NURS 3720 - Professional Nursing

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section A02, CRN 43689,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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Instructor Title: Assistant Professor

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Family Nurse Practitioner, Youngstown State University (2024)
DNP, Nursing Leadership and Education, Capella University (2022)
MHHS, Health Care Administration, Youngstown State University (2017)
BSN, Nursing, Youngstown State University (2005)
Certification, Family Nurse Practitioner (2025-present)
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Course Description

3720. Professional Nursing. Concepts related to professional nursing practice for graduates of ADN and diploma programs. Prereq.: Valid RN Licensure. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Professional nursing: Concepts & challenges (10th ed.)	Black	9780323827560
Optional	Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.)	American Psychological Association	
Optional	Concise guide to APA style (7th ed.)	American Psychological Association	

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	Black, Chapter 1: Nursing in Today's Evolving Healthcare Env Black, Chapter 2: The History and Social Context of Nursing	Nursing in Today's Evolving Healthcare Env The History and Social Context of Nursing Discussion Board Netiquette	View Week 1/Module 1 Tab in Blackboard: Readings, Videos, Lectures Due Wednesday: Welcome & Introduction Initial Discussion Post Due Wednesday: Module 1 Initial Discussion Post Due Sunday: Welcome & Introduction Discussion Board: 2 peer responses Due Sunday: Module 1 Discussion Board (2) Peer Responses

8/31	Black, Chapter 3: Nursing's Pathway to Professionalism Black, Chapter 4: Nursing Education in an Evolving HC Envmt	Nursing's Pathway to Professionalism Nursing Education in an Evolving Healthcare Environment	View Week 2/Module 2 Tab in Blackboard: Readings, Videos, Lectures Due Wednesday: Module 2 Initial Discussion Post Due Sunday: Module 2 Discussion Board (2) Peer Responses Due Sunday: Writing Assignment: Portrayal of Nursing
9/7	Black, Chapter 5: Becoming a Professional Nurse Black, Chapter 6: Nursing as a Regulated Practice: Legal Issues Black, Chapter 7: Ethics Basic Concepts for Professional Nursing Practice	Becoming a Professional Nurse Nursing as a Regulated Practice: Legal Issues Ethics Basic Concepts for Professional Nursing Practice	View Week 3/Module 3 Tab in Blackboard: Readings, Videos, Lectures Due Wednesday: Module 3 Initial Discussion Post Due Sunday: Module 3 Discussion Board (2) Peer Responses
9/14	Black, Chapter 8: Conceptual and Philosophic Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice Black, Chapter 9: Nursing Theory: The Basis for Professional Nursing Science of Nursing & Evidenced-Based Practice	Conceptual and Philosophic Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice Nursing Theory: The Basis for Professional Nursing Science of Nursing & Evidenced-Based Practice	View Week 4/Module 4 Tab in Blackboard: Readings, Videos, Lectures Due Wednesday: Module 4 Initial Discussion Post Due Sunday: Module 4 Discussion Board (2) Peer Responses Quiz 1 (Chapters 3-7) Opens Wednesday at 8:00 AM, Due Sunday at 11:59 PM
9/21	Black, Chapter 10: The Science of Nursing and EBP Black, Chapter 11: Developing Nursing Judgment Through Critical Thinking	The Science of Nursing and Evidence Based Practice Developing Nursing Judgment Through Critical Thinking	View Week 5/Module 5 Tab in Blackboard: Readings, Videos, Lectures Due Sunday: Nursing Specialty and Professional Organization Recorded Presentation
9/28	Black, Chapter 12: Communication & Collaboration in Nursing Black, Chapter 13: Nurses, Patients, and Families: Caring at the Intersection of Health, Illness, and Culture	Communication & Collaboration in Nursing Nurses, Patients, and Families: Caring at the Intersection of Health, Illness, and Culture	View Week 6/Module 6 Tab in Blackboard: Readings, Videos, Lectures Due Wednesday: Module 6 Initial Discussion Post Due Sunday: Module 6 Discussion Board (2) Peer Responses
10/5	Black, Chapter 14: Healthcare in the United States	Healthcare in the United States	View Week 7/Module 7 Tab in Blackboard: Readings, Videos, Lectures Quiz 2 (Chapters 10-13) Opens Wednesday at 8:00 AM, Due FRIDAY at 11:59 PM Due FRIDAY: Course Evaluation Survey

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