

NURS 2697 - Introduction to Nursing

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Course Description

2697. Introduction to Nursing. This course provides an introduction to nursing. Emphasis will be placed on an introduction to the history of nursing ethical and legal considerations, information management, roles of the professional nurse, self-care, nursing study skills, and nursing career opportunities. Prereq.: Admission to nursing program. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Professional nursing: Concepts & challenges (10th ed.)	Beth Black	ISBN: 9780323827560
Optional	Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.)	American Psychological Association	ISBN: 9781433832161
Optional	Concise guide to APA style (7th ed.)	American Psychological Association	ISBN: 9781433832734

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Readings: • Black, Chapter 1: Nursing in Today's Evolving Healthcare Environment	Introduction to the Course Syllabus Review Nursing in Today's Evolving Healthcare Environment Netiquette	Due Wednesday: • Week 1 Discussion Board Introduction Initial Post Due Sunday: • Week 1 Discussion Board Introduction: 2 peer responses
8/31	Readings: • Black, Chapter 2: The History and Social Context of Nursing	The History and Social Context of Nursing APA Overview – Library Search Review Nursing Role Assignment Instructions Introduction to the Code of Ethics	Due Wednesday: • Week 2 Initial Discussion Post Due Sunday: • Module 2 Discussion: 2 peer responses



9/7	Readings: • Black, Chapter 3: Nursing's Pathway to Professionalism	Nursing's Pathway to Professionalism	Due Sunday: • Portrayal of Nursing Assignment
9/14	Readings: • Black, Chapter 4: Nursing Education in an Evolving HC Environment	Nursing Education in an Evolving HC Environment	Due Wednesday: • Week 4 Initial Discussion Post Due Sunday: • Week 4 Discussion: 2 peer responses
9/21	Readings: Readings: • Black, Chapter 5: Becoming a Professional Nurse: Defining Nursing and Socialization In Practice	Becoming a Professional Nurse: Defining Nursing and Socialization In Practice	Exam 1 (Ch. 1-5)
9/28	Readings: • Black, Chapter 6: Nursing as a Regulated Practice: Legal Issues • Black, Chapter 7: Ethics Basic Concepts for Professional. Nursing Practice	Nursing as a Regulated Practice: Legal Issues Ethics Basic Concepts for Professional. Nursing Practice	Due Wednesday: • Week 6 Initial Discussion Post Due Sunday: • Week 6 Discussion: 2 peer responses
10/5	Readings: • Black, Chapter 8: Conceptual and Philosophic Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice	Conceptual and Philosophic Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice	
10/12	Readings: • Black, Chapter 9: Nursing Theory: The Basis for Professional Nursing Science of Nursing & Evidenced-Based Practice • Black, Chapter 10: The Science of Nursing and Evidence-Based Practice	Nursing Theory: The Basis for Professional Nursing Science of Nursing & Evidenced-Based Practice The Science of Nursing and Evidence-Based Practice	Due Wednesday: • Week 8 Initial Discussion Post Due Sunday: • Week 8 Discussion: 2 peer responses
10/19	Readings: • Black, Chapter 11: Developing Nursing Judgment Through Critical Thinking	Developing Nursing Judgment Through Critical Thinking	Exam 2 (Ch. 6-10)
10/26	Readings: • Black, Chapter 12: Communication and Collaboration in Professional Nursing	Communication and Collaboration in Professional Nursing	Due Wednesday: • Week 10 Initial Discussion Post Due Sunday: • Week 10 Discussion: 2 peer responses
11/2	Readings: • Black, Chapter 13: Nurses, Patients, and Families: Caring at the Intersection of Health, Illness, and Culture	Nurses, Patients, and Families: Caring at the Intersection of Health, Illness, and Culture The Nursing Process	Due Wednesday: • Week 11 Initial Discussion Post Due Sunday: • Week 11 Discussion: 2 peer responses
11/9	Readings: • Black, Chapter 14: Health Care in the United States	Health Care in the United States Generational Stereotypes in the Workplace	Due Wednesday: • Video Assignment: Nursing Specialty and Professional Organization Presentation MP4 Video initial post
11/16	Readings: • Black, Chapter 15: Political Activism in Nursing: Communities, Organizations, and Government	Political Activism in Nursing: Communities, Organizations, and Government Nursing Specialties and Professional Organizations	Due Wednesday: • Week 13 Initial Discussion Post Due Sunday: • Week 13 Discussion: 2 peer responses • Video Assignment: Nursing Specialty and Professional Organization Presentation peer responses
11/23	UNIVERSITY CLOSED: HOLIDAY NO IN-PERSON CLASS Independent Research Work Utilizing Maag Library	Independent Research Work Utilizing Maag Library Nursing Specialties and Professional Organizations	Due Sunday: • Assignment: Research Paper: Nursing Specialty and Professional Organization
11/30	Nursing Specialty Guest Speakers	Nursing Specialty Guest Speakers	Due Wednesday: • Course Evaluation Survey
12/7	Finals Week	Finals Week	Exam 3 (Ch.11-15)

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