

AUGSBURG COLLEGE
Department of Nursing
NUR 306QA: PARADIGMS IN NURSING
Rochester Campus
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CLASS TIMES: 5:45 pm. to 9:45 pm. - Tuesday evenings
Rochester - Bethel Lutheran Church, Room TBD

- *Propose starting class at 5:30 pm & ending at 9:30 pm – Will discuss our first night of class*

CLASS DATES: **Sept 8, 22, Oct 6, 20, Nov 3, 17, Dec 1, 2009**
*Denotes one week between classes

COURSE CREDITS: 1.0 course or 4 semester credits

COURSE OVERVIEW:

An introductory course designed to explore theory-based professional nursing practice and research. Concepts are examined as expressions of the structure of theory. Nursing scholarship is introduced in relationship to theory, research and practice and applied across care settings. Paradigms (worldviews) and the assumptive premises supporting both qualitative and quantitative research methods are explored in the context of nursing science and knowledge development in the discipline. Major concepts highlighted include: ways of knowing, caring, community, culture, health, illness, humanity, justice, health disparities, and scholarship for evidence-based practice. Background knowledge from the natural, social, behavioral, and nursing sciences to promote the understanding of self and others is woven into the course. Paradigms in Nursing (N306) provides a foundation for all 400 level nursing courses.

THE TEACHING-LEARNING PARTNERSHIP FACILITATES GROWTH IN THE FOLLOWING STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Synthesize knowledge from the liberal arts with the arts and science of Nursing.

Individual Student Learning Outcomes:

- a. Study the evolution of the science and the art of nursing in relationship to practice and knowledge development in the discipline.

- b. Discuss the development of selected nursing theories within an historical context.
- c. Identify the paradigms (worldviews) that have given rise to the major nursing theories and research methods.
- d. Compare the interrelationships between/among nursing theory and theories and concepts from related disciplines (psychology, anthropology, physics, biology, etc.) and the liberal arts.

2. Utilize research findings to guide and enhance nursing practice.

Individual Student Learning Outcomes:

- a. Explain the significance of nursing research and its relationship to nursing practice and nursing theory development.
- b. Compare and contrast qualitative and quantitative research methods and findings.
- c. Demonstrate an understanding of the basic elements of the research process and models for applying evidence to clinical practice.
- d. Apply a basic understanding of the research process, concepts, and terminology, to evaluating published nursing research and its relevance for nursing practice.
- e. Identify researchable clinical questions in PICO format, conduct searches for current evidence to formulate evidence-based solutions.

3. Demonstrate accountability for ethical nursing practice based on professional Standards.

Individual Student Learning Outcomes:

- a. Engage in reflection about one's own beliefs and personal values relative to the art and science of nursing.
- b. Identify a professional ethos embedded in nursing theory and the major concepts in the discipline: caring, culture, health, illness, professional practice, health disparities, and justice.
- c. Recognize the impact of values on professional practice and research, such as which questions to ask and/or which issues and health concerns to explore.

4. Apply nursing theories to nursing practice decisions with individuals, families, groups, and communities.

Individual Student Learning outcomes:

- a. Explain the interrelationship of nursing theory, research and practice.
- b. Discuss philosophical and theoretical assumptions for the quantitative and qualitative research paradigms and their influence on nursing practice.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

American Psychological Association. (2009). *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th Ed.). Washington, DC
ISBN –10: 1-4338-0561-8 / ISBN-13: 978-1-4338-0561-5

Nightingale, F. (1992). *Notes on nursing: Commemorative Edition*. Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott. ISBN: 0-397-55007-3.

Parker, M.E. (2006). *Nursing theories & nursing practice*. (2nd ed.). Philadelphia: F.A. Davis. ISBN: 0-80361-196-X

Boswell, C. & Cannon, S. (2007). *Introduction to Nursing Research*. Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett. ISBN-13: 978-0-7637-4040-5 / ISBN-10: 0-7637-4040-3

These books are available through the virtual Augsburg Bookstore:

<http://direct.mbsbooks.com/augsburg.htm>.

Or Main Campus Bookstore

REQUIRED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS:

AACN (1999). *Position statement on nursing research*. American Association of Colleges of Nursing. (Retrieved 12/04/04:
<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Publications/positions/rscposst.htm>)

Boyle, J. & Barry, D. (1996). An ethnohistory of a granny midwife. *Journal of TCN*, 8 (1): 13-18. (On electronic library reserve and posted to Moodle).

Hannigan, B. (2000). Getting started in research. *Nurse Researcher* 7(4): 31- 39. (On electronic library reserve and posted to Moodle).

Rankin, M. (December, 1996). How to assess a research study. *AJN* 96(12): 32-36.
(On electronic library reserve and posted to Moodle).

Valente, S. (May/June 2003). Critical analysis of research papers. *Journal for Nurses in Staff Development* 19(3): 130-142. (On electronic library reserve and posted to Moodle).

REQUIRED BOOK READINGS –

Chin, P. & Kramer, M. (2007). *Integrated Theory Knowledge Development in Nursing – Chapters 1 and 3.* (7th edition). St Louis, MO; Mosby. ISBN 10: 0-323-05270-3 / ISBN 13: 978-0-3230-5270-2 (On electronic reserve through library reserves & posted to Moodle)

NUR 306 – COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

ASSIGNMENT	POINTS	DUE DATES
1. Moodle Discussion Participation	20 ea= 40	Sept 23-30 & Oct 7-14
2. Concept paper	60	Oct 6
3. Knowing Theory (In-class)	20	Oct 20
4. Nursing Theory Analysis Paper	110	Nov 3
5. Evaluating a Research Article	40	Nov 17
6. Oral Presentation of PICO paper	20	Dec 1
7. Research PICO question paper	110	Dec 1
Total Points	400	

GRADING SCALE:

Points	Grade	Percent
372-400	4.0	93 - 100 %
353-371	3.5	88 - 92 %
332-351	3.0	83 – 87 %
312-331	2.5	78 – 82 %
292-311	2.0	73 – 77 %

TEACHING - LEARNING METHODS:

Lecture, discussion, audiovisuals, small group activities, data base searching, pre-class reading, writing assignments, computer assisted instruction, presentations and guest speakers.

TEACHING - LEARNING RESPONSIBILITIES:

Teaching and learning requires a mutual commitment between students and faculty. Students are responsible for their own learning and are responsible for meeting the requirements of the class. These expectations include, but are not limited to, appropriate preparation, attendance and participation in class, on-time submission of written work (based on APA format), on-going self-assessment of learning needs and professional growth. The instructor is responsible for teaching by creating an environment conducive to student learning, acting as a learning resource/support, guiding the students to appropriate sources of information, identifying relevant learning activities, and being available to help the student achieve the stated course objectives. Thus, a continuous and mutual process of teaching/learning personal/professional growth occurs for all.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students with special learning or physical differences (formally diagnosed) have legal rights to course modifications. To request academic accommodations due to a disability, please contact the CLASS Office (612-330-1053) or the Access Center (612-230-1749). Guidelines are presented on the Access Center Home Page found at: <http://www.augsburg.edu/accesscenter>.

If you have a letter from one of these offices indicating you have a disability, which requires academic accommodations, please present the letter to your instructor to assist in their providing the accommodations that you will need in this class.

WRITING TUTOR:

All students are encouraged to utilize tutoring assistance from the writing tutor, Marilyn Theismann. Her hours at Bethel Church are Mondays 4:30pm to 7:30pm and she sits at the welcome desk by the food area. Drop in or make an appointment. You can send your paper by e-mail to theisman@augsborg.edu. Attach the paper as a word document, include assignment, due date and your phone number. Call or e-mail to arrange a meeting time and place at 507-282-2105.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Your presence enriches the experiences for all class participants. Attendance at class is expected to participate in the learning activities. Students, who miss class for any reason, must notify the faculty member by e-mail or telephone prior to class. Student may leave a phone message at 507-282-4710. The faculty member and the student will determine the plan to make up the missed material.

The faculty member reserves the right to assign an alternative assignment for two missed classes. The faculty member reserves the right to deduct points from the final grade related to class attendance and class participation.

LATE POLICY FOR ASSIGNMENTS:

- Unexcused/unexplained late papers will result in a loss of points. Papers can be submitted by mail in negotiation with faculty. Students may reach faculty via e-mail or telephone to arrange a drop off of papers.
- If you will be unable to attend class on a given due date, papers are expected to be handed in prior to your absence unless negotiated in advance with your faculty member. Students will notify faculty in advance.
- In case of unexpected crisis, students may negotiate with faculty for a late paper exception. This will result in no loss of points. It is required that students notify the instructor of these situations as soon as possible.

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING POLICY ON CITATIONS

It is the policy of the Department of Nursing that papers or tests containing plagiarized material will be given a grade of **zero** and there will be **no** opportunity for re-writes. *Omitted citations are considered plagiarism.* We will review this in class. Please review the Student & Nursing Department handbooks.

Note: The complete syllabus, with the assignments for the trimester, will be distributed on the first nights of class and will be posted to Moodle.