

ACU Dallas Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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

Course Number: NURS 735 **or Degree Plan(s):** DNP

Current PLO for the course is PLO3. We want to keep PLO3 and add PLO 5.

Thus, the course will be associated with the following PLOs.

PLO 3: Deliver and engage in quality healthcare initiatives that allow students to become healthcare agents for the community

PL0 5 - Reflect upon their own sense of calling and the ways in which it is enacted in their roles as practitioners. The program will draw students into Christ-centered communities as they share their personal visions and missions for their clinical practice roles.

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 <i>or</i> 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

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NURS 735: Quality Improvement

2021 Section NURS 735 3 Credits 10/14/2019 to 10/14/2020 Modified 02/16/2022

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

The mission of the DNP program is to prepare advanced practice nurses for the generation of knowledge through practice changes that impact individual and population health outcomes. This is accomplished through preparing students to:

- Integrate nursing science with knowledge from ethics, biophysical, psychosocial, analytical and organizational sciences to enhance health and alleviate or ameliorate illness;
- Develop, implement, and evaluate care delivery approaches; Utilize resources to implement quality improvement;
- Develop consultative and leadership skills to create excellence in health care delivery;
- Demonstrate advanced clinical judgment, systems thinking, and accountability; and
- Integrate Christian identity in influencing the healthcare delivery system to promote social justice, equity, and ethical policy.

The DNP program supports and is guided by ACU's 21st Century Vision, consisting of four primary goals:

1. ACU will produce leaders who think critically, globally, and missionally.
2. ACU will build distinctive and innovative programs.
3. ACU will deliver a unique, Christ-centered experience that draws students into communities.
4. ACU's Christian influence and educational reach will be expanded nationally and internationally.

Program Accreditation

The Doctor of Nursing Practice program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program is also approved and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Integration of Christian Faith

Nursing is a holistic profession that understands the connection between mind, body, and spirit. Graduates of the DNP program will deliver and engage in quality healthcare initiatives that allow students to become health care agents for the community. Students will reflect upon how they can best communicate a missionally-driven message to those for whom they care and serve. The ACU DNP program is distinctive and innovative as it is rooted in the Christian tradition and invites students into intentional practices of vocational formation. Students will be required to reflect upon their own sense of calling and the ways in which it is enacted in their roles as practitioners, clinical leaders, and educators. The program will draw students into Christ-centered communities as they share their personal visions and missions for their nursing practice roles.

Course Description

This course prepares the DNP graduate to assume a leadership role in the provision of safe and evidence-based nursing care using quality improvement techniques, tools, and appropriate health care outcome measures. The learner will discuss strategies for the engagement of interprofessional teams, leadership stakeholders, and patients and their families in the pursuit of the values of high-reliability organizations.

Program and Student Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcome #3: Deliver and engage in quality healthcare initiatives that allow students to become healthcare agents for the community

- SLO: 3.1 Develop, implement, and evaluate care delivery approaches based on scientific findings in nursing and other clinical sciences, as well as organizational, political, and economic sciences that meet current and future needs of patient populations.
- SLO: 3.2 Design and implement processes to evaluate outcomes of practice, practice patterns, and systems of care within a practice setting, health care organization or community in order to promote safe, timely, effective, efficient, equitable, and patient-centered care.
- SLO: 3.3 Employ consultative and leadership skills in intra- and inter-professional teams in order to create excellence in all types of healthcare delivery systems.

Program Learning Outcome #5: Reflect upon their own sense of calling and the ways in which it is enacted in their roles as practitioners. The program will draw students into Christ-centered communities as they share their personal visions and missions for their clinical practice roles.

- SLO 5.1: Integrate insight about their own calling with their ability to influence the health care delivery system in order to promote social justice, equity, and ethical policies within all health care, by (a) articulating the rich tradition of literature and practice in Christian vocation; (b) reflecting upon the concept of vocation in their own leadership development; and (c) applying new understanding of vocation in their organizational contexts.

Course Materials

- Finkelman, A. (2022) Quality Improvement: A Guide for Integration in Nursing, 2nd Ed. Jones and Bartlett Publishing. ISBN: 9781284231830

Course Requirements

General descriptions of the course requirements are below. See the online modules for detailed assignment instructions.

Discussion Questions

Participation in online discussions is mandatory. In order to actively participate in these discussions you will need to log in at least

5 days each week. This will help you stay up-to-date on the discussions and allow you to make more thoughtful postings. Discussions begin on Tuesday each week and end on Monday at 11:59 PM Central. You are expected to answer all of the discussion questions assigned in a week in a substantive manner. Your initial post will be due on Wednesday by 11:59pm CST using proper grammar, APA format, and references. You are also expected to respond to at least (2) of your classmates' postings for each discussion question, using proper APA format and references to support your responses. **No late posting will be accepted and will result in a grade of zero.**

Clinical Practice Experience (CPE)

NURS 735 has 48 clinical hours associated with the creation of a quality improvement plan that includes evidence-based guidelines, a detailed implementation plan and clinical evaluation parameters. Transferable skill: Critical Thinking; Diversity and Teamwork.

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

All formatting and referencing should follow *The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th Edition*. Papers should be written in Times New Roman, 12-point font and submitted as a .docx, .doc, or .pdf file. All papers should be neat, contain no misspellings, contain no typing errors, and employ proper grammar and syntax. If your paper contains pervasive APA and/or grammatical errors, the professor may return the paper without grading it. Your faculty will determine the date for submission for the revised paper and 10% will be automatically deducted in addition to any late penalty deductions if the assignment was submitted late.

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.

Clinical Practice Experience (CPE)

The ACU faculty is committed to competency-based clinical practice experiences tied to each course in the curriculum. Hours are calculated by the average time needed for working with healthcare leaders outside the classroom to develop key course deliverables. All clinical practice hours are overseen and graded by faculty. All clinical hours must be completed to pass this course.

Course Internet Resources

Website addresses for uniform resource locators (URLs) added for learning enrichment were current when this course was designed. However, URLs change frequently and could no longer be available after the course commences. If you can't access a specific course link required for the course, please contact your course faculty for an alternative link or suggested replacement. Permission for links used have either been deemed appropriate and free for public use or granted by the website developer for educational use at the time of course publication.

*** 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/>)

ACU Online Student Handbook

The current version can be found [here](#)

(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.

Research Guides

The library provides subject research guides for students and faculty. The guide for nursing includes helpful information on PICOT question research, APA citation format, Academic Integrity, Nursing Reference Tools, Texas Nursing Jurisprudence Exam, Professionalism, Resources listed by class, and open educational resources.

It is the goal of the library to not only provide useful resources for our students and faculty, but also advertise them. The guide can be found on the Distance Learning Portal by clicking on the DNP page in the menu.

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. A cumulative 3.0 GPA must be maintained to graduate. Letter grades correspond with points as outlined in the table below.

Points Earned	Grade
90-100 points	A
80-89.9 points	B
70-79.9 points	C
60-69.9 points	D
59 points and lower	F

Course Outline and Schedule

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