COURSE NUMBER 6316  
COURSE Informatics and Healthcare Technology  
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Course Information

Course Description
This course integrates computer, information, and nursing sciences in tandem with healthcare and communication technologies to deliver, integrate, and coordinate nursing care. Students demonstrate meaningful use of technology by analyzing and ethically managing aggregate data to guide decisions and improve outcomes. Using information systems, emerging technologies, and electronic health records, students will develop an evidence-based informatics project to inform or influence care.

Course Credits
Three semester credit hours (3-0-0)
This course meets completely online using Blackboard as the delivery method.

Prerequisite and Co-requisite Courses
None

Prerequisite Skills
Accessing internet web sites, use of ASU Library resources, and proficiency with Microsoft Word and/or PowerPoint are an expectation of on-line course delivery. Computer access requirements are further delineated in the Graduate Handbook. Tutorials for ASU Library and
for Blackboard are available through Ram Port. The ASU Graduate Nursing Handbook should be reviewed before taking this course.

Program Outcomes
Upon completion of the program of study for the graduate will be prepared to:
1. Integrate nursing and related sciences into the delivery of advanced nursing care to diverse populations.
2. Apply organizational and systems leadership skills.
3. Design and implement quality improvement initiatives
4. Integrate best research evidence to improve health outcomes.
5. Utilize informatics, healthcare technology and information systems.
6. Advocate through system level policy development.
7. Employ effective communication in inter-professional teams
8. Synthesize the impact of health determinants for provision of culturally relevant health promotion/disease prevention strategies.
9. Practice at the level of a Master’s prepared nurse.

Student Learning Outcomes

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| Apply theory related to computer-human interfaces, ethics, confidentiality and privacy, caring, and nursing informatics to nursing education, research or nursing practice. | • Discussion Boards  
• Formal paper  
• MSN Comprehensive Examination Assignment  
• Chapters 1 – 5 (McGonigle & Mastrian textbook – M&G) | 5,9 | 5,9 | 1,6 |
| Utilize computer technology and outcome data for documentation, communication, client education, professional | • Discussion Board Forums  
• Formal paper  
• MSN Comp Exam Assignment  
• Chapters 6 – 11 (M&G) | 5,9 | 5,9 | 1,2,6 |
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<td>By completing all course requirements, students will be able to:</td>
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<td>development and networking.</td>
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<td>Explore the use of online environments for instruction, content sharing, commerce and the provision of health-related services</td>
<td>• Discussion Board Forums.</td>
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<td>Discuss and use principles of usability, learnability, memorability, likeability, readability and aesthetics in the context of nursing informatics in education and practice.</td>
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<td>Customize an online environment to teach a selected nursing topic.</td>
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<td>• Chapters 19 - 22 (M&amp;G)</td>
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<td>Utilize current and emerging technologies in the care environment to support lifelong learning for self and others.</td>
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Course Delivery
This is an online course offering. The course will be delivered via the Blackboard Learning Management System. The course site can be accessed at ASU's Blackboard Learning Management System.

Required Texts and Materials

Recommended Texts and Materials

Technology Requirements
To participate in one of ASU’s distance education programs, you need this technology:

- A computer capable of running Windows 7 or later, or Mac OSX 10.8 or later
- The latest version of one of these web browsers: internet Explorer, Firefox, or Safari
- Microsoft Office Suite or a compatible Open Office Suite
- Adobe Acrobat Reader
- High Speed Internet Access
- Ethernet adapter cable required (wireless connections can drop during tests and Collaborate sessions)
- Webcam

Refer to Angelo State University’s Distance Education website for further technology requirements: Angelo State University's Distance Education Website

Topic Outline
Unit 1  Building Blocks of Nursing Informatics

Unit 2  Evolution, Role, Legal Aspects of Nursing Informatics; HIPAA & HITECH

Unit 3  Administrative Applications of Nursing Informatics: Models, Systems, Security, Care
Support, & Meaningful Use

Unit 4 Care Delivery, Electronic Health Records, Clinical Information Systems, Telehealth, Patient & Community Education & Care Management

Unit 5 Educational Applications of Nursing Informatics

Unit 6 Research Applications of Nursing Informatics

Unit 7 Future of Nursing Informatics, TIGER Initiative

Communication

Faculty will respond to email and/or telephone messages within 24 hours during working hours Monday through Friday. Weekend messages may not be returned until Monday.

Written communication via email: All private communication will be done exclusively through your ASU email address. Check frequently for announcements and policy changes. In your emails to faculty, include the course name and section number in your subject line.

Virtual communication: Office hours and/or advising may be done with the assistance of the telephone and email, etc.

Use Good "Netiquette":

- Check the discussions frequently and respond appropriately and on subject.
- Focus on one subject per message and use pertinent subject titles.
- Capitalize words only to highlight a point or for titles. Otherwise, capitalizing is generally viewed as SHOUTING!
- Be professional and careful with your online interaction. Proper address for faculty is by formal title such as Dr. or Ms./Mr. Jones unless invited by faculty to use a less formal approach.
- Cite all quotes, references, and sources.
- When posting a long message, it is generally considered courteous to warn readers at the beginning of the message that it is a lengthy post.
- It is extremely rude to forward someone else's messages without their permission.
- Use humor carefully. The absence of face-to-face cues can cause humor to be misinterpreted. Feel free to use emoticons such as :) to let others know you are being humorous.

(The above "netiquette" guidelines were adapted from Arlene H. Rinald's article, The Net User Guidelines and Netiquette, Florida Atlantic University, 1994, available from Netcom.)
Grading

Evaluation and Grades
Course grades will be determined as indicated in the table below.

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<td>Self Selected Project</td>
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<td>Course Surveys (Midterm &amp; Final Course IDEA Surveys)</td>
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Grading System
Course grades will be dependent upon completing course requirements and meeting the student learning outcomes.

The following grading scale is in use for this course:
- A = 90.00-100 points
- B = 80.00-89.99 points
- C = 70.00-79.99 points
- D = 60.00-69.99 points
- F = 0-59.99 points (Grades are not rounded up)

Teaching Strategies
Students are expected to be “active learners.” It is a basic assumption of the instructor that students will be involved (beyond the materials and lectures presented in the course) discovering, processing, and applying the course information using peer-review journal articles, researching additional information and examples on the Internet, and discussing course material and clinical experiences with their peers.
Assignment and Activity Descriptions

Discussion Board Activities: Discussion Boards provide an avenue for synthesis of material / information. A Discussion Board is provided in this course as a way to help students’ process course materials, express thoughts, and engage others opinions and ideas in a healthy and productive learning environment. Students are expected to respond to all discussion board assessments using the “Online Discussion Rubric” to support individual answers to the assigned questions throughout this course.

MSN Comprehensive Examination Study Assignment: This assignment will allow the student to complete selected items on the (1 – 4) on the MSN Comprehensive Examination Study Guide – Informatics and aides in preparation for the MSN Comprehensive Examination. Four of the Discussion Board Forums will be Instructor-selected items from the MSN Examination Study Guide and will allow students to investigate, post, share and discuss with their colleagues their primary findings. The fifth (5th) and sixth (6th) item on the MSN Examination Study Guide will need to be turned under the Assignments tab by the due date listed on the Course Schedule.

Self Selected Informatics Project: The self-selected topic research project provides the opportunity to explore an Informatics topic in-depth with a focus on application of Informatics in the role(s) of an advanced practice nurse. Sections of your Project’s Formal Paper will be submitted throughout the semester (See Course Calendar for due dates of sections) to allow you to receive feedback from your Instructor as you develop your primary focus regarding your selected topic. The Project will also include development of a PPT or a YouTube presentation submitted and posted on the appropriate Discussion Board Forum for your Instructor and classmates to review and provide feedback. You are expected to carefully review and use the Rubric (found in Course Documents in the Blackboard course). Completing all the necessary items will provide a pathway to achieve the grade you desire on your Project.

Assignment Submission
All assignments MUST be submitted through the Assignments link in the Blackboard site. This is for grading, documenting, and archiving purposes. Issues with technology use arise from time to time. If a technology issue does occur regarding an assignment submission, email me at wrennah.gabbert@angelo.edu and attach a copy of what you are trying to submit. Please contact the IT Service Center at (325) 942-2911 or go to your Technology Support tab to report the issue. Be sure to keep a backup of all work. As with all assignments, be sure to “Save” your work frequently and keep a backup of all your hard work. All due dates/times are Central Standard Time (CST) and are listed on the Course Schedule.
Late Work or Missed Assignments Policy

Late Work Policy
The course is set up on weekly modules. The week begins on Monday and ends on Sunday. Assignment due dates are shown on the course calendar posted in Course Documents within Blackboard. Late assignments are not accepted without prior approval of faculty. If you experience extenuating circumstances hindering your submission of your assignment on time, please contact your course Faculty immediately. Failure to submit your assessments/assignments on the assigned date, except in the case of an emergency situation or personal misfortune and/or without prior approval by course faculty, will result in a grade of zero (0). Faculty reserve the right to deduct points for late assignments that are accepted past the original due date.

General Policies Related to This Course
All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:

- Angelo State University Student Handbook¹
- Angelo State University Catalog²

Student Responsibility and Attendance
Online: This class is asynchronous, meaning you do not have to be on-line at a certain time. There are readings which you will have to complete to be able to adequately participate in individual and group assignments. In order to complete this course successfully, you do have to participate in all course activities i.e. discussion boards, course projects, reflective logs, etc. Students are expected to engage in course activities and submit work by due dates and times. The hope is that students will make substantive contributions which reflect integration of assigned materials as well as any outside readings as appropriate. Scholarly contribution is an expectation. For planning purposes, this class will probably require a minimum of 6-9 study hours per week on average.

Academic Integrity
Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

The College of Health and Human Services adheres to the university’s Statement of Academic Integrity.³
Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website. The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is:

Dallas Swafford
Director of Student Disability Services
Office of Student Affairs
325-942-2047
dallas.swafford@angelo.edu
Houston Harte University Center, Room 112

Incomplete Grade Policy

It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures for more information.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU’s Academic Integrity policy in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one’s own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list.
Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center.\textsuperscript{7}

**Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Days**

A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day\textsuperscript{8} for more information.

**Copyright Policy**

Students officially enrolled in this course should make only one printed copy of the given articles and/or chapters. You are expressly prohibited from distributing or reproducing any portion of course readings in printed or electronic form without written permission from the copyright holders or publishers.

**Syllabus Changes**

The faculty member reserves the option to make changes as necessary to this syllabus and the course content. If changes become necessary during this course, the faculty will notify students of such changes by email, course announcements and/or via a discussion board announcement. It is the student’s responsibility to look for such communications about the course on a daily basis.

**Title IX at Angelo State University**

Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: [www.angelo.edu/incident-form](http://www.angelo.edu/incident-form)
Face to face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
Phone: 325-942-2022
Email: michelle.boone@angelo.edu

Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State’s policy please visit: www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

### Course Schedule

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<td>Introductions on Discussion Board Forum Unit 1: Building Blocks of Nursing Informatics - Introduction Readings: McGonigle &amp; Mastrian - Chapters 1 – 3 and Optional - ANA ppg 1 – 34</td>
<td>Week(s) starts on Monday and ends on Sunday by midnight</td>
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<td>2 Jan 20 – 26</td>
<td>Unit 1: Building Blocks of Nursing Informatics Continues McGonigle &amp; Mastrian – Chapters 4 &amp; 5 Discussion Board Forum #1 is Graded - Initial posting about your area of interest related to Informatics for feedback from your Colleagues and Instructor</td>
<td>First post by Wednesday to give colleagues time to respond; Due Date – Final posting by Sunday by midnight Jan26</td>
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<td>3 Jan 27 – Feb 2</td>
<td>Unit 2: Evolution of Nursing Informatics (NI); Role of NI; Legal Aspects of NI; HIPPA: HITECH McGonigle &amp; Mastrian – Chapters 6 – 8 Optional – ANA Standards of Practice on ppg 67 - 94 Discussion Board Forum #2 is Graded – From MSN Comp Exam Study Guide – Informatics #1. Please provide a brief summary (with at least one reference) of the following: Review current and emerging technologies supporting safe practice environments and optimizing patient safety, cost-effectiveness and positive patient outcomes.</td>
<td>First post by Wednesday to give colleagues time to respond; Due Date – Final posting by midnight Feb 2</td>
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<td>4 Feb 3 – 9</td>
<td>Unit 2: Evolution of Nursing Informatics – continued McGonigle &amp; Mastrian – Chapters 9 &amp; 10 Continue work on development of your Project Formal Paper and Presentation. No new Discussion Board Forum this week</td>
<td>No new Discussion Board Forum or Assignments due by Sunday</td>
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<td>5 Feb 10 – 16</td>
<td>Unit 3: Administrative Applications Models; System Security: Care support &amp; Meaningful Usage McGonigle &amp; Mastrian – Chapters 11 – 13 Discussion Board Forum #3 is Graded – From MSN Comp Exam Study Guide – Informatics #2. Please provide a brief summary (with at least 1 reference) of the following: Analyze how the collection, analysis and use of data reduce risk factors and improve patient outcomes.</td>
<td>First post by Wednesday; Due Date – Final posting by Sunday Feb 16</td>
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<td>6 Feb 17 – 23</td>
<td>Unit 3: Administrative Applications Models continues Continue work on MSN Comp Exam Study Guide &amp; development of your Project presentation &amp; Formal Paper No new Discussion Board Forum this week. Submit Sections 1 &amp; 2 (Intro, Background &amp; Innovation) of Project Formal Paper under Assignments Tab Due Date</td>
<td>Submit Sections 1 &amp; 2 (Intro, Background &amp; Innovation) of Project Formal Paper under Assignments Tab Due Date by midnight Feb 23</td>
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<td>7 Feb 24 – March 1</td>
<td>Unit 4: Care Delivery; EHRs, Clinical Information Systems, Telehealth; Patient &amp; Community Education &amp; Care Management McGonigle &amp; Mastrian – Chapters 14 – 16 Discussion Board Forum #4 is Graded – From MSN Comp Exam Study Guide – Informatics #3. Please provide a brief summary (with at least 1 reference) of the following: Appraise policies and procedures for the presence and incorporation of ethical standards and best practices in the use of health and information technologies and the subsequent impact of this use on health care environments.</td>
<td>First post by Wednesday; Due date for Final posting by midnight March 1</td>
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<td>8 March 2–8</td>
<td>Unit 4: Care Delivery Continues McGonigle &amp; Mastrian – Chapters 17 &amp; 18</td>
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<td>8 March 2-8</td>
<td>Please access and complete the Midterm Course Survey Discussion Board Forum #5 is Graded – From MSN Comp Exam Study Guide – Informatics #4. Please provide a brief summary (with at least 1 reference) of the following: Evaluate the processes involved in providing oversight and guidance for the integration of technology in documenting patient care and positive patient outcomes.</td>
<td>Complete Midterm Course Survey First post by Wed; Due Date by Midnight March 8</td>
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<td>9 March 9- 15</td>
<td>SPRING BREAK</td>
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<td>10 March 16 - 22</td>
<td>Unit 5: Educational Applications of Nursing Informatics McGonigle &amp; Mastrian – Chapters 19 &amp; 20 There is no new Discussion Board Forum this week Submit Sections 3 &amp; 4 (Stakeholders; Organizational Impacts) of Project Formal Paper under the Assignments Tab by March 22</td>
<td>Submit Sections 3 &amp; 4 (Stakeholders; Organizational Impacts) of Project Formal Paper by March 22</td>
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<td>11 March 23- 29</td>
<td>Unit 5: Educational Applications of Nursing Informatics McGonigle &amp; Mastrian – Chapters 19 &amp; 20 Submit MSN Comprehensive Study Guide items #5 &amp; #6 under the Assignments Tab by Midnight March 29</td>
<td>Submit MSN Comprehensive Study Guide items #5 &amp; #6 under the Assignments Tab by Midnight March 29</td>
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<td>12 March 30 – April 5</td>
<td>Unit 6: Research Applications of Nursing Informatics McGonigle &amp; Mastrian – Chapters 21 &amp; 22 Continue work on Project Paper and Power Point Presentation</td>
<td>Post Project PPT on DB by Wed to obtain feedback</td>
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<td>13 April 6 – 12</td>
<td>Unit 6: Unit 6: Research Applications of Nursing Informatics Post Project Power Point Presentation on Discussion Board Forum #6</td>
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<td>14 April 13– 19</td>
<td>Unit 7: Future of Nursing Informatics: TIGER Initiative McGonigle &amp; Mastrian – Chapters 25 &amp; 26 Submit Formal Paper under Assignments Tab</td>
<td>Submit Formal Paper under Assignments Tab by April 19</td>
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<td>15 April 20-26</td>
<td>Complete IDEA Final Course Survey</td>
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<td>16 April 27 – May 3</td>
<td>Course Wrap Up Finals Weeks</td>
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### Grading Rubrics

#### Student Evaluation of Faculty and Course

Students in all programs are given the opportunity to evaluate their courses and the faculty who teach them. Evaluations are most helpful when they are honest, fair, constructive, and pertinent to the class, clinical experience, or course. Faculty value student evaluations, and use student suggestions in making modifications in courses, labs and clinical experiences. Angelo State University uses the IDEA (Individual Development and Educational Assessment) system administered through Kansas State University for all course evaluations. The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment administers IDEA for the entire university, online and has established a policy whereby students can complete course evaluations free from coercion.

#### Student Learning Objectives for Course Evaluation Surveys

1. Gaining a basic understanding of the subject (e.g., factual knowledge, methods, principles, generalizations, theories)
2. Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions)
3. Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course

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1. [https://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/](https://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/)
2. [https://www.angelo.edu/catalogs/](https://www.angelo.edu/catalogs/)
4. [https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/](https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/)
5. [https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14197-op-1011-grading-procedures](https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14197-op-1011-grading-procedures)
7. [https://www.angelo.edu/dept/writing_center/academic_honesty.php](https://www.angelo.edu/dept/writing_center/academic_honesty.php)
End of Syllabus