

Course Title: N 390 Concept of Critical Thinking

Course Description:

This course focuses on the concept of critical thinking used in the management of disease and in decision making as a nursing leader. The course will use the nursing or research process, and praxis philosophy as a systematic approach to problem solving. Health promotion case studies will be used as a framework for presenting the content. Technology will also be used to reinforce course content.

Course Objectives:

At the end of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Integrate critical thinking in the analysis of nursing issues that may be encountered in practice, management, education, or the health care environment.
2. Identify a scholarly and holistic change project that can evolve throughout the program of study and is praxis and technology driven.
3. Demonstrate professional and leadership qualities that promote the image of nursing.
4. Demonstrate the professional standards of moral, ethical, and legal conduct.
5. Assume accountability for personal and professional behaviors.
6. Develop a rudimentary professional portfolio centered on concepts such as professionalism, professional goals, philosophy, community services, technology, critical thinking, and other concepts related to program outcomes.
7. Identify the critical role of the nurse in a multicultural and ever-changing health care environment.
8. Explore strategies to model the role of professionalism in practice, education, and management situations.
9. Synthesize evidence-based practice and research in providing holistic nursing care to individuals, families, groups, and communities.
10. Protect patient privacy and confidentiality of patient records and other privileged communications.