

## NURS 6900 - Healthcare Issues and Trends

Summer 2026 Syllabus, Section A01, CRN 30236,

Credit hours: 3

### Instructor

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Communication Expectations:

To ensure timely communication and support in this online course, the instructor will respond to student inquiries within 24–48 hours of receipt, regardless of the day of the week. This includes emails and blackboard course messages. If a question requires additional time for a detailed response, the instructor will acknowledge receipt and provide an estimated timeline for a full reply. Assignments will be graded and feedback provided within 72 hours of the assignment/discussion deadline unless otherwise noted. Students will be notified by the instructor if delays occur.

How to Refer to me:

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### Course Description

6900. Healthcare Issues and Trends. Exploration of nursing issues including changing roles and scope of practice and discipline concerns, with emphasis of interdisciplinary collaboration and social, cultural, political, economic, legal, regulatory, and ethical practice considerations. Prereq.: Graduate nursing program status. 3 s.h.

### Course Readings

| Group    | Title                                                             | Author         | ISBN              |
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| Required | Advanced Practice Nursing: Essential Knowledge for the Profession | Denisco, S. M. | 978-1-284-26466-1 |

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                                                                                                   |
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| 5/11    | Read: Denisco, chapter 30 View: Preceptor PPT, Orientation PPT | Preceptorship  | Virtual ID assignment, Due Friday by Midnight<br>Quiz 1, Due Sunday by Midnight<br>BB Photo Upload, Due Sunday by Midnight |



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| 5/18 | Read: Denisco, chapter 26 View: PPT: Ethical Principles Legal Terms                                                                                                   | Advanced Practice Roles                                           | Discussion: Advanced Practice Roles, Due Wednesday by Midnight<br>Quiz 2, Due Sunday by Midnight |
| 5/25 | Read: Denisco, chapter 26 View: APRN: General Ethical Concerns PPT                                                                                                    | APRN: The Nurse Patient Relationship and General Ethical Concerns | Discussion: Ethical Concerns, Due Wednesday by Midnight<br>Quiz 3, Due Sunday by Midnight        |
| 6/1  | Read: Denisco, Chapter 23, Mortality in the US article, Major cause of death handout.<br>View: PPT: Beliefs, Values & Health                                          | Beliefs, Values & Health                                          | Discussion: Blum Model, Due Wednesday by Midnight<br>Quiz 4, Due Sunday by Midnight              |
| 6/8  | View: The Future of Nursing Podcasts                                                                                                                                  | Healthy People Initiatives                                        | Discussion: Take away on the future of nursing podcasts, Due Wednesday by Midnight               |
| 6/15 | Read: Denisco, chapter 13 View: PPT: The Role of Quality                                                                                                              | The Role of Quality                                               | Discussion: Evidence Based Practice, Due Wednesday by Midnight<br>Quiz 6, Due Sunday by Midnight |
| 6/22 | View: Issues on aging Special Considerations in the elderly. Leading cause of Death Risk Assessment & Immunization Guidelines. Herbal Agents, Cultural Considerations | More Professional Issues                                          | Quiz 7, Due Saturday by Midnight                                                                 |

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