NURS 4852 - Senior Capstone Seminar

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section A04, CRN 43481,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

4852. Senior Capstone Seminar. Provides students with opportunities to integrate and synthesize nursing knowledge through research, writing, and presentations on current topics and issues. Total experiential learning 20 hours. Prereq.: RN license. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required			

See assignments for Weekly Readings

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
10/19	YSU Maag Library Johns Hopkins Medicine 2022)	What is Evidence-Based Practice Leading Change in HealthCare Systems: Strategies for RN-BSN Students How strong is your evidence	Topic for Senior Capstone Presentation Preceptorship Information Discussion
10/26	Woods, A.D. (2013) Lyon, A. (2018) Andresen, K. (2023) Schad, A. (2024) Duchon, C. (2024)	Writing a Thesis Statement Brief Introduction to Nursing Databases Search Everything: Finding Articles	Introduction to the Topic Discussion Evaluate the approved QSEN goals that were written during Module 1. Complete the right column and highlight "Met" or "Not Met" Thesis Statement Upload the completed Senior Capstone Verification Form for Student Clinical Hours Discussion

11/2	Laskowski-Jones (2012)	Dressing to Interview Interviewing	Major Discussion Points Submit in paragraph form both sides of the Senior Capstone Topic Upload the completed Senior Capstone Verification Form for Student Clinical Hours Discuss questions that have been reviewed from the "Sample DiscussionTopics/ Interaction with Clinical Preceptor" Discuss personal goal/course object that was worked on during preceptorship Determine what content experts you will consult with Discussion
11/9	Gallo, C. (2020)	What it takes to give a great presentation	Give a detailed update of your activities during preceptorship hours Summary statement of Presentation topic, your position and essential evidence supporting your decision Discussion Discuss at least 2 of your QSEN goals and progress made towards achieving them. Upload the completed Senior Capstone Verification Form for Student Clinical Hours
11/16	Whitemore, J. (2014) YSU Office of Career Services (n.d.) APA Style (2026) Santangelo, C. (2025)	OCED's recommendations for Resume and Cover Letter Job Finder's Handbook: Your guide to finding a rewarding career	Resume/Cover Letter Due Discuss questions that have been reviewed from the Upload the completed Senior Capstone Verification Form for Student Clinical Hours State thesis and why this topic is important to nursing, including proposed changes, interventions and follow-up Discussion
11/23			Post Senior Capstone Presentation Upload Reference page in APA 7th Ed. formatting in a WORD document Upload the completed Senior Capstone Verification Form for Student Clinical Hours Discussion
11/30			Discussion Upload the completed Senior Capstone Verification Form for Student Clinical Hours QSEN Goals Evaluation

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