MNST652: What People Believe Matters
World Religions' Views on Health & Illness**

Instructor	Dr. Pat Fosarelli
Schedule	April 15 & 17; May 20 & May 22 (6-9 pm Thursday; 8:30 – 4:30 Saturday)
Description	Students will identify the beliefs, prayers, and rituals surrounding illness and dying in major world religions, noting similarities and differences between those of Christianity and of non-Christian traditions, and the spiritual practices that each religion encourages for health and flourishing, becoming competent to recognize the importance of these beliefs and practices, and to respond to them with humility, openness, and hospitality.
Requirements	Reading: Students taking the course for 2 credits will complete approximately 300 pages of reading; students taking the course for 3 credits will complete approximately 400-450 pages of reading total. All students should come to class prepared to discuss the readings assigned.
	Writing: Students taking the course for 2 credits will have one 7-10-page paper (60% of final grade). Students taking the course for 3 credits will have an additional 7-10-page paper to complete (both papers will count for 60% of final grade).
	Other Assignments: In-class vignette discussion and case studies on Canvas (40% of grade). Students taking the course for 3 credits will have an additional case study on Canvas (still 40% of final grade).

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition)	Cost	Pages to be read
Pat Fosarelli *Prayers & Rituals at a Time of Illness & Dying*	$16.95	100
Gillian McCann *Health & Healing in World Religions*	$42.50	184

** 1. CONNECT students take this course for 2 credits. 2. Students not in the CONNECT program may take this course as an elective for 3 credits, with the approval of the instructor and a dean.