

ACU Dallas Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

A = Approve I = Information Item R = Advise & Respond

Course Number: NURO 433

or Degree Plan(s): RN to BSN track

Highlight the item that corresponds to the requested change.

	Change to a Course					
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	I	I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	I	I	I
3.	Course term(s)	A	A	I	I	I
4.	Content (substantive change)	A	A	A	A	I
5.	Number of credit hours	A	A	A	A	I
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A	I
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	A	I
9.	Course fee(s)	A	A	--	A	I
10.	From U to G or G to U	A	A	A	A	I
11.	Cross list with another program or department	A	A	A	A	I
12.	Program/department of record	A	A	A	A	I
13.	Open or close a course	A	A	A	A	I
14.	New course (application required)	A	A	A	A	I

	Change to a Degree Plan						
1.	Major/Program — Revision	A	A	A	A	A	--
2.	Major/Program — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A	A	A	--
3.	Major/Program — Add	A	A	A	A	A	--
4.	Major/Program — Offer existing university program on campus	--	A	A	A	A	--
5.	Major/Program — Discontinue (proposed by Program or College)	A	A	A	A	A	I
6.	Major/Program — Discontinue (proposed by Provost)	R	R	A	A	A	I

7.	GPA — Revise major/program or cumulative requirement	A	A	A	A	A	--
8.	Minor — Revise course selection	A	A	I	I	I	--
9.	Minor — Add	A	A	A	A	A	--
10.	Minor — Discontinue (proposed by Program or College)	A	A	A	A	A	--
11.	Minor — Discontinue (proposed by Provost)	R	R	A	A	A	--
12.	Degree — Add	A	A	A	A	A	I
13.	Degree — Discontinue (proposed by Program or College)	A	A	A	A	A	I
14.	Degree — Discontinue (proposed by Provost)	R	R	A	A	A	I

	Change to Undergraduate University Requirements								
15.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content	A	A	A	A	A	A	--	A
16.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
17.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements chart	A	--	--	A	A	A	--	A
18.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Change to Catalog Information For Campus								
1.	General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees	--	--	A	--	--	A	--	A
2.	Admission requirements	--	--	A	--	--	A	--	A
3.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	--	--	A	--	--	A	--	A
4.	Requirements for graduating with honors	--	--	A	--	--	A	--	A

Program Director/Department Chair



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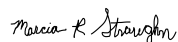
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Application for a New Course v10.7

Discard instructional pages A-C before submitting application. Consult with program director and dean before changing responses in red type.

Course ID (<i>Subject and Number</i>)	NURO 433
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I. Systems and Catalog Information Complete each item.

1	Course Developer	Shannon Schaid
2	Course Instructor	TBD
3	Course Title	Health Policy, Legal Aspects, and Informatics
4	Course Abbreviation for Banner if title is more than 30 characters	Health Policy Legal Informatic
5	College	College of Graduate and Professional Studies in conjunction with the School of Nursing
6	Department or School	School of Nursing
7	Number of Credit Hours	3
8a.	Number of contact hours – lecture	(add response - use same number as response to 7) 3
8b.	Number of contact hours – lab/activity	0
9	Is the course for a fixed or variable number of credit hours?	Fixed
10	Explanation for variable credit	N/A
11	Is the course repeatable for additional credit?	No
12	Maximum total number of credit hours a student can earn for this course	3
13	What type of course is this? (Select one option. Please see Schedule Type definitions on Page C.)	☒ Traditional lecture ☐ Traditional lab ☐ Traditional lecture/lab ☐ Experiential Learning ☐ Seminar ☐ Studio ☐ Thesis

		☐ _Dissertation
14	Number of faculty workload hours	<i>(add response - use same number as response to 7 unless under lead/facilitator model)</i> 3
15	Grade Mode	☒ _Standard ☐ _Credit/No Credit (undergrad only)
16	Maximum Enrollment	20
17	Catalog Description (50 words or less)	This course focuses on the legalities, legislative principles, and concerns of professional nursing, policy, and technological advancements and challenges of today's healthcare environment.
18	List any prerequisites (course/s, test scores, class standing, major, etc.)	Admission to Post-Licensure track
19	List any corequisites (these <i>must</i> be taken at the same time; note that a single requirement cannot be both a prerequisite <i>and</i> a corequisite)	n/a
20	If the course is cross-listed, specify the Course ID(s)	N/A
21	Does this course require any additional student course fees?	☒ _No (not at this time) ☐ _Yes If yes, attach a completed "Request to Add or Change Course Fees" form. Describe in section IV-7.
22a	Will the course be offered in fall terms?	☐ _No ☒ _Yes If yes: all, even, or odd years?
22b	Will the course be offered in spring terms?	☐ _No ☒ _Yes If yes: all, even, or odd years?
22c	Will the course be offered in summer terms?	☐ _No ☒ _Yes If yes: all, even, or odd years?
23	First semester this course will be offered under new Course ID. <i>May not be earlier than two parts of the term in the future.</i>	

24	Is this course required for a degree/s?	☐ No ☒ Yes (RN to BSN track) If yes, attach a revised degree plan(s) reflecting the placement of the new course.
25	Should the addition of this course be retroactively applied to the degree plan it supports? <i>This is rare, and rationale should explain compelling extenuating circumstances.</i>	☒ No ☐ Yes If yes, provide rationale:
26	Has this course been offered as a Special Topics course? <i>New courses are not required to be taught as Special Topics courses prior to approval.</i>	☒ No ☐ Yes If yes, provide course ID, term, and enrollment:
27	List any courses in which the content overlaps the proposed course. (Course ID and Name) <i>Attach a statement from the instructor/dept chair of the existing course justifying the new offering in Section IV-4.</i>	N/A

II. Curriculum

- A. Explain effect on degree plans. If the addition of the course alters degree requirements, submit a separate Approval Chart for Curriculum Change to update the degree plan.
There is no effect on existing degree plans. The RN to BSN track provides a route for which Associate Degree Registered Nurses can obtain their BSN. See attached document referring to Addition of a post-licensure RN to BSN track.
- B. Justify the addition of this course to the current curriculum, explaining the gap it meets.
The RN to BSN degree track is designed for registered nurses (RNs) that have completed a diploma program or earned an associate's degree in nursing (ADN) who wish to complete their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The curriculum is designed to expand prior learning and professional experiences in order to advance their nursing career. The new courses being developed fill in gaps that the students would not have covered in their ADN degree.

III. Course Design

- A. Audience and Course Goal

1. Describe the intended audience, including prerequisite skills.
Practicing registered nurses (RN)s with a diploma or associates degree that wish to continue their education at a faith based university. These ADN prepared nurses, must have an active, unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) in the U.S. AND be actively employed in the RN role OR have work experience equivalent to a minimum of 1 year of full time employment in nursing. These students must have complete all ACU university requirements and supplement to the major courses for full admission to this post-licensure track and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
2. State the overarching course goal(s) in performance terms.

B. Student Learning Outcomes and Measurements

	Student Learning Outcome	Measurement
1	Identify factors that affect the evolution of the nursing profession and nursing practice such as legal, regulatory, ethical, and political factors.	Discussion questions, quizzes, course projects, and assignments.
2	Discuss the role of the nurse in the development, implementation, and evaluation of computer technology utilizing evidence-based research.	Discussion questions, quizzes, course projects, and assignments.
3	Examine professional nursing organizations and legislative activities that influence nursing practice.	Discussion questions, quizzes, course projects, and assignments.
4	Apply knowledge and skills of nursing informatics in the use of information technology appropriate to nursing education, research, and practice.	Discussion questions, quizzes, course projects, and assignments.
5	Discuss how ethical decision-making frameworks and legal guidelines influence professional nursing standards, patient safety, and information technology.	Discussion questions, quizzes, course projects, and assignments.

3. Text and Resources

Give the full publication information of the textbook/s and other required resources and outside readings.

For **combined undergraduate/graduate** courses, make two lists:

- A. full publication information; label **Undergraduate**.

Undergraduate.

Textbook to be determined by SME.

- B. full publication information; label **Graduate**.

IV. Supporting Documentation

Required of all applications	
1	Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes
2	Syllabus — Attach the syllabus for the course based upon the anticipated first-semester offering.
3	Library — Submit new course application and syllabus to the Library dean's office. Attach the Library's provisional memo of support.
Attach if applicable	
4	Content Overlap — Include one document for each course you listed in Section I-28. Attach statement from instructor/dept chair of existing course justifying the new offering.
5	Program Resources — List the resources that support the course and are available only through the program, if applicable. Attach the list of the holdings and the location/s.
6	Resources — List resources (other than library or program resources) that are needed to support this course (computers, lab equipment, other technology, etc.). Attach a complete list of all items and indicate possible sources or estimated cost of each. List the sources of any needed funds.
7	Expenses — List additional expenses needed to implement this course (full-time or part-time faculty, graduate or lab assistants, student employees, travel, special student costs, room renovation, storage facility, etc.). Attach a complete list of all items, the estimated cost of each and the source of the funds.
8	Justification — Attach any documents to which you refer in Section II-B.

NURO 433: Health Policy, Legal Aspects, and Informatics

2022 Section NURO 433 3 Credits 10/14/2019 to 10/14/2020 Modified 01/12/2022

Mission Statements

University Mission Statement

The mission of Abilene Christian University (ACU) is to educate its students for Christian service and leadership throughout the world.

This mission is achieved through the following:

- Exemplary teaching, offered by a faculty of Christian scholars, that inspires a commitment to learning;
- Significant research, grounded in the university's disciplines of study, that informs issues of importance to the academy, church, and society; and
- Meaningful service to society, the academic disciplines, the university, and the church, expressed in various ways, by all segments of the Abilene Christian University community.

College Mission Statement

The mission of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies (CGPS) is to prepare students for Christian service and leadership by providing them with the knowledge and skills to advance their careers, thereby placing them in positions of influence for the expansion of God's purposes in the world.

Program Mission Statement

To inspire and educate students for excellence in professional practice in preparation for Christian leadership and service as professional nurses throughout the world.

Integration of Christian Faith

Within the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, faith integration is the intentional and comprehensive focus on the intersection of faith, education, and context. Students will engage in theological reflection and lived practice as they pursue their academic discipline resulting in a more grounded understanding of their identity, relationship to the world, and connection to the life and mission of God.

Course Description

This course focuses on the legalities, legislative principles, and concerns of professional nursing, policy, and technological advancements and challenges of today's healthcare environment.

Program and Student Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcome 1: Apply clinical reasoning, and evidence-based nursing competencies (knowledge, behaviors, judgments, skills, and attitudes) to holistically address and prioritize patient (individuals, families, groups, communities, populations) preferences, values, and needs.

Program Learning Outcome 3: Assume accountability for professional, legal, ethical, and regulatory laws/standards for individual performance and system effectiveness for safe nursing competencies.

Program Learning Outcome 4: Apply an understanding of health care policy, finance, and regulatory environments by the coordination, evaluation, and modification of care of patients, and the management of confidential information technology for seamless care and transition in complex health care systems.

Program Learning Outcome 5: Integrate professional values such as caring, advocacy, altruism, the preservation of human dignity, truth, justice, freedom, equality, ethics, integrity, civility, respect, and cultural competence in the pursuit of excellence of the Christian leadership and service of professional nursing.

Program Learning Outcome 7: Engage in self-care and reflection to prepare for clinical demands, envision growth to professional competence, and understand the need to participate in lifelong career and professional development.

Course Competencies	DECs (2010)	AACN Essentials (2008)
1. Identify factors that affect the evolution of the nursing profession and nursing practice such as legal, regulatory, ethical, and political factors.	I, II, III, IV	I, II, III, VI, VII, VIII, IX
2. Discuss the role of the nurse in the development, implementation, and evaluation of computer technology utilizing evidence-based research.		
3. Examine professional nursing organizations and legislative activities that influence nursing practice.		
4. Apply knowledge and skills of nursing informatics in the use of information technology appropriate to nursing education, research, and practice.		
5. Apply knowledge and skills in information technology to nursing education, research, and practice.		
6. Discuss how ethical decision-making frameworks and legal guidelines influence professional nursing standards, patient safety, and information technology.		

Course Requirements

The requirements for this course include participating in online discussions and completing all of the assignments. General descriptions of the course requirements are below. See the Canvas modules for detailed assignment instructions.

Discussion Questions

In order to actively participate in discussions, you will need to log in multiple days each week. This will help you stay up-to-date on the discussions and allow you to make more thoughtful postings. You are expected to answer all of the discussion questions assigned in a week in a substantive manner. All initial postings and responses will be due by 11:59 pm CST by the due date indicated in Canvas. No late posting will be accepted.

Weekly Assignments

Note: the full assignment description, due date and instructions for each are found in the Modules section in your online classroom (Canvas). Please pay careful attention to the instructions provided and the rubrics for each assignment.

Course Policies

Note: Please see the Canvas course for information on the faculty as well as all due dates.

Engaged Learning in an Online Format

This online course invites students into a community of engaged scholarship. The course consists of seven weekly modules, with a new module beginning each Tuesday morning in the Canvas LMS (Learning Management System). We expect students to log in to the course frequently, master the course material, whether written or in other digital media formats, and to engage the professor and fellow students through the Canvas medium.

Note: If a student fails to log in the course for the first 7 days of the official course, the student will receive an email notifying them that they are at risk to be administratively withdrawn from the course. The student will have 72 hours to log into the course from that email notification. If the student does not log into the course in that period of time, they will be administratively withdrawn. The last day to withdraw from a course is the Wednesday before the last week of class. Please reference the handbook calendar for a full list of dates. If a student has not participated in the course at any point, before the last week of class the student will be administratively withdrawn. An assignment is defined as a paper, quiz, discussion post, or project in the course. If a life situation occurs that will prevent the student from participating in the course for a brief period of time, the student is responsible for communicating this to their Student Service Advisor and/ or New Student Ambassador, and instructor to make appropriate arrangements.

Technology Requirements

Students should ensure they meet the technology requirements as outlined in the ACU Online Student Handbook.

Paper Specifics

In this course, specific instructions for each paper are given in the assignment directions. Please pay attention to the instructions given, such as the number of resources needed and how to cite sources.

Papers should be submitted through the Canvas submission portal as a .docx, .doc, or .pdf files, no email submissions will be accepted. All papers should be neat, contain no misspellings, contain no typing errors, and employ proper grammar and syntax. If your paper contains pervasive grammatical errors, the professor may return the paper without grading it and ask for a rewrite for a maximum grade of 80%. Your faculty will determine the date for submission of the revised paper.

Late Assignments

Assignments are due by 11:59 pm Central Standard time on the due date. Refer to the Canvas Syllabus link or the Canvas Modules link for a list of all due dates. Penalty for late assignments is 10% per calendar day late. Weekend days are counted as late days. No credit will be awarded for late discussion posts. Extra credit will not be available in this course.

Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity is defined as academic work completed as assigned for each class by the individual or group responsible for the work. Academic work includes but is not limited to reading assignments, assessments and examinations, attendance at required out-of-class activities, written or oral presentations, laboratory experiments and research. Assignments may or may not be submitted through the TurnItIn plagiarism checker.

The Academic Integrity and Honesty Policy is available on the ACU Provost's Office [webpage](https://cdn01.acu.edu/community/offices/administrative/office-of-the-provost/academic-integrity-policy/expanded-definitions-and-advice.html) (<https://cdn01.acu.edu/community/offices/administrative/office-of-the-provost/academic-integrity-policy/expanded-definitions-and-advice.html>), where you may find detailed information regarding what constitutes academic dishonesty and resultant disciplinary actions. The student should seek clarification from the instructor regarding the re-use of work, as this may or may not be appropriate and is dependent on the assignment. Academic dishonesty may have, but not be limited to, the following consequences:

- losing points on an assignment.
- failing an assignment.
- failing a course.
- having a record of improper conduct in the dean's office which oversees the course in which the infraction was made.
- being dismissed from the university.

The process and timeline for appeals can be found on the ACU Provost's Office webpage.

Academic Integrity Violation Process for Discussions Boards

In cases where a student posts an initial blank post and then proceeds to post a second time to the discussion with their answer to the discussion prompt, the following discipline processes will be followed:

1st Violation of Blank Post in a Course - "0" on discussion portion (not reply portion) and the instructor will issue a written warning that the second violation will be considered an Academic Integrity violation.

2nd Violation of Blank Post in Same Course - "0" on discussion portion and the student will be reported to the Dean's Office as having conducted an Academic Integrity Violation. See the syllabus for information about the Academic Integrity Violation process and possible consequences.

* ACU Learner Support, Resources, and Services

Anti-Harassment Policy

Harassment will not be tolerated at Abilene Christian University. As a Christian community, Abilene Christian University has committed itself, unequivocally, to ensuring a working and learning environment in which the dignity of every individual is respected. Harassment is defined as unwelcome behavior or conduct based on sex, religion, race, age, color, national origin, veteran's status, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law when (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment, education, or participation in University programs or activities, (2) submission to, or rejection of, such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for a decision affecting an individual's employment, education, or participation in University programs or activities, or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment for work, education, or participation in a University program or activity. Therefore, it is the purpose of the Anti-Harassment Policy to maintain a work and academic environment that is free of harassment, sexual or otherwise. This policy applies to all members of the ACU community, including trustees, faculty, staff, students, and volunteers at Abilene Christian University. For a more in-depth review of the university's anti-harassment policy, the full definition of harassment, and procedure for reporting, visit: <https://www.acu.edu/dean-of-students/required-legal-statements/anti-harassment-policy/> (<https://www.acu.edu/dean-of-students/required-legal-statements/anti-harassment-policy/>).

As a professor, one of my responsibilities is to help create a safe learning environment on our campus. I also have a mandatory reporting responsibility related to my role as a professor. It is my goal that you feel able to share information related to your life experiences in classroom discussions, in your written work, and in our one-on-one meetings. I will seek to keep the information you share private to the greatest extent possible. However, I am required to share with the Title IX coordinator information regarding sexual misconduct or information about an incident that may have occurred at ACU. Students may speak to someone confidentially by contacting the ACU Counseling Center.

ACU Online Student Handbook

The current version can be found [here](https://acuonline.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/#E0000000cKPT/a/440000006AA9/RWbLcDg6R9gR8DgTJwQdECczCHnjwM1_0WvJs6b4qeY) (https://acuonline.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/#E0000000cKPT/a/440000006AA9/RWbLcDg6R9gR8DgTJwQdECczCHnjwM1_0WvJs6b4qeY).

ACU Dallas Student Code of Conduct

The ACU Online Student Handbook contains an online student Code of Conduct which describes appropriate and inappropriate forms of electronic communication and online behavior as well as information about student integrity in scholarly work. Students may be dismissed from the university for failing to adhere to the Code of Conduct.

ADA Compliance Statement

Abilene Christian University is dedicated to removing barriers and opening access for students with disabilities in compliance with ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. The Alpha Scholars Program facilitates disability accommodations in cooperation with instructors. In order to receive accommodations, you must be registered with Alpha Scholars Program, and you must complete a specific request for each class in which you need accommodations. If you have a documented disability and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please call our office directly at (325) 674-2667 or alpha@acu.edu.

Library

Abilene Christian University provides library services to online students through the Distance Learning Portal at <http://guides.acu.edu/distance>. Students will use their single sign-on credentials to gain access to the library content. The Distance Learning Portal contains information about citation help, requesting materials, research guides, and degree program specific resources. Video tutorials on how to search the library's resources, including electronic journal titles, are available for students to view at any time. ACU also has dedicated staff that serve our online students, for help with refining topics, including dissertation and final project topics, searching databases, or other library help. To contact the online librarian, please visit <http://guides.acu.edu/c.php?g=824708&p=5887421>. For research assistance, you can visit <http://asklibrary.acu.edu> and submit your question through the web form or get help via text or chat.

Title IX Statement

As a professor, one of my responsibilities is to help create a safe learning environment on our Abilene Christian University Dallas Online campus. I also have a mandatory reporting responsibility related to my role as a professor. It is my goal that you feel safe to share information related to your life experiences in classroom discussions, in your written work, and in our one-on-one meetings. I will seek to keep the information you share private to the greatest extent possible. I am required to share with the Title IX Coordinator information regarding sexual misconduct or harassment, dating or domestic violence, or stalking that occurred while you are or were enrolled as a student at ACU. If you would prefer to share information in a confidential setting, I encourage you to access counseling services through TimelyMD. All of your options are available for review by clicking on the link to ACU's [policy](#).

✓ Grading

Grades are awarded based on point accumulation. Each assignment has a maximum number of points that can be earned by successfully completing the assignment. Partial points will be awarded for meeting some but not all of the standards identified for each project or assignment.

Letter grades correspond to the percentage of points accumulated as outlined in the table below. No extra credit will be given.

Range	Grade Assigned
89.5% - 100%	A
79.5% to <89.5%	B
69.5% to <79.5%	C
59.5% to <69.5%	D
0% to <59.5%	F

📅 Course Outline and Schedule

(Schedule subject to change; See the Canvas course for updated information on due dates.)

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

LIBRARY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 17, 2021
TO: Dr. Theresa Naldoza
FROM: Mark McCallon, Associate Dean for Library Services
RE: Courses in the RN to BSN Track

The Brown Library should be able to provide support for the following courses (new and cross-listed) in the RN to BSN Track:

*NURO 380 Nursing Research for Evidence Based Practice

NURO 338 Pharmacology & Pathophysiology for Practicing Nurses

NURO 353 Health Assessment Across the Lifespan

*NURO 477 Evidence-Based Community & Populations Health (2 credits)

NURO 478 Evidence-Based Community & Populations

*NURS 464 Nursing Leadership & Management (3 credits)

NURO 465 L&M Clinical Practicum (1 credit)

NURO 433 Health Policy, Legal Aspects, and Informatics in Nursing

NURO 484 Professional Role Transitions

NURO 494 Synthesis of Baccalaureate

* Shared/cross listed with the traditional BSN residential program.

Thank you for letting us review the course development templates and syllabi.