

Mississippi College School of Nursing
NUR 323 – Research in Nursing Practice

Course: NUR 323 – Research in Nursing Practice

Credit: 3 semester hours (45 contact hours)

Placement in Curriculum: Semester II

Prerequisite: NUR 312

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Catalogue Description: Focuses on the research process and the development of an attitude of inquiry. The role of the nurse in conducting and utilizing research is explored.

Course Objectives:

1. Differentiate between nursing research and other types of research
2. Describe the research process.
3. Identify appropriate research topics within nursing practice.
4. Develop a review of literature on a selected research topic.
5. Conduct data analysis using selected statistical methods.
6. Evaluate data collection and analysis of selected research studies.
7. Discuss the utilization of computers in nursing research.
8. Discuss the importance of research for evidence-based practice in nursing.

Course Outline:

- I. Introduction to Course
- II. Introduction to Nursing Research and Ethical Considerations
- III. Research Problem/Question and Literature Review
- IV. Organizing Framework: Conceptual and Theoretical Frameworks
- V. Research Design and Methodology
- VI. Sampling
- VII. Measurement and Data Collection
- VIII. Analysis of Research Data
- IX. Critiquing Nursing Studies
- X. Utilization of Nursing Research
- XI. Research in Evidence Based Nursing (EBN) Practice

Teaching Strategies:

Lecture, Group discussion, Written assignments, A/V activities, Group projects

Evaluation Methods:

Test	15%
Test II	15%
Test III	15%
Formal Paper	20%
Poster Presentation	15%
Classroom activities, workbook, group work	20%

Texts:

Burns, N. & Grove, S.K. (2003). *Understanding Nursing Research* (3rd ed). Philadelphia: Saunders

Burns, N. & Grove, S.K. (2003) *Study Guide for Understanding Nursing Research* (3rd ed). Philadelphia: Saunders

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (5th ed). (2001).
Washington,DC: American
Psychological Association.

Plagiarism

In NUR 323 the Mississippi College policy on plagiarism will be upheld. A student may read the policy in the Mississippi College Student Handbook under the heading of **ACADEMIC HONESTY**. No student is to submit as one=s own work in the Research Review of Literature paper any substantial part that is in fact not one=s own work. If this policy is violated, the student shall receive a grade of 0 on the paper and will be allowed to rewrite the paper with a maximum grade of 77.