

HLTH 3301

Issues in Geriatric Healthcare

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Course description:

This course will explore the health, social, psychological, economic and family issues that impact the health status of older adults. An overview of the roles of health care professionals in a variety of settings, the physiology of aging and productive aging will be presented. Students considering careers in the health care field will learn about the multiple factors that must be considered when working with this complex patient population.

Course objectives:

- + Understand the roles of health care professionals working with the geriatric patient population.
- + Gain an understanding of the physiology of aging and cognitive changes of the aging process.
- + Identify the multiple factors impacting this complex patient population.
- + Gain an awareness of the social, legal, financial and family issues impacting the geriatric patient.

Required textbook:

Gerontology for the Health Care Professional

2nd Edition

Authors - Regula H. Robnett and Walter C. Chop

Jones and Bartlett Publishers

ISBN: 978-0-7637-5605-5

Course policies:

- + Cell phones/electronics are turned off during class time.
- + UTD email: All university and course communication is conducted via the student's UTD email account. It is the student's responsibility to check UTD email and respond accordingly.
- + Arriving late is disruptive to class activities and may affect the attendance and participation portion of your grade. If you have a legitimate reason for being late, please inform your instructor in advance.

Course schedule and readings:

Jan. 15	Course introduction. Review of syllabus.
Jan. 17	Overview of course content and relevance to healthcare professionals
Jan. 22	Chapter 1
Jan. 24	Chapter 1
Jan. 29	Chapter 2
Jan. 31	Chapter 2
Feb. 5	Chapter 3
Feb. 7	Chapter 3
Feb. 12	Chapter 3
Feb. 14	Chapter 3
Feb. 19	Chapter 3
Feb. 21	Exam I (Ch. 1 - Ch. 3)
Feb. 26	Chapter 4
Feb. 28	Chapter 4
March 5	Chapter 5
March 7	Chapter 5
March 12	Spring Break

March 14	Spring Break
March 19	Chapter 6
March 21	Chapter 6
March 26	Chapter 7
March 28	Chapter 7
April 2	Chapter 8
April 9	Exam II (Ch. 4 - Ch. 8)
April 11	Chapter 9
April 16	Chapter 9
April 18	Chapter 10
April 23	Chapter 11
April 25	Chapter 11
April 30	Chapter 12
May 2	Chapter 12 and Chapter 13
May 9	Final Exam (Ch. 9 - Ch. 13)

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Class requirements and Grading:

Class attendance and discussion/participation	10%
Exam I	30%
Exam II	30%
Exam III	30%

