Research in Nursing
Nursing 310  (3 credits)

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Course Description:
This course provides a review of nursing theories upon which practice is built and prepares the RN to become a consumer of research as it applies to the practice of nursing. Students develop an understanding of both qualitative and quantitative research and how to determine appropriate methodology for a chosen study. Students develop skills for evaluating and critiquing existing research and learn how to apply ethical considerations to the practice of research. Upon completion of the course, students will understand the role of research in continuously improving health care. Prerequisite: NRS 2aa

Course Objectives:
The students will be able to:
1. Describe the process of research development
2. Differentiate between qualitative and quantitative research
3. Apply ethical considerations to the practice of research
4. Evaluate and critique existing research
5. Discuss how research impacts current nursing practice

Text: Understanding Nursing Research in Evidence-Based Practice  3rd Edition
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Class Attendance:
Attending classes is imperative since we meet very few times. Activities will be intertwined with lecture and discussions. Attendance will be dealt with on an individual basis. If you know you are going to be gone, please notify the instructor prior to class.

Grading:
Grading will consist of class participation, quizzes, assignments, and a final project.