HLTH 4380 Special Topics in Health Care Studies:
Information Literacy and Information Resources for Health Care

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Academic Schedule – Fall Semester 2016
Classes Begin: Monday, August 22nd.
Census Day: Wednesday, September 7th.
Last Day of Classes: Wednesday, December 7th.
University Closings: Labor Day, Monday, September 5th; Thanksgiving Holidays, Thursday, November 24th- Saturday, November 26th; Thursday, December 22nd-Friday, December 30th.

Course Pre-requisites: Upper division standing.

Course Description

This course introduces the concept of Information Literacy and the information literacy process. Additionally, this course will identify basic health care information sources for both academic work as well as for professional use. After completing this course, students will understand the importance of Information Literacy and know how to effectively evaluate information. Students will be able to identify and use information sources for health care in their academic and professional careers.

This course is taught completely online: there are no required on-campus meetings. Weekly lessons are accessible throughout the semester as defined by the UTD calendar (http://www.utdallas.edu). Although the lessons are virtually available 24/7, such flexibility demands self-discipline and a high level of independent motivation. Students should budget appropriate time each week for this course including reviewing the lessons and assignments, reading articles, and completing course assignments and projects.

Student Learning Objectives

Students will learn to formulate a strategy for library research on healthcare topics and understand how information can be retrieved from a variety of sources. Students will learn about basic information resources related to health care. Students will be able to match their information needs to the appropriate resource. The student will evaluate potential information sources for credibility and assemble appropriate documentation of their research.

Suggested Course Materials

Readings for HLTH 4380 for will be available through eLearning or on Electronic Course Reserves https://www.utdallas.edu/library/services/reserves/index.html (The instructor will supply the password for access on the course's eLearning page.)

Technical Requirements

Coursework, reading assignments, and activities will be provided electronically via eLearning. See: http://www.utdallas.edu/elearning/students/getting-started.html#techreqs for information on System Requirements.

Grading Policies

Final Grades will be considered according to the total number of points accumulated.
Total possible Points = 300

291-300	A+	231-239	C+	<180	F
279-290	A	219-230	C		
270-278	A-	210-218	C-		
261-269	B+	201-209	D+		
249-260	B	189-200	D		
240-248	B-	180-189	D-		

Course & Instructor Policies

All assignments are due as indicated on the last page of this syllabus. Late work will NOT be accepted.

University Policies

Information about University Policies pertaining to this course can be found at the link below.
http://coursebook.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies

Assignments and Due Dates:

UNIT	Topic	Assignments/Discussions/Quizzes	Due
1	Introduction to the UTD Library	Library Website/Library Building Quiz (10 pts)	8/28
2	Citing Research: Why it is important, introduction to APA	Plagiarism & APA Quiz (15 pts)	9/4
3	What is Information Literacy? What is Health Literacy?	Information Literacy & Health Literacy Quiz (10 pts) Information Literacy & Professionalism Response Essay (10 pts)	9/11
4	Keywords and Search Strategies	Search Strategies Response Essay (20 pts)	9/18
5	The UTD Library Catalog & Union Catalogs	Library Catalog/Union Catalog Worksheet (15 pts)	9/25
6	Health Care Databases: Introduction and PubMed	PubMed Worksheet (10 pts)	10/2
7	Health Care Databases (Part 2): PsycInfo, CINAHL and others	Health Care Databases (CINAHL & PsycInfo) Worksheet (10 pts) Health Care Databases Response Essay. (20 pts)	10/9
8	Evaluating Sources	Baloney Detection Response Essay. (20 pts)	10/16
9	Reference Sources	Reference Sources Worksheet (10 pts)	10/23
10	Statistical Sources	Statistical Sources Worksheet (10 pts)	10/30
11	Federal & State Government Websites: Both General and Health Care Specific	Government Websites Worksheet (10 pts)	11/6
12	Consumer Health Information Resources	Consumer Health Information Source vs. Academic Source (15 pts)	11/13
		Consumer Health Information Selection Exercise (15 pts)	11/20
13	**FINAL EXAM**	**Final Exam (100 pts)**	**12/15**

The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.