Course Description
This course will explore critical issues impacting the practice of nursing. Students will expand their knowledge of current and emerging issues that affect nursing practice. Students will develop an awareness of the need for flexibility and preparation to adapt to a changing society, technological and scientific innovations. This class will provide a forum for discussion related to important issues that nurses face across the health care continuum.

Class Meeting Times
Thursdays: 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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Resources: Nursing journal articles, newspapers, video’s, interviews, books, nursing professional organizations, health care organizations and DVD’s.

Course Objectives
Identify critical issues that may impact the practice of nursing.
Critically evaluate the issues related to nursing and health care.
Develop strategies for personal application to your nursing practice.
Evaluate your professional responsibilities in relationship to the issues.

Course Format
This course will be conducted in interactive group discussion, 4 short application papers and activities relevant to each topic. Class preparation, attendance and participation are essential.

Assessment and Class Policies
Students will be able to obtain 200 points as follows:
- 80 points Class participation, each class 10 points.
- 80 points Class preparation, each class 10 points.
- 40 points Application papers and reference documents in APA format.

Grading scale
97-100 % = A+
93-96 % = A
89-92 % = B+
85-88 % = B
81–84 % = C+
76–80 % = C
70-76 % = D
Below 70% = F

Course Schedule
WEEK 1, Jan. 17th: Orientation, hand-outs, resources for application papers and course topics for student choice to be determined.

**TOPIC for Week 1: Medical Technology: Impact on health care/nursing/patient/family.**

**ASSIGNMENT: Bring two articles to class related to the topic. Be prepared to discuss “what you learned”. These will be handed in to the instructor at the end of class.**

Week 2, Jan. 24th:
Student Choice: #1 #2

Faculty Choice: Recruitment/Retention

Week 3, Jan. 31st
Student Choice: #1 #2

Faculty Choice: Generational Differences

Week 4: Feb. 7th
Student Choice: #1 #2

Faculty Choice: Evidence Base Practice

Week 5: Feb. 14th
Student Choice: #1 #2

Faculty Choice: Professional Nursing Organizations

Week 6: Feb. 21st
Student Choice: #1 #2

Faculty Choice: Socialization/Mentoring/Preceptor/ Formal/Informal

Week 7: Feb. 28th
Student Choice: #1 #2

Faculty Choice: Quality Improvement for the patient/reimbursement/health grades

Week 8: March 7th
Student Choice: #1 #2

Faculty Choice: Impaired Nurse/Mental Health issues/Discipline Made Public