

Nursing Electives offered Online in January 2012

NURS 342: Health and Healing VI - Global Health Issues (1.5 units)

Study of complex chronic and episodic global health challenges and issues. Emphasis is placed on the role of the nurse as care provider, community organizer, facilitator, educator and advocate within the context of the global society and the changing health care environment. Participants examine emerging health issues and trends further to develop their understanding of nursing practice.

NURS 480: Academic Writing for Nurses (1.5 units)

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Although nurses comprise the majority of health care workers, they are often inarticulate or even silent when attempting to speak about their practice (Buresh & Gordon, 2003). NURS 480 can help you to shape your writing to use your voice as a nurse articulately and effectively. The skills you acquire in NURS 480 are transferable to all areas of life: home, school, and work. This elective online credit course, offered to both continuing and post-RN students, will give you practice writing academic genres: summaries, analyses, arguments, and literature reviews. A safe online writing community, Nurs 480 is a place to explore your ideas, brush up on grammar and APA skills, and share your prose with your peers. Scaffolded assignments, drafting, revision, and self-reflective exercises will all help you to find your writing voice and build your confidence. This course will appeal to undergraduate nursing students eager to improve their writing.

NURS 425: Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis (1.5 units)

This course provides students with a grounding in the techniques involved in the analysis of both quantitative and qualitative data. Students will engage in the process of qualitative analysis through examining qualitative data, data coding and thematic construction. A range of descriptive and inferential statistical approaches to quantitative analysis are examined using a computer-based system. The program, Minitab, used in this course is supported by Windows only. (Mac computers are not compatible)

NURS 450: Nursing Leadership and Management (1.5 units)

The intent of this course is to enhance participants' understanding of the meaning of leadership and the tasks of management. Worldviews that influence perceptions of health care and health organizations and current approaches to managing health care will be studied. Nursing leadership in establishing a climate in which quality of care and quality of work environments can become a reality are emphasized in this course.

NURS 481C: Nursing Practice in Hospice Palliative Care (1.5 units)

The purpose of this course is to explore nursing practice in hospice palliative care. Historical, theoretical, personal, and professional perspectives are presented for ongoing examination and analysis in relation to their impact on and guidance for nursing practice. Central to this exploration is a growing understanding of the human experience of persons living their dying and how we as nurses choose to engage with the serve hospice palliative care patients. It is our goal that, through examination of these various dimensions, you will be guided to practice with

persons living their dying in ways that uphold human dignity and honour human uniqueness.

NURS 496: Nursing with Childbearing Families (1.5 units)

A woman and family-centered approach that attends to health inequities, material, social, and discursive conditions, and the experiences of all family members will be used to explore nursing care for child-bearing families from preconception through the childbearing year. Nursing students will develop the knowledge and clinical judgment needed for working with common perinatal, neonatal, rural and public health nursing

NURA 510: Applied Statistics in Nursing (1.5 units)

Students will develop familiarity with advanced statistical methods as they are applied to nursing and health care. These will include multiple linear regression, factor analysis and multivariate analysis of variance. A brief introduction to structural equation modelling and psychometric methods may be offered

NURA 514: Nursing Ethics for Leadership and Practice (1.5 units)

This course focuses on nursing ethics for leadership and practice. Through the examination of empirical and theoretical work on current and future issues in health care ethics, students will develop expertise and strategies to deal with ethical problems in health care and in nursing. Furthermore, they will critically examine the relationship of health care ethics to social and health policy, as well as the implications for health care system change.

NURS 590: Introduction to Academic Scholarship (1.5 units)

Whether you are a confident writer needing to brush-up on academic writing skills and APA or a hesitant writer wanting practice, guidance, and reassurance, Nurs 590 is the elective for you. Worth 1.5 credits, this online course is designed to expose graduate students at all levels to valuable experiences in academic writing. You will explore writing as recursive process, analogous to thinking; learn about your own writing obstacles and error patterns and how to resolve these; learn how to revise and edit your own work and review your peers' work; become familiar with different academic genres and scholarly conventions, in particular the argument and the literature review; understand the basic moves in academic writing (i.e. entering the scholarly debate); start or continue thinking of your writing as worthy of publication; and participate in a writing community: a safe place to share not only writing, but feelings about writing. In this course, we work through a series of scaffolded assignments to experience various academic genres, using dialogue about writing and sharing our writing as integral learning processes. Students exit this course with increased self awareness as writers, sharpened writing tools, and newfound confidence.