Research in Nursing
Nursing 310 (3 credits)

Instructor: Lori Thompson

Course Description:
This course examines the nursing research process, the role of a BSN nurse in nursing research, and how to apply the nursing research process. Students will focus on examining and exploring each step of the nursing research process. Students will apply the nursing research process to a topic of interest selected and will practice the nursing research process steps throughout the course.

Course Objectives:
The students will be able to:
1. Understand the nursing research process.
2. Describe the role of the BSN nurse in nursing research.
3. Design a research project related to a personal growth area.
4. Examine research articles/ studies to support their research topic.
5. Describe and disseminate the findings of their research project to the class.
6. Examine the role of human subjects in the research process.

Required Texts:
Posted articles in blackboard or distributed in class.

Learning strategies:
Lecture
Class discussion
Readings
Videos
Self-evaluation/reflections

Class Attendance:
Attendance is required in both the classroom and any online portions. Attendance in the online portion is determined by participation in online discussions or postings of assignments. Classroom absences are subject to the discretion of the instructor. Please notify the instructor prior to the class if you know you will be absent.
Grading Scale:
90-100=A
85-89= B+
80-84=B
75-79=C+
70-74=C
66-69=D+
60-64=D
less than 60=F

Doane Academic Integrity Policy:
The Doane College Academic Integrity Policy will be adhered to in this class. All projects will represent your own work. Any use of other’s ideas and words without proper citation of sources is plagiarism and will result in penalties to be determined by the instructor and/or the Dean of Undergraduate studies.

Grading:
Students will be expected to complete all assigned readings, online and in class assignments, as well as participate in class activities and discussions.

  Attendance: 10%
  Online Discussion: 20%
  Qualitative Research Review: 10%
  Quantitative Research Study Review: 10%
  Research Project: 50%
    Includes written reflection and in class presentation.

Late Assignments: Please discuss any late assignments with the instructor to create a plan for successful completion.
Course Schedule:
Week One March 7th, 2016: We will not meet

Week Two March 14th, 2016: Introduction to Nursing Research Process/ Selection of Research Topic

Week Three March 21st, 2016: Ethics in Research, Qualitative Research Methods

Week Four: March 28th, 2016: Online Discussion

Week Five April 4th, 2016: Quantitative Research Methods

Week Six April 11th, 2016: Discussion of Progress on research project.

Week Seven April 18th, 2016: Online Discussion

Week Eight April 25th, 2016: In Class presentations

Week Nine May 2nd, 2016: In class presentations if needed.