



Course Syllabus

Chaminade University Honolulu
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Course Number: NUR 804
Course Title: Advanced Pathophysiology across the Lifespan
Department Name: School of Nursing and Health Professions
College/School/Division: School of Nursing and Health Professions
Term: Spring, 2024
Course Credits: 3.0
Class Meeting Days/Hours: Online, asynchronous
Class Location: Online

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University Course Catalog Description

This graduate course is designed to prepare advanced practice nurses to apply concepts of pathophysiology from the cellular level to disease process for assessment of patients with a variety of conditions across clinical settings. The concepts and principles of normal physiology, pathophysiology, and genetics are emphasized. Current research is used to explore disruptions in normal physiological functioning. The impact of positive health behaviors on pathophysiology is addressed. A systems approach and psychophysiological interrelationships are used to analyze the disease processes and their causative factors. The course stresses critical thinking and decision-making in clinical settings based on these concepts.

Marianist Values

This class represents one component of your education at Chaminade University of Honolulu. An education in the Marianist Tradition is marked by five principles and you should take every opportunity possible to reflect upon the role of these characteristics in your education and development:

1. Education for formation in faith
2. Provide an integral, quality education
3. Educate in family spirit
4. Educate for service, justice, and peace
5. Educate for adaptation and change

Native Hawaiian Values

Education is an integral value in both Marianist and Native Hawaiian culture. Both recognize the transformative effect of a well-rounded, value-centered education on society, particularly in seeking justice for the marginalized, the forgotten, and the oppressed, always with an eye toward God (Ke Akua). This is reflected in the 'Olelo No'eau (Hawaiian proverbs) and Marianist core beliefs:

1. Educate for Formation in Faith (Mana) E ola au i ke akua ('Olelo No'eau 364) May I live by God
2. Provide an Integral, Quality Education (Na'auao) Lawe i ka ma'alea a kū'ono'ono ('Olelo No'eau 1957) Acquire skill and make it deep
3. Educate in Family Spirit ('Ohana) 'Ike aku, 'ike mai, kōkua aku kōkua mai; pela iho la ka nohana 'ohana ('Olelo No'eau 1200) Recognize others, be recognized, help others, be helped; such is a family relationship
4. Educate for Service, Justice and Peace (Aloha) Ka lama kū o ka no'eau ('Olelo No'eau 1430) Education is the standing torch of wisdom
5. Educate for Adaptation and Change (Aina) 'A'ohe pau ka 'ike i ka hālau ho'okahi ('Olelo No'eau 203) All knowledge is not taught in the same school

DNP Program Learning Outcomes (PLO)

Upon completion of the DNP program:

PLO Concepts	The DNP Graduate Will:
1. Knowledge for Nursing Practice	<i>Integrate</i> nursing science with knowledge from biophysical, psychosocial, analytical, ethics, and organizational sciences as the basis for advanced practice nursing using new approaches to care delivery.
2. Systems-Based Practice, Quality, and Safety	<i>Create and lead</i> high-quality and safe nursing care in a complex global health care environment
3. Scholarship for Nursing Practice	<i>Create and disseminate</i> knowledge in evidence-informed practice.
4. Information Systems and Patient Healthcare Technologies	<i>Evaluate</i> emerging technologies for their ability to improve health care outcomes.
5. Person-Centered Care	<i>Evaluate</i> health policy and advocate for social justice and access to health care, especially for Hawai'ian and Pacific Islanders and other unique populations.
6. Interprofessional Partnerships	<i>Create</i> collaborative interprofessional relationships to improve patient and population health outcomes with an emphasis on select populations, including Hawai'ian and Pacific Islanders.
7. Population Health	<i>Evaluate</i> the social, cultural, and environmental dimensions of population health in practice patterns/systems.

8. Advanced Practice Nursing Professionalism; Personal, Professional, and Leadership Development	Independently assess, diagnose, treat, and manage culturally diverse populations.
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Course Learning Outcomes (CLO) and Alignment

Upon completion of NUR 804, the student will:

NUR 804 Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan		
CLOs	Links to PLOs	Method of Measurement
1.Explain the primary altered physiology of selected diseases and disorders across the lifespan.	1,7,8	Study Guide Journal weekly entries
2.Explain the secondary effects of altered physiology of selected diseases and disorders on the client	1,7,8	Study Guide Journal Weekly Entries
3.Apply the principles of pathophysiology to clients in clinical situations and across different ethnicities.	1,5,7,8	Case Discussions Assignments Exams
4.Synthesize and apply rationale based on current evidence-based knowledge from research for nursing interventions based upon principles of pathophysiology.	1,3,5,7,8	APEA Practice Questions APEA Summative Exam Case Discussion Assignments
5.Use pathophysiological knowledge to assess the significance of presenting signs, symptoms, and diagnostic test data.	1,5,7,8	Case Discussions Assignments

Required Learning Materials

Required Textbooks

McCance, K., & Huether, S. (2022) *Pathophysiology: The Biologic Basis for Disease in Adults And Children* (9th Ed.). Mosby, Elsevier. ISBN: 9780323789875

McCance, K., & Huether, S. (2022) *Study Guide for Pathophysiology: The Biologic Basis for Disease in Adults And Children* (9th Ed.). Mosby, Elsevier. ISBN: 9780323874984

Teaching / Learning Strategies:

This course is online. Online learning resources, discussion forums, individual and small group work, case studies, application assignments, and independent study are teaching-learning strategies that may be utilized in this course. Students are expected to take an active role in their learning process through reading, research, online discussions, and sharing enriching experiences.

Attendance and Participation

Regular online attendance and participation/engagement is expected for student success. Therefore, students are expected to attend every class, arrive on time for any scheduled synchronous activities, complete all assigned readings, actively participate in class discussions, complete all class assignments, and always behave appropriately and professionally. Online participation is evident through posting to a discussion board, wiki, virtual office, or classroom meeting, drop box submissions, attending virtual seminars, completing real-time activities or quizzes, and/or other course-related activities (synchronous or asynchronous). Failure to meet attendance and participation expectations may result in grade reduction, remediation requirements, or administrative withdrawal from the course.

Assignments

Students must complete all assignments to achieve a passing grade in this course.

- Self- Introduction: This is a discussion board single posting to introduce yourself to your peers in the course with you.
- Study Guide Journal: Each week you will complete all activities in the course study guide that corresponds with the assigned chapters in the textbook for that week.
- APEA Review Questions: Each you will complete review questions that corresponds with the health system being reviewed that week.
- Differential Diagnosis Assignment: Students will practice the differential diagnosis process using case studies in pathophysiology.
- Discussion Boards: There are 6 discussion boards during the term. Students will present a pathophysiology case study, determine the diagnosis using the differential diagnosis process, and then present a recorded presentation on the identified diagnosis during select weeks of the term.
- Exams: There are 4 exams valued at 75 points at various times during the term.
- Exam 1 includes content from weeks 1, 2, 3, and 4; Exam 2 includes content from weeks 5, 6, and 7; Exam 3 includes content from weeks 8, 9 and 10; and Exam 4 includes content from weeks 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15.
 - Final Exam: There is a comprehensive final exam at the end of the term.

Online Class Discussion Board (DB):

Discussion board assignments allow students to reflect thoughtfully and exchange ideas on the topics covered in this course. Students will interact on discussion boards during select identified weeks during the term. Each discussion board assignment will have an identified question or prompt. Each student must reply in an initial thread post and then continue in the discussion of the topic with a minimum of two response posts to student peers and/or course faculty. All postings should be substantive and graded based on the provided discussion board rubric.

DB Posting Requirements:

- Initial Thread Post is due by 11:59 pm on TUESDAY of the assigned week. This post must be a minimum of 250 words unless otherwise specified in the discussion board description.
- Response Post #1 is due by 11:59 pm on THURSDAY of the week. This post is a reply to the posting of two of your peers, or all of the identified peer group if groups are used.
- Response Post #2 is due by 11:59 pm on SAT of the week. This post is a reply to everyone who posted to your discussion thread. Incorporate responses to any initial thread post from your peers and course faculty who commented on your initial thread post.

A summary post is due by end of day on Sunday of the assigned week. Please follow the Discussion Board Prompt to identify the summary requirements. Incorporate content from all activity in your thread (initial thread post, responses received from peers, and your responses back). Include personal clinical experience

to heighten the application of the content discussed in your thread.

Evaluation Methods and Grading Scale

Students must achieve a final grade of B or higher to pass this course. As per the Chaminade University Graduate Catalog, students who fail a course (i.e., receive a grade of C, F, or NC) must repeat the course within 12 months and receive a CR or a grade of B or higher.

Evaluation Method	Weight	Grading Scale*
Self-Introduction 10 points	1%	A = 90-100 % B = 80-89% C = Below 80% and a failing course grade.
Differential Diagnosis Paper 30 points	3%	
Class Discussions 6 Discussion at 50 points each	30%	
APEA Practice Questions 11 weeks at 10 points per week	11%	
Exams 4 exams at 75 points each	30%	
Study Guide Journal (weekly) 15 weeks at 10 points per week	15%	
APEA Summative Exam. 100 (Final Exam)	10%	
Total	100%	

*The College of Nursing and Health Professions does not round grades. For example, a score of 89.7 will be recorded as 89% and a B grade.

Late Work Policy

It is expected that assignments will be submitted on time. Late assignments will be subject to a deduction of 5% per day. No late assignments will be accepted after 48 hours. Extensions on writing assignments are not provided unless prior arrangements have been made with faculty at least a week prior to the assignment due date or unless there are extenuating circumstances. Requests made within the week prior to the due date will not be granted unless there is an emergency.

Grades of "Incomplete"

An *Incomplete* grade is granted at the discretion of the faculty of record and must be aligned with the University policies. Receiving an "Incomplete" for a nursing course that is a prerequisite for a forthcoming nursing course must be completed prior to the start of the new course.

Writing Policy

All written assignments should be formatted to APA 7th edition standards and must be submitted as MS word documents. No google docs, pdf, pages, or other formats will be accepted. Use the following format for naming your assignments: lastname(s).assignmentname

Instructor and Student Communication

Questions for this course can be emailed to the instructor and must be sent using your Chaminade email. Online and phone conferences can also be arranged. Response time is usually within 24 hours, but weekends and University holidays may extend response time.

Online Course Guidelines

Chaminade uses Canvas as the online learning management system (LMS) platform. Please review the Student Tutorial located on the Canvas course dashboard regarding instructions on accessing and submitting materials and assignments. If you are unable to find answers using the student tutorial, you may also contact the assigned faculty with questions regarding course navigation.

Students should follow standard Netiquette guidelines, including but not limited to using the same common courtesy, politeness, and appropriate online behaviors as would be used in a face-to-face environment.

Disability Access

If you need individual accommodations to meet course outcomes because of a documented disability, please speak with me to discuss your needs as soon as possible so that we can ensure your full participation in class and fair assessment of your work. Students with special needs who meet criteria for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provisions must provide written documentation of the need for accommodations from Kōkua 'Ike: Center for Student Learning by the end of week three of the class, in order for instructors to plan accordingly. If a student would like to determine if they meet the criteria for accommodations, they should contact the Kōkua 'Ike Coordinator at (808) 739-8305 for further information (ada@chaminade.edu).

Title IX Compliance

Chaminade University of Honolulu recognizes the inherent dignity of all individuals and promotes respect for all people. Sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse will NOT be tolerated at CUH. If you have been the victim of sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, we encourage you to report this matter promptly. As a faculty member, I am interested in promoting a safe and healthy environment, and should I learn of any sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, I must report the matter to the Title IX Coordinator. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources by visiting Campus Ministry, the Dean of Students Office, the Counseling Center, or the Office for Compliance and Personnel Services.

Attendance Policy

The following attendance policy is from the University Academic Catalog. Faculty members should also check with their divisions and program handbooks for division-specific guidelines.

Students are expected to attend regularly all courses for which they are registered. Student should notify their instructors when illness or other extenuating circumstances prevents them from attending class and make arrangements to complete missed assignments. Notification may be done by emailing the instructor's Chaminade email address, calling the instructor's campus extension, or by leaving a message with the instructor's division office. It is the instructor's prerogative to modify deadlines of course requirements accordingly. Any student who stops attending a course without officially withdrawing may receive a failing grade.

Unexcused absences equivalent to more than a week of classes may lead to a grade reduction for the course. Any unexcused absence of two consecutive weeks or more may result in being withdrawn from the course by the instructor, although the instructor is not required to withdraw students in that scenario. Repeated

absences put students at risk of failing grades.

Students with disabilities who have obtained accommodations from the Chaminade University of Honolulu Tutor Coordinator may be considered for an exception when the accommodation does not materially alter the attainment of the learning outcomes.

Federal regulations require continued attendance for continuing payment of financial aid. When illness or personal reasons necessitate continued absence, the student should communicate first with the instructor to review the options. Anyone who stops attending a course without official withdrawal may receive a failing grade or be withdrawn by the instructor at the instructor's discretion.

Academic Conduct Policy

Any community must have a set of rules and standards of conduct by which it operates. At Chaminade, these standards are outlined so as to reflect both the Catholic, Marianist values of the institution and to honor and respect students as responsible adults. All alleged violations of the community standards are handled through an established student conduct process, outlined in the Chaminade University of Honolulu Student Handbook and the DNP Student Handbook, and operated within the guidelines set to honor both students' rights and campus values.

Students should conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the ideals of the University. This includes knowing and respecting the intent of rules, regulations, and/or policies presented in the Student Handbook and Program Catalog and realizing that students are subject to the University's jurisdiction from the time of their admission until their enrollment has been formally terminated. Please refer to the Chaminade University of Honolulu Student Handbook and DNP Student Handbook for more details. A copy of the Student Handbook is available on the Chaminade website.

Unless otherwise instructed, all course submissions should follow the formatting of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th Edition* format. The faculty of the School of Nursing and Health Professions at Chaminade University of Honolulu is dedicated to providing a learning environment that supports scholarly and ethical writing, free from academic dishonesty and plagiarism. This includes the proper and appropriate referencing of all sources. Students may be asked to submit course assignments through an online authenticity resource (e.g., Turnitin), which helps students and instructors detect potential cases of academic dishonesty.

Student Conduct Policy

Campus life is a unique situation requiring the full cooperation of each individual. For many, Chaminade is not only a school, but a home and a place of work as well. That makes it a community environment in which the actions of one student may directly affect other students. Therefore, each person must exercise a high degree of responsibility. Any community must have standards of conduct and rules by which it operates. At Chaminade, these standards are outlined so as to reflect both the Catholic, Marianist values of the institution and to honor and respect students as responsible adults. All alleged violations of the community standards are handled through an established student conduct process, outlined in the Student Handbook, and operated within the guidelines set to honor both students' rights and campus values.

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For further information, [please refer to the Chaminade Catalogue.](#)

Technology

A computer with the following technology is required in order to complete courses in the DNP Program: at least Windows 10 (for PCs), at least Mac OS X 10.5.8 (for Macs); a current antivirus program; the current Microsoft Office (PowerPoint and Word) and Adobe Acrobat; a standard web browser; and an internet or broadband connection with speed and connectivity to support internet searches and video conferencing. Installation of proctoring software may be required.

Course Website:

<https://chaminade.instructure.com/courses/29927>

Technical Assistance for Canvas Users:

- Search for help on specific topics or get tips in [Canvas Students](#)
- [Live chat with Canvas Support for students](#)
- Canvas Support Hotline for students: +1-833-209-6111
- Watch this [video to get you started](#)
- [Online tutorials](#): click on "Students" role to access tutorials
- Contact the Chaminade IT Helpdesk for technical issues: helpdesk@chaminade.edu or call (808) 735-4855

Library: The Sullivan Family Library link is available on the CUH website: <http://www.chaminade.edu/library>
Phone: (808) 735-4725. Krystal Kakimoto, dedicated SONHP librarian: krystal.kakimoto@chaminade.edu

Tutoring and Writing Services

Chaminade is proud to offer free, one-on-one tutoring and writing assistance to all students. Tutoring and writing help is available on campus at Kōkua 'Ike: Center for Student Learning in a variety of subjects (including, but are not limited to: biology, chemistry, math, nursing, English, etc.) from trained Peer and Professional Tutors. Please check [Kōkua 'Ike's website](#) for the latest times, list of drop-in hours, and information on scheduling an appointment. Free online tutoring is also available via TutorMe. Tutor Me can be accessed 24/7 from your Canvas account. Simply click Account – Notifications – TutorMe. For more information, please contact Kōkua 'Ike at tutoring@chaminade.edu or 808-739-8305.

Credit Hour Policy

The unit of semester credit is defined as university-level credit that is awarded for the completion of coursework. One credit hour reflects the amount of work represented in the intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement for those learning outcomes. Each credit hour earned at Chaminade University should result in 45 hours of engagement. This equates to one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester, 10-week term, or equivalent amount of work over a different

amount of time. Direct instructor engagement and out-of-class work result in total student engagement time of 45 hours for one credit.

The minimum 45 hours of engagement per credit hour can be satisfied in fully online, internship, or other specialized courses through several means, including (a) regular online instruction or interaction with the faculty member and fellow students and (b) academic engagement through extensive reading, research, online discussion, online quizzes or exams; instruction, collaborative group work, internships, laboratory work, practica, studio work, and preparation of papers, presentations, or other forms of assessment. This policy is in accordance with federal regulations and regional accrediting agencies.

How This Course Meets the Credit Hour Policy: This is a three-credit hour course requiring 135 clock hours of student engagement per the official CUH credit hour policy. Students enrolled in this course are anticipated to spend 30 hours researching and writing the six discussion boards (averaging five hours per week) , 20 hours studying for and taking the unit exams (averaging 5 hours per exam), and 10 hours studying for and taking the final exam. There will be an additional 75 hours required beyond what is listed here to course readings, homework assignments, etc. averaging five hours per week.

Course Schedule

Course content may vary from this outline at the discretion of the instructor to meet the needs of each class.

	Dates	Weekly Topic	Discussion Board	APEA Practice Questions	Exam	Study Guide Journal	Other
1	1/8/24-1/14/24	Concepts of Pathophysiology	Self-Introduction	None		weekly	
2	1/15/24-1/21/24	Genes and Epigenetics	Genetics and Epigenetics Discussion	None		weekly	
3	1/22/24-1/28/24	Immune System Function	None	STI 52 questions in tutor mode		Weekly	Differential Diagnosis Assignment
4	1/29/24-2/4/24	Cancer	None	None	Exam #1	weekly	
5	2/5/24-2/11/24	Neurologic	Neurologic Discussion	45 questions in tutor mode Neuro 51 questions in tutor mode psychiatry		weekly	
6	2/12/24-2/19/24	Cardiovascular	Cardiovascular Discussion	94 questions in tutor mode CV		weekly	
7	2/19/24-2/25/24	Pulmonary	None	49 questions in tutor mode Resp 60 questions in tutor mode ENT	Exam #2	weekly	
8	2/26/24-3/3/24	Reproductive	Reproductive Discussion	Men's Health 56 questions in tutor mode		weekly	

				Women's Health 52 questions in tutor mode Pregnancy 41 questions in tutor mode			
9	3/4/24- 3/10/24	Hematologic	None	Hematology 51 questions in tutor mode		weekly	
10	3/11/24- 3/17/24	Endocrine (hormone regulation, obesity, nutrition)	Endocrine Discussion	Endocrine 54 questions in tutor mode		weekly	
	3/18/24- 3/24/24	Spring Break					
11	3/25/24- 3/31/24	Renal/Urologic	None	Urology 53 questions in tutor mode	Exam #3	weekly	
12	4/1/24- 4/7/24	Gastrointestinal Digestive, and Integumentary	GI Discussion	Gastroenterology 34 questions in tutor mode		weekly	
13	4/8/24- 4/14/24	Musculoskeletal	None	Orthopedics 41 questions in tutor mode		weekly	
14	4/15/24- 4/21/24	Multisystem			Exam #4		
15	4/22/24- 4/28/24	Final Exam	APEA Summative Exam. 150 questions Practice Exam Mode. Must achieve 80%. 2 attempts. 90 min limit.				

PLEASE NOTE:

While every attempt has been made to prepare this syllabus and class schedule in final form, it may be necessary for the course leader to make changes as may be deemed essential to meet the learning outcomes of the course. Students will be notified in writing via Chaminade email and/or Canvas announcements of any changes. It is recommended that you check your email and the course Canvas site frequently for announcements. All students will be held responsible to read, understand, and clarify the content within this document.