

**Texas Woman's University
College of Nursing
Denton/Dallas/Houston**

**NURSING 3612 – Introduction into Nursing Research
Course Credit by Challenge Examination
RN to BS Program**

Course Description: Focuses on research process at an introductory level. Emphasizes nursing research and its relevance to nursing practice.

Purpose: The challenge examination allows students to earn course credit by examination. This credit satisfies degree requirements.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Students must be officially enrolled in N3612.
2. Students must submit documentation which meets one of the following requirements:
 - a a college research course, OR
 - b research involvement as a principal investigator or co-principal investigator within the last five years (note, research involvement as a data collector is not eligible), OR
 - c a minimum of one year of full-time experience as a Research Nurse within the last 5 years.

Challenge Examination: The challenge exam consists of two parts:

1. a comprehensive exam (multiple choice, matching, true and false, short answer and/or essay questions).
2. an evaluation of a published research article in the student's area of expertise.

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**NURSING 3614 – Nursing Assessment Across the Life Span for the RN
Course Credit by Challenge Examination
RN to BS Program**

Course Description: Nursing Assessment Across the Life Span focuses on physical and psychosocial techniques of health assessment. Emphasizes influences of spirituality, culture, and human sexuality on individuals of all ages. Clinical experiences provide the opportunities to practice interview and assessment skills in the laboratory.

Purpose: The challenge examination allows students to earn course credit by examination. This credit satisfies degree requirements.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Students must be officially enrolled in N3614.
2. Students must submit documentation which meets one of the following requirements:
 - a a college assessment course, OR
 - b a minimum of one year of full-time experience as a Registered Nurse within the last 5 years, and 10 hours of continuing education within the last 2 years that focused on assessment skills.

Challenge Examination: The challenge exam will consist of two parts:

1. a comprehensive exam (multiple choice, matching, true and false, short answer and/or essay questions).
2. a demonstration of an assessment on an adult (live or videotape). In order to demonstrate the assessment skill, the student must pass the comprehensive exam with a minimum of 72.

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NURSING 3804 – The RN Nursing Experience with Families and Groups
Course Credit by Challenge Examination
RN to BS/MS Program

Course Description: Focuses on nursing's role with families and groups. Emphasizes aspects of health promotion and health maintenance with families and groups. Examines the developing family and group, family and group dynamics, impact of illness (disease) states, situational crises, the advocacy process, and the impact of politics on the system.

Purpose: The challenge examination allows students to earn course credit by examination. This credit satisfies degree requirements.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Students must be officially enrolled in N3804.
2. Students must submit documentatuion which meets one of the following requirements:
 - a Certified Family Life Educator, OR
 - b degree in Family Science, OR
 - c eighteen (18) hours in the Family Sciences OR
 - d a minimum of one year of full-time experience as a psych/mental health nurse within the last 5 years, and 10 hours of continuing education within the last 2 years that focused on families and groups.

Challenge Examination:The challenge exam consists of

1. a comprehensive exam (multiple choice, matching, true and false, short answer and/or essay questions).

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NURSING 4612 – Promoting Wellness in the Aging Family
Course Credit by Challenge Examination
RN to BS/MS Program

Course Description: Focuses on preserving health in families with aging individuals. Builds knowledge base for nurse's participation in managing healthcare problems and developing strategies for promoting wellness in aging individuals. Examines role changes in the family constellation as a result of the aging process.

Purpose: The challenge examination allows students to earn course credit by examination. This credit satisfies degree requirements.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Students must be officially enrolled in N4612.
2. Students must submit documentation which meets one of the following requirements:
 - a National certification in Gerontological Nurse, OR
 - b a minimum of two years of fulltime experience as a gerontological nurse within the last 5 years, and 10 hours of continuing education within the last 2 years that focused on gerontology.

Challenge Examination: The challenge exam consists of a comprehensive exam (multiple choice, matching, true and false, short answer and/or essay questions).

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**NURSING 4803 – The Nursing Leadership and Management Experience
Course Credit by Challenge Examination
RN to BS/MS Program**

Course Description: Focuses of leadership and management theories, trends, and issues in health care. Emphasizes professional nursing's role in health care and health care delivery systems. Compares strategies for entry into the professional nursing practice.

Purpose: The challenge examination allows students to earn course credit by examination. This credit satisfies degree requirements.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Students must be officially enrolled in N4803.
2. Eligible students must submit documentation which meets one of the following requirements:
 - a national certification in healthcare administration (e.g. ANCC Certification),
OR
 - b a minimum of two years of fulltime experience in lower to upper management (e.g. head nurse, unit coordinator, Director of Nursing) in a health care facility within the last 5 years, and 10 hours of continuing education within the last 2 years that focused on management and leadership skills, OR
 - c a college level leadership/management course.

Challenge Examination: The challenge exam consists of a comprehensive exam (multiple choice, matching, true and false, short answer and/or essay questions).

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NURSING 4813: The RN High Acuity Nursing Experience
Course Credit by Challenge Examination
RN to BS/MS Program

Course Description: Focuses on collaborative management, critical thinking, and interventions utilized in high acuity nursing of individuals of all ages. Differentiates the nurse's role in a variety of settings including homes, transitional, and acute care.

Purpose: The challenge examination allows students to earn course credit by examination. This credit satisfies degree requirements.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Students must be officially enrolled in N4813.
2. Eligible students submit documentation which meets one of the following requirements:
 - a Current AACN Certification for Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN),
OR
 - b a minimum of two years of full time experience in an intensive care unit within the last 5 years, and 10 hours of continuing education within the last 2 years that focused on critical care.

Challenge Examination: The challenge exam consists of a comprehensive exam (multiple choice, matching, true and false, short answer and/or essay questions).