

THE BREWSTERS

Cizik School of Nursing Instructions: Spring 2021

From the McGovern Center for Humanities and Ethics (www.themcgoverncenter.org) welcome to the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth)! Congratulations on all the achievements that have enabled you to reach this point. We know that you will find your education here rewarding on your journey in becoming a health professional. *The Brewsters* is a required learning activity embedded at UTHealth. It was developed by faculty and administrators from all six schools of UTHealth.

The Brewsters is an e-book introduction to interprofessional ethics that consists of both fictional narrative and fact-based instructional materials. It is modeled after “Choose Your Own Adventure” books and is meant to be fun and entertaining as well as informative and educational. The story follows members of the fictional Brewster family through their encounters with students, physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, nurses, an epidemiologist, and researchers. It unfolds in three acts: (1) Professionalism; (2) Clinical Ethics; and (3) Research Ethics. In each act, you choose which character you’d like to be. You will be faced with multiple decisions along the way, and each decision takes you to a different point in the story. For example, if you make Choice A, you will be directed to page X. If you make Choice B, you will be directed to page Y—you make choices by clicking on links. After you finish each act, you will read the corresponding instructional materials.

Details and Instructions

- 1) At Cizik School of Nursing, *The Brewsters* is required part of orientation.
- 2) **Beginning Monday, January 11th**, please **take a brief 6-question pre-test** in Canvas (*The Brewsters* activity and pre-test can be accessed through the “Modules” link). Please complete the pre-test by **Sunday, January 17th at 11:59 PM**. Please take the pre-test before reading *The Brewsters*.
- 3) **Download *The Brewsters*** and **read the instructions** for how to open *The Brewsters* from Canvas.

The Brewsters can be read using an Apple or PC system as well as iPhones, iPads, Android smartphones, tablets, and other devices.
- 4) **Beginning Monday, January 18th** read *The Brewsters*. You are only required to read each act of *The Brewsters* once, from one character’s perspective. You do not have to read it from each character’s perspective. In previous semesters, students have taken a **little more than four hours to complete**, but you are, of course, free to spend more time on it (it is fun to read!), reading the narrative from a variety of perspectives.
- 5) After you complete reading both the narratives and the instructional materials, you are required to take a **post-test**. The deadline for these assignments is **Sunday, January 31st at 11:59 PM (the post-test opens on January 18)**.
- 6) Note that the pre-test and post-test links are separated by degree program. **Please ensure you complete the correct version based on whether you are a Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Doctoral Student.**

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