

**Arkansas Tech University**  
**Department of Nursing**  
**Syllabus Spring 2020**

**Course Number:** NUR 4992

**Course Title:** Evidence Based Practice Maternal and Women's Health

**Semester Credits/Credit hours:** Two (2) credit hours

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**Prerequisites/Co-requisites:**  
Completed Level 1

**Required Course Materials:**  
None

**Course Description:**  
*This course will provide the student nurse with the foundation of evidence based practice patient safety in women's health care through the exploration of patient safety bundles.*

**Course Objectives:** Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Investigate to better understand causation of harm in women's health.
2. Explore programs and tools to implement patient safety initiatives.
3. Explore the health care culture of respect, transparency, and accountability.
4. Examine the dissemination of patient safety information and education in professional nursing practice.

**Justification/Rational for the Course:****A. Relationship to ATU's Mission**

This course relates to ATU's mission of providing opportunity for intellectual growth, communication, analysis of data, and global issues.

**B. Relationship to Nursing Program's Mission**

This course relates to the program mission statements one through three.

**Course Policies****Attendance Policy:**

Students must sign in and complete the "Federal Attendance Module" required by the registrar at ATU on the first official start date of the course. If a student does not complete the "Federal Attendance Module" the student will be dropped according to the registrar's attendance policy. Students are expected to login to this BlackBoard course on the start date, completing assignments by each due date.

**Missed assignments** will be considered for completion (for uncontrollable circumstances) if the student makes prior arrangements with the course instructor before the assignment deadline or emails the instructor within 12 hours after the assignment is due. The course instructor will consider extending the deadline on an individual basis. Missed assignments may result in a reduction in that assignment grade or remain as an incomplete. Additionally, points/letter grade deduction is contingent on the quality of the work submitted by the student in meeting the requirements for that assignment. If additional time is granted to complete the assignment, the student has 24 hours to complete it or unless a due date is specified by the course instructor.

**Grading Scale:**

89.5-100%=	A
79.5-89.49%=	B
75-79.49%=	C
68-74.99%=	D
<68=	F

A grade of "C" or above must be achieved in every nursing course to progress in the Nursing Program. Any grade below 70% will not be rounded up.

A grade of "I" may be recorded for a student whose work is incomplete due to circumstances beyond the student's control. The student must take responsibility for removal of the incomplete grade according to the Arkansas Tech University's catalog requirements.

**Grade Policies:**

Grades are calculated based on weighted percentage, **totaling 100%:**

<b>Assignments</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Quizzes</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Final Reflection Paper</b>	<b>10%</b>

**Expectations of Students:**

Students are expected to participate in all course assignments. Grading rubrics are provided along with assignment expectations in Blackboard per assignment. Review the grading rubric and instructions prior to completing such assignment. APA format is required on all written assignments and references.

**Assignments/Presentations:**

It is required that each student *respond to two (2) postings* other than their own for minimal participation in the discussion boards (unless stated otherwise in the assignment instructions or grading rubric). Students will complete the assigned quizzes and discussion board questions. A reflection paper will be completed as a final assignment.

**Technology Requirements:**

Students should have suitable technology with internet access to be successful within this online platform. To determine if your computer meets the requirements for online course delivery review the ATU Blackboard campus support website for specifications:

<https://support.atu.edu/support/solutions/articles/7000019195-what-are-the-minimum-computer-hardware-and-software-requirements-for-taking-a-blackboard-learn-course>

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

Students should read the ATU student nurse handbook and the ATU Academic Policy for students for information and policies related to academic dishonesty and plagiarism.

**Academic Dishonesty.** Academic dishonesty refers to the various categories of cheating and plagiarism in the classroom.

1. Cheating on an examination, quiz, or homework assignment involves any of several categories of dishonest activity. Examples of this are: a) copying from the examination or quiz of another student; b) bringing into the classroom notes, messages, or crib sheets in any format which gives the student extra help on the exam or quiz, and which were not approved by the instructor of the class; c) obtaining advance copies of exams or quizzes by any means; d) hiring a substitute to take an exam or bribing any other individual to obtain exam or quiz questions; e) buying term papers from the Internet or any other source; and f) using the same paper to fulfill requirements in several classes without the consent of the professors teaching those classes.
2. Plagiarism is stealing the ideas or writing of another person and using them as one's own. This includes not only passages, but also sentences and phrases that are incorporated in the student's written work without acknowledgement to the true author. Any paper written by cutting and pasting from the Internet or any other source is plagiarized. Slight modifications in wording do not change the fact the sentence or phrase is plagiarized. Acknowledgment of the source of ideas must be made through a recognized footnoting or citation format. Plagiarism includes recasting the phrase or passage in the student's own words of another's ideas that are not considered common knowledge. Acknowledgement of source must be made in this case as well.

You should read further in the catalog for a better understanding of the potential academic consequences of academic dishonesty or plagiarism.

Also, here is a website that may be useful to you regarding plagiarism and how to avoid it: <https://www.plagiarism.org/article/what-is-plagiarism>

## **ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT**

University policy will be followed. At a minimum, the student (and any student caught assisting in the misconduct) will be given an *automatic* “F” for the exam/assignment in question and possibly an “F” for the course. Subsequent cases of plagiarism will result in a minimum of one letter grade course reduction for each incident. In addition, any student who aids another student in plagiarism (for example, provides a completed homework assignment to another student for submission) will be treated as also being involved in academic misconduct and appropriate penalties will apply.

## **DISABILITY STATEMENT**

It is the policy of Arkansas Tech University to accommodate students with disabilities, pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008. If you anticipate a barrier while enrolled in this course that is in relation to a disability, please contact your instructor privately to discuss your needs and concerns. You are not required to disclose the specific nature of your disability but you should be able to discuss the impact the disability has upon your academic experience. Additionally, you should contact Disability Services in Doc Bryan Students Services, Suite 141, (479) 968-0302/TTY (479) 964-3290, to begin the accommodation process.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

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>

### **Student Needs Statement**

Any student who faces challenges securing their food or housing and believes this may affect their performance in the course is urged to notify the instructor, if they are comfortable in doing so. Community resources are available for students and can be found at the following webpage: <https://www.atu.edu/localresources/>  
If a student finds they need more support, they are encouraged to contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Services (479-968-0238).