Faculty Senate Course Form

Effective Date: **Fall 2026** ☑ Submission Date: 10/6/25

Department: Nursing

College of: **Arts & Sciences**

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Create New, Revise, Inactivate, or Reactivate: **Revision**   Course #: **NURS 570**

Course Form:
- Used to create new course numbers or new prefixes.
- Used to change Name, Grading, Hours, Description, Reactivate
- Used to inactivate a course from the current catalog. Courses are never deleted. They are made inactive and can be legislated to become active again.

1. Purpose/Justification for the New course or Changes to existing:
 Alignment with newly revised AACN Essentials and implementation of competency-based education.

2. Is this related to, and/or affect, any other department/college/unit curricula or programs at Pittsburg State University? *If "Yes", please provide an explanation. Provide documentation of any discussions (e.g. copies of emails, memos, etc.) that have occurred.*
 ◯ Yes   ⦿ No

3. Is this course to be considered for General Education?
If "yes" this requirement will need approval of the General Education Committee after the revisions have been approved by Faculty Senate. The General Education Course Approval form will also need to be submitted.
 ◯ Yes   ⦿ No

4. Will this course be required of any education majors?
If "yes," this requirement will need approval of the Council for Teacher Education **before** *upload to " College Curriculum Legislation" in SharePoint.*
 ◯ Yes   ⦿ No

5. Will additional resources or costs be required?
 ◯ Yes   ⦿ No

If so, what will be needed?

6. Will any additional course fees be required (e.g. equipment, clothing, travel, licensing, etc.)?
If "yes," complete the Course Fee Form on the Faculty Senate website, it will need to gain approval of the President's Council.

◯ Yes　　●No

7. Objectives/Student Learning Outcomes for NEW courses only, as it will appear in the syllabus:
Attach with upload.

8. Assessment Strategies (e.g. exams, projects, university rubric, etc.), as it will appear in the syllabus:
Attach with upload.

Course Numbers cannot be changed, only created.

	Exsisting	New/Proposed
Title:	Special Topics in Nursing	Special Topics in Nursing
Course Number:	**NURS 570**	**NURS 570**
Credits:	**1-3**	**1-3**
Grading System:	**A-F, IN** ▼	**A-F, IN** ▼
Pre/Co-Requisite(s):	None	None
Course Description:	Intensive study of nursing or health problem, trend, or issue.	This course provides an in-depth exploration of a selected nursing or health-related problem, trend, or issue. The specific focus of the course will vary each time it is offered, allowing students to engage with current and relevant topics in the field. Students may repeat the course for credit when the content differs.

Authorization Sign-Off

Checklist: Check once verified.

✓	Required fields completed.
✓	Syllabus attached for new courses
✓	Assignment Strategies Attached

-Approved: Department Chair/Director
　　Date: __10/6/25__　　Signature, Chair/Director: _____

-Approved: College Curriculum Committee
　　Date: __1/14/26__　　Signature, Committee Chair: _Christopher Childers_

-Approved: Dean of College
　　Date: __1/14/26__　　Signature, Dean: _Christopher Childers_

-Approved: Council for Teacher Education (if applicable)
　　Date: _____　　Signature, Council Chair: _____

-Approved: University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
　　Date: _____　　Signature, Committee Chair: _____

-Approved: Faculty Senate
　　Date: _____　　Signature, Recorder Faculty Senate: _____

Originating Departments(s): After completing this form, please upload it to the SharePoint, within the appropriate College folder, "Preliminary Legislation", to allow for review and questions. Any modifications should be saved as "original file name.v2.docx" and uploaded as well.

Following final College Curriculum Committee approval, please apply the appropriate signatures, and send them to your College Administrator.

Course Name: Special Topics in Nursing

Course Number: NURS 570

Credit Hours:

Theory 1-3

Clinical 0

Clinical Experiences	Clock Hours
Direct Patient Care	
Observation	
Simulation	
Precepted	
Lab	

Course Description

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Course Objectives

Course Objective	PSU SON Program Objectives	AACN Domain, Competency, & Sub-Competencie(s) Alignment	Learning Activities	Behavior Indicators: Developing (1-2)	Behavior Indicators: Developed (1-2)
Analyze a specific nursing or health-related problem, trend, or issue using evidence-based resources.	1,4	D: 1, 4 C: 1.1, 1.2, 4.2 SC: 1.1a; 1.2a; 4.2 a, 4.2b, 4.2c, 4.2d, 4.2e			
Evaluate the historical, social, and cultural factors influencing the selected topic.	1	D: 1 C:1.1, 1.2 SC:1.1c, 1.2a			
Investigate the impact of the issue on patient outcomes, nursing practice, and the healthcare system.	5,7	D: 5,7 C:5.1, 7.3 SC:5.1e, 5.1f; 7.3b, 7.3e		TBD	TBD
Synthesize current research and best practices related to the chosen topic.	1, 4	D: 1,4 C: 1.2, 4.1,4.2 SC: 1.2a, 4.1 a, 4.1b, 4.1c, 4.1d,4.1e,4.1f,4.1g, 4.2a, 4.2b, 4.2c, 4.2d, 4.2e			
Develop strategies to address challenges or gaps associated with the specific nursing or health issue.	5	D: 5) C: 5.1) SC:5.1a, 5.1b, 5.1c, 5.1d, 5.1e, 5.1f, 5.1g, 5.1h			

Collaborate with peers and faculty to critically discuss and present findings on the selected topic.	4, 6	D; 6, 4 C: 4.1, 6.2 SC: 4.1e, 4.1f, 4.1g; 6.2a, 6.2b, 6.2c, 6.2c, 6.2d, 6.2e, 6.2f
Reflect on the implications of the topic for professional nursing practice and personal career development.	9, 10	D: 9, 10 C: 9.3, 10.2 SC:9.3e, 10.2a, 10.2c
Create a project or presentation that demonstrates comprehensive understanding and application of the course content.	1, 4, 10	D: 4, 1 10 C: 1.1, 4.1, and 10.2 SC: 1.1b, 4.1a, 10.2c