
NUMBER OF CREDITS: Three (3) semester hours

FACULTY RESPONSIBLE: Vera Harmon, PhD, RN

PRE-REQUISITES: Admission to the Program

CO-REQUISITES: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course presents theoretical foundations for advanced practice Nursing. It explores relationships between theories, both nursing and non-nursing, and advanced practice nursing. Strategies for implementation of various theories in nursing practice and other health care disciplines are examined.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: At the completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Trace the evolution of theories relevant to nursing practice.

2. Analyze theoretical concepts/constructs relevant to Advanced Practice Nursing.

3. Explore the interrelationship of theoretical constructs/concepts to Advanced Practice Nursing.

4. Analyze relevant theories from nursing science and related disciplines that impact the role of Advanced Practice Nursing.

5. Apply a theoretical framework that will guide the advanced clinical practice and
research modality.

**MAJOR CONTENT OUTLINE:**
- Theory and theoretical concepts and constructs
- Evaluation of nursing knowledge and scholarliness
- Relationship of theory to practice and research
- Construction of theories
- Concept and statement analysis
- Analysis of nursing theory
- Theories that support nursing practice
- Theories that impact advanced practice nursing

**EVALUATION:**
Your grade for this class will be based on the following:

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Guidelines and Criteria for the Annotated Bibliography, Concept Paper and the Concept Analysis Paper are located under the Assignment Tool. Due dates for these assignments are located there as well as on the Course Overview.

Your class participation grade will be based upon your completion of the required activities for each week. Upon submission of these activities a score of 0-5 will be given for the activities.

Five points corresponds to a grade =100.
Four points corresponds to a grade from 90 - 99
Three points corresponds to a grade from 81 - 89
Two point corresponds to a grade from 75 - 80, and
One point corresponds to a grade below 75.
0 points will be given for no work submitted.

The criteria that follow are used to determine assigned points. *Responses:* are relevant, are substantive, demonstrate critical thinking, are supported with references that are correctly cited, have an accurate reference list, are written with proper grammar, sentence structure and correct spelling, and are complete and on time.
Discussion board (DB) postings which relate to all activities other than a response to another student, must be submitted no later than Saturday 11:55 PM of the week they are assigned. Required responses to classmate’s postings should be posted no later than 11:55 PM Monday of the week following the week they are assigned. Points will be deducted for late postings.

To reiterate Postings to the Discussion Board should be carefully written with proper grammar, spelling, and sentence structure.

Points may be deducted for poorly written work. It is recommended you do your work first in word, and copy and paste it to the discussion board. This technique will also alleviate any problem with being timed out.

DO NOT POST DB assignments AS AN ATTACHMENT on the Discussion Board. This creates additional work for everyone.

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

Grading for graduate work is reported as follows:

A= 90-100
B= 81-89
C= 75-80
D= 65-74
F= below 65
I= Incomplete (Given only with valid extenuating circumstances)
W= Withdrew officially or withdrew passing

**COURSEWORK POLICY:**

All work is to be typed and prepared in a scholarly manner and submitted by the due date. Two points a day will be deducted for late work unless the student, prior to the due date of an assignment, notifies the faculty and discusses alternate plans for submission of his/her work.
CLASS POLICIES: It is easy to get behind in an online course. Therefore it is imperative you keep up. This is best accomplished by checking in on the course at least daily to be sure you are not missing something. I will periodically email you to let you know where you are supposed to be in the course. It is your responsibility to let me know when you are having problems completing an assignment.

ATTENDANCE: As a part of quality assurance for an on-line course your participation can be monitored.

DISABILITY DIRECTIVE: If you need accommodations in this class related to a disability, please make an appointment as soon as possible with the Director, Graduate Program, 6436 Fannin Street, Houston, TX 77030 Office (713) 797-7015 Fax (713) 797-7013


OFFICE HOURS: Office hours for an online course are “virtual”, i.e. they are not necessarily at a specified time. My contact with you will be through e-mail, the discussion board and the assignments tool. I will make every effort to answer any e-mail within 24 hours of receipt. I will check the assignment drop box and discussion board at least daily.

ETIQUETTE/NETIQUETTE POLICIES: Courtesy to fellow classmates and your instructor is required during all communications. Foul and abusive language will not be tolerated. “Speak” to others as you would like to be spoken to.
HARDWARE & SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS: To complete the requirements for this course you should have access to a computer with the following minimum standards:

- Up to date computer with at least Windows XP
- High Speed Internet
- Microsoft Word 2007
- PowerPoint 2007
- Acrobat Reader 9.0
- Printer

SKILLS REQUIRED: Minimal skills for satisfactory completion of this course are the ability to do the following:

- send and receive email
- attach a file to an email
- post to the Discussion Board
- access and post to the Assignment tool
  - search the Internet
  - use Microsoft Word
- share information with classmates
- access the Texas Medical Center Library
- access PVAMU Library and TexShare resources

TECHNICAL CONTINGENCY PLAN: If WebCT is not operating for some reason and you have an assignment due email your assignment to me at my Prairie View A&M University email address.

If you experience technical difficulties please contact the Help line at 1-936-261-2525.

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