COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: NURS 5133 – Clinical Research in Nursing

NUMBER OF CREDITS: Three (3) semester hours

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PRE-REQUISITES & CO-REQUISITES: NURS 5013 – Theoretical Foundations

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The course focuses on the use of research methodologies to analyze nursing practice problems for a population of diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. The interrelationship between theory, practice, and evidenced based research and the use of nursing knowledge for the improvement of clinical outcomes is emphasized. Review of major research designs, methods, and ethical requirements of scientific inquiry are addressed.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: At the completion of this course and its related activities the student will be able to:

1. Critically appraise published research.
2. Utilize research findings for evidence based nursing practice.
3. Incorporate appropriate use of theory and conceptual frameworks in research.
4. Explore epidemiological research methods and statistical analysis.
5. Employ appropriate methods, designs, sampling techniques, measurements, and data collection procedures for specific research questions or hypotheses.

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

- Literature Review: 25%
- Chapter I: 10%
- Chapter III: 10%
- Completed Proposal: 30%
- Participation: 25%
- Total: 100%

GRADING CRITERIA: Course work 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

ASSIGNMENTS: All activities except responses to classmates should be submitted no later than Friday 11:55 PM of the week they are assigned.

Responses to classmates may be posted up until Sunday evening 11:55 PM. Information emailed to the faculty each week must be accompanied by the previous work submitted.

Points will be deducted for late work. Graded assignments will appear on the assignment tool and the due date will be indicated 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 0-2 will be
given for the activities. You will receive a 2 if you submit all activities requested, they are complete and on time. You will receive a 1 for partial work and a 0 for no work submitted. If your work is submitted more than two days after the due date a 0 stands.

**COURSEWORK POLICY:**

All formal assignments are 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:**

Completion of assignments and participation will necessitate you logging in to the course at least once a day. As a part of quality assurance for an online course your participation will 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

**REQUIRED REFERENCES:**


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, sometimes more frequently.

ETIQUETTE/NETIQUETTE POLICIES: Courtesy to fellow classmates and your instructors 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:

- Computer with Windows XP or newer
- High Speed Internet
- 8X or greater CD-ROM
- Microsoft Word 7.0
- PowerPoint 7.0
- Acrobat Reader 9.0

SKILLS: 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
- search the Internet
- use a word processing package
- operate a computer
- share information with classmates
- access PVAMU Library and TexShare resources
- Access HAM-TMC Library

TECHNICAL CONTINGENCY PLAN: If WebCT is not operating for some reason and you have an assignment due contact the course faculty and mail your assignment to the Houston address with a postmark no later than the due date of the assignment. If you need to contact me for other reasons during a technical breakdown please phone me. If you experience technical difficulties please contact the Help Line at 936-857-2525.
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