes must be turned in at the beginning of class to receive credit (turned in by the student, not someone else).

If handouts or lecture outlines are given to students at the beginning of class, and the student is not present to receive these, the instructor is not obligated to give a copy to the student.

An instructor may, at his/her discretion, decide to allow a tardy or absent student to complete a quiz or receive a handout if the student has been courteous enough to call the nursing department before class to inform the instructor that he or she will be late or absent. This is at the instructor's discretion only and he or she is not obligated to change the rules in this case. The student will not be allowed to enter class late until a class break, even if he or she calls first.

Students are responsible for obtaining any missed information after class. To disrupt the learning of other students to ask questions or copy notes of the missed class time while class is in progress is inconsiderate.

The student is responsible for verbally notifying the instructor and agency if he or she will be late for clinical experience. Excessive tardiness will be reflected on the student's clinical evaluation.

## Attendance Policy

It is expected that all students will act professionally. This includes attending class. Students are required to be in class in order to receive the optimum learning experience.

Attendance will be checked in each class period. Excused absences will be given for extenuating circumstances such as illness or family emergencies. Please notify the instructor via email or telephone prior to class, if possible, to receive an excused absence. Quizzes missed for any reason may be made up only at the instructors' discretion. Un-excused absences will not be tolerated and are grounds for withdrawal from the course. **More than two absences either excused or unexcused** will result in the Level Team determining whether the student is capable and able to continue on in the course. If the student is not allowed to continue in the course, the student must withdraw and will not be able to progress in the program.

## Cell Phone Policy

There is a **NO cell phone policy for all upper division testing/test review**. This includes paper/pencil testing, test review, cooperative testing, and computer testing. If you are discovered with having a cell phone on your person, this will be considered a violation of the Academic Honesty Policy. If we discover that you have your cell phone with you during a unit exam/cooperative testing or unit exam

review **you will receive a 0 for the test grade.**

### **Academic Honesty**

Students are expected to be honest and truthful in both classroom and practicum experiences. They are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics and uphold current standards of care. Students are referred to the Arkansas Tech University Student Handbook for more specific regulations regarding academic honesty.

Students are expected to:

- a. Perform their assigned tasks in the practicum experiences. Students should have the permission of the clinical instructor before using assistance from the staff.
- b. Notify the instructor immediately of any clinical error made so that steps can be taken to prevent harm to the patient.
- c. Present written work that is theirs alone.
- d. Correctly document any materials from a textbook, pamphlet, journal, etc., that is used for an assignment.
- e. Be honest and truthful when writing clinical logs and giving verbal or written reports regarding patient care or the student's clinical experiences or assignments.
- f. Only use authorized devices or materials for an examination and not copy from other students' papers.
- g. Document material correctly. Plagiarism is defined as stealing and presenting as one's own ideas or words of another, or not documenting material correctly. Student papers may be evaluated by [turnitin.com](http://turnitin.com) which can detect plagiarism. For the first occurrence of academic dishonesty, the student will receive an F. If there is a second occurrence, the student will be dismissed from the program. Students are referred to the ATU catalog and handbook for policies regarding plagiarism.