AHLT 4820 - Directed Research

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 40654,

Credit hours: 3

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Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene, Youngstown State University 1994

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Course Description

4820. Directed Research. Individual study of an issue related to the health care field. Students must present research at a faculty and student forum. Prereq.:Senior standing and AHLT 4806 or a research methods course approved by the course instructor. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
	Conducting Research – Social & Behavioral Science Methods.	Lawrence T. Orcher,	Conducting Research – Social & Behavioral Science Methods. 2nd edition, Lawrence T.ISBN 9781936523-19-1.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapter 1, 2, 3, 4	Begin Extensive Literature Review Begin thinking of topic	Log into course Introduce yourself to the class Respond to 2 of your classmates introductions Discussion question 1 Post potential topic Respond to at least classmates topic post Due August 30

8/31	Chapter 5	Extensive Literature Review Introduction to the problem Develop hypothesis	Extensive Literature Review Due 9/6 Introduction to the problem due 9/6 Hypothesis Due 9/6 Post hypothesis to Discussion Board and respond to at least 2 classmates hypothesis. Possible suggestions for improvement. Due 9/6
9/7	Chapter 21, 22, 23	Begin Research Design Preparing Initial Proposal	Research Design Due 9/13
9/14	Chapter 11, 12		• Request for Initial Approval of Research Proposal Due 9/20 Discussion question 3 • Post Initial Proposal to Discussion Board. Respond to at least 2 class-mates proposal with potential ideas for improvement Due 9/20
9/21	Read: Ethical Considerations in Research pg. 257 in Orcher.	Begin preparing IRB	• Discussion Question 4 Watch posted video and respond to discussion question. Due 9/27
9/28	Chapter 24, 25, 26, 27	IRB Continued Begin Final Project	Simulated IRB Due 10/4 Justification for Study Due 10/4
10/5		Putting it all together, preparing Final paper. ***All components of the entire semester must be included in final submission. No Exceptions!!	Final Project due 10/7

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