WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE TITLE: NURSE AS CONSUMER OF RESEARCH

COURSE NUMBER: NUR 343

IDEA ESSENTIAL ITEMS: Gaining factual knowledge (terminology, classifications, methods, trends).

Learning to Apply Course Material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions).

IDEA IMPORTANT ITEMS: Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course.

Learning to analyze and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view.

I. COURSE OBJECTIVES

With successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Differentiate research from other methods of gaining knowledge.
2. Describe the ethical and legal considerations in the conduct of health care research.
3. Contrast the major types of quantitative and qualitative research designs.
4. Explain the steps of the research process.
5. Demonstrate the ability to read research critically.
6. Relate relevant research findings to professional nursing practice.
7. Evidence critical thinking skills in class discussion, written work, online assignments, and oral/visual/voice-enhanced presentations.

II. METHODOLOGY & POLICIES

A. Teaching Method Options
   Readings, Lecture, Multimedia, Discussion Board, and Group Activities

B. Evaluation Methods
   Rubrics and grading criteria are provided for all assignments. Please read the rubrics and the grading criteria before completing the assignments. Following the assignment criteria will optimize your efforts toward successful course completion.

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Exam(s)  
( Objectives 1-7 )

The purpose of these exams is to validate each student’s comprehension of research principles.

Research Critique  
( Objectives 1-7 )

This assignment provides the opportunity for the student to apply principles from class to evaluate research reports. Specific guidelines will be provided by the course faculty.

Journal Club  
( Objectives 2-7 )

This assignment uses role play to simulate a nursing journal club. The student will discuss and critique research articles and relate findings to current nursing practice. Specific guidelines will be provided by the course faculty.

Participation / Activities  
( Objectives 1 - 7 )

The success of this course depends on active participation and critical reflection by all students.

Please Note: A minimum grade of C- is required to pass this course.
The instructor reserves the right to change or add assignments as needed

III. COURSE POLICIES:

College of Health Professions Attendance Policy: Because class sessions are highly interactive, any student’s absence diminishes the quality of learning for everyone.

Students are expected to attend all in-class sessions and to log on and participate in all online sessions as the course format requires. Failure to do so may be considered an unexcused absence. Be apprised that faculty have the ability to monitor your access to Blackboard sessions. Please note that your weekly attendance is electronically tracked and is a criterion for your final course grade. Communication with your course faculty is essential.

College of Health Professions Response Time Policy:

Faculty will generally respond to all student communication within 24-48 hours unless a weekend or holiday. Please refer to your course faculty’s specific availability as noted within the Syllabus is sole property of Wilmington University
Online Learning Considerations:

Online learning courses are offered in a seven week format which is designed to move the motivated student through the nursing curriculum at an accelerated pace. A significant amount of the student learning is done via independent assignments and requires the use of the Internet and the Blackboard course learning management system.

Resources for Online Students, including Blackboard Technical Support, can be accessed at: http://www.wilmu.edu/onlinelearning/dl_current.aspx