

NURS 6900 - Healthcare Issues and Trends

Summer 2026 Syllabus, Section A05, CRN 30284,

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
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
6/29	Read: Denisco, chapter 30 View: Preceptor PPT, Orientation PPT	Preceptorship	Virtual ID assignment, Due Friday by Midnight Quiz 1, Due Sunday by Midnight BB Photo Upload, Due Sunday by Midnight



7/6	Read: Denisco, chapter 26 View: PPT: Ethical Principles Legal Terms	Advanced Practice Roles	Discussion: Advanced Practice Roles, Due Wednesday by Midnight Quiz 2, Due Sunday by Midnight
7/13	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 Quiz 3, Due Sunday by Midnight
7/20	Read: Denisco, Chapter 23, Mortality in the US article, Major cause of death handout. View: PPT: Beliefs, Values & Health	Beliefs, Values & Health	Discussion: Blum Model, Due Wednesday by Midnight Quiz 4, Due Sunday by Midnight
7/27	View: The Future of Nursing Podcasts	Healthy People Initiatives	Discussion: Take away on the future of nursing podcasts, Due Wednesday by Midnight
8/3	Read: Denisco, chapter 13 View: PPT: The Role of Quality	The Role of Quality	Discussion: Evidence Based Practice, Due Wednesday by Midnight Quiz 6, Due Sunday by Midnight
8/10	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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