Faith and Spiritual Decision Making – Lisa Smith
Hello, my name is Dr. Lisa Smith. As dean of the College of Nursing and Health Care Professions, I would like to welcome you to Grand Canyon University.

As an educational institution, we believe that finding your purpose begins with a clear understanding of yourself and your worldview. We also believe that exploring the Christian worldview helps students understand their convictions, and the implications of those convictions, more fully.

I know that as students you may have questions regarding the nature of this class, or you may have concerns regarding perceptions of Christianity in which negative experiences may have influenced your views.

Please be assured that we are inviting you to join us in compassionate dialog as health care colleagues who desire to care for all people in the best way possible by seeking to understand the whole person. As a student in this course, you and your views really matter.

We are hopeful that this course will prove to be an important step toward the goal of finding your purpose and strengthening your vocational calling to serve others as a health care provider. On behalf of the College of Nursing and Health Care Professions, welcome to Christian Worldview.

Faith and Spiritual Decision Making – Maria Quimba
Hello and welcome, my name is Maria Quimba. I’m the associate dean for Professional Studies for the College of Nursing & Health Care Professions at Grand Canyon University. It’s my pleasure to introduce you to the Christian Worldview course and offer my encouragement.

This course was designed by a team of compassionate and thoughtful individuals with you in mind. At Grand Canyon, we strive to cultivate an atmosphere of open dialog with students who are diverse in their views, but maintain an open mind and seek to understand. As in all other courses within your program of study, you will be graded on how well you perform in the classroom, not the particular worldview you hold.

The term worldview refers to the complex set of assumptions that inform the ways we think and live. Worldview is deeply shaped by experience and personal conviction. Therefore, if we really want to understand ourselves and those we serve as health care providers, we will need to listen carefully and observe how others live.

As a health care provider, you may be thinking, "How does this topic relate to my work or further my professional goals?"

Well, worldview impacts our relationship with others, our interactions in the community and in the workplace, as well as our decisions. And, as a health care provider, you will encounter many individuals with different worldviews and circumstances that are complex, requiring you to have a strong awareness of sociopolitical issues, religious and spiritual perspectives, as well as empathy for profound suffering.

In short, worldview is a fundamental aspect of the human experience and is critical to ethical decision making in health care. I’m confident that this course will open new avenues for dialog and serve to strengthen your resolve as a health care provider.