

HLTH 4304: Healthcare Internship

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Course description:

The internship course provides students with exposure to a professional healthcare environment, interaction with a variety of disciplines, application of theory to practice, and the opportunity to clarify career goals. The learning experience is a combination of volunteering in a healthcare environment and class meetings.

Course objectives:

- + To connect the student with a professional healthcare environment (i.e. hospital, clinic, rehab facility, long-term care, hospice).
- + Create awareness of the roles of various healthcare professionals in a variety of healthcare settings.
- + Develop professionalism as a future healthcare provider.
- + Interact with healthcare professionals in the community.
- + Observe interdisciplinary teams in healthcare environments.
- + Learn professional communication skills in a healthcare setting.

Required materials:

Documentation forms provided in class.

Course policies:

Cell phones/electronics are turned off during class time.

UTD email: All university and course communication is conducted via the students' UTD email account. It is the students' responsibility to check UTD email and respond accordingly.

Course schedule:

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| Jan. 15, 2016 | Course overview. Review of required documentation and forms. |
| Jan. 22 | Journals due and completed forms due. Class discussion. |
| Feb. 12 | Journals and time sheets due. Class discussion. |
| Feb. 26 | Journals and time sheets due. Class discussion. |
| March 4 | Journals and time sheets due. Class discussion. |
| March 25 | Journals and time sheets due. Class discussion. |
| April 8 | Journals and time sheets due. Class discussion. |
| April 22 | Presentations in class. Journals and time sheets due. |
| April 29 | Presentations in class. Journals and time sheets due. Research paper due. |

Class requirements and Grading:

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| Class attendance and discussion/participation | 25% |
| Journal and completion of all volunteer hours. Completion of all required documentation. | 40% |
| Research paper | 25% |
| Presentation in class | 10% |

All assignments are due on the specified date. NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Class attendance and discussion: The class meetings are discussion-based and involve an exploration of the healthcare system and professionalism in healthcare environments. Therefore, it is critical that students attend all class meetings.

Journal: Students will document their volunteer experiences in a journal format following specific guidelines (see assignment handout).

Research paper: The research paper is a synthesis of the individual student's experiences in their particular volunteer healthcare environment and research regarding the assigned healthcare topic (see assignment details on handout).

Brief presentation in class: The presentation focuses on the student's learning experience in their specific volunteer healthcare environment (see assignment handout).

Research Paper Format:

- + Typed, double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font with one-inch margins.
- + Paper will be five pages in length (content). Paper may be more than five pages.
- + Include name and course number.
- + Papers should be free of typos, spelling, grammatical and formatting errors.
- + Vocabulary should reflect that of a college student, and writing style should be mature and well organized.
- + At least three professional references must be cited (i.e. journals, book chapters etc.).
- + Use of APA style.