



FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Health Professions
School of
Nursing Master of Science in Nursing
Program **NURS 531 Critique of**
****Evidence for Practice****

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will prepare specialty nurses in scholarly critique of current evidence to identify the foundational steps of evidenced-based practice (EBP). The focus will be on the translation of EBP from research literature to implementation in professional practice.

3 credits (3+0) 3 lecture hours / week = 45 hours / semester

Pre-requisite: N U R S 5 0 1

COURSE OUTCOMES:

1. Examine levels of evidence and their relevancy to various Health Care settings and nursing practice (Theoretical Basis for Practice).
2. Make recommendations for practice change in one's specialty area that are supported by current evidence (Collaborative Leadership) (Specialty Leadership Role in Practice) (Scholarship for Practice).
3. Evaluate clinical problems in the healthcare environment by critiquing current evidence from nursing and other disciplines(Health Care Environment) (Professionalism)

Instructional Delivery Method & Schedule

This is a fully on-line course

School of Nursing Grading scale:

The grading scale is as follows:

A = 95 - 100	B = 85 - 88	C = 75 - 78	D = 65 - 68
A- = 92 - 94	B- = 82 - 84	C- = 72 - 74	D- = 62 - 64
B+ = 89 - 91	C+ = 79 - 81	D+ = 69 - 71	F = <62

Course Learning Activities & Assessment Methods

Assignment	Course objectives	Percent of grade	Due date	Grade
Participation*	1, 2, 3 (formative)	40%		
Paper A	1	10%		
Article critiques	3	30%		
Abstract	2 (formative)	10%		
Poster	2	10%		

*Note: superscript items on tentative schedule reflect 8 participation opportunities worth 100 points each.

Course policies

Students are referred to the College of Health Professions for standard academic policies established by Ferris State University:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/colleges/alliedhe/Policies.htm>

Students with a documented disability (e.g. physical, learning, psychiatric, vision, hearing, etc.) who need to arrange reasonable accommodations should contact the professor and contact the Disabilities Services office at 231.591.3057 (voice), or email ecds@ferris.edu to discuss your request further. More information can be found on the web at

<http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/colleges/university/disability>.

Students are referred to the Handbook for Graduate Nursing Students for academic policies established by the School of Nursing:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/colleges/alliedhe/Nursing/MSN-program/Handbook-for-Graduate-Nursing-Students-2012.pdf>

You are responsible for making yourself aware of and understanding the policies and procedures in Graduate Catalogs that pertain to Academic Honesty. These policies include cheating, fabrication, falsification and forgery, multiple submission, plagiarism, complicity and computer misuse.