



**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NURSING
INDEPENDENT STUDY FOR NURSING IN LONDON
SUMMER SYLLABUS - NUR 490 – 2011**

I. Description

Independent Study for Nursing in London (NUR 490) is a one semester credit addition to the Nursing in London (NUR 422) offering. It is designed to allow the student to expand his or her knowledge relevant to the context in which modern nursing developed in the 19th century in Great Britain. Enrollment in NUR 422 is required in order to complete NUR 490.

II. Independent Study Objectives

By the completion of NUR 490, the student will:

1. Identify relevant nursing content with the NUR 490 instructor that the student will develop prior to attending the Nursing in London course.
2. Lead one portion of a student seminar focusing on the plague of 1666.
3. Complete a paper 3-4 page referenced paper describing the relevant of this cultural experience to the development of nursing.

III. Professional Standards and Guidelines: The curriculum is guided by the following documents:

American Association of Colleges of Nursing (2008). *The essentials of baccalaureate education for professional nursing practice*. Washington, DC: Author.

American Nurses Association (2011). *Code of ethics for nurses with interpretive statements*. Washington, DC: Author ISBN 1-55810-176-4

American Nurses Association (2004). *Nursing: Scope and standards of practice*. Washington, DC: Author ISBN 1-55810-215-9

American Nurses Association (2003). *Nursing's social policy statement (2nd ed.)*. Washington, DC: Author ISBN 1-55810-214-0

IV. Course Faculty

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V. **Required Reading**

Brooks, G. (2001). *Year of wonders: A novel of the plague*. New York: Penguin Books.

VI. **Evaluation Methodology**

Evaluation will be determined as follows:

Paper content	70%
Quality of references	20%
Paper format	10%
TOTAL	100%

Grades will be converted to the 4.0 scale using the following calculation:

<u>Total Course Percent</u>	<u>Grade Point</u>
100-94→	4.0
93-89→	3.5
88-84→	3.0
83-79→	2.5
78-75→	2.0 (minimum passing grade)
74-70→	1.5
69-65→	1.0
↓65	0.0

VII. **Activities**

Prior to departure for the Nursing in London course, the student will obtain the required reading book. This novel describes the experience of plague striking the village of Eyam in Derbyshire in central England. This is essentially a true story, although some of the characters, including the central character of Anna Frith are fictitious. A visit to the village of Eyam will be one of the field trips included in the Nursing in London experience.

After the volume has been read, construct a paper using the following guidelines:

- A. Provide a summary of the book which identifies how the major character of Anna Frith plays a major role of nurse during the plague of 1666.
- B. Choose from **one** of the following subtopics:
 1. Puritanism and its effect on healthcare:
 - a. What is Puritanism and how did it relate to the Anglican religion?
 - b. How did the Puritan religion effect healthcare?
 - c. How did religion view disease?
 - d. How do you think religion affected healthcare and nursing in this village?
 2. The use of herbal medicine as a therapy:
 - a. Now be viewed as an alternative or complimentary therapy, why was the use of herbs seen as a primary therapy for the plague victims?
 - b. Why were the Gowdies on the periphery of village society?
 - c. How were the Gowdies, and then Anna, able to learn the art of using herbs, and how were they viewed by other villagers.
 - d. Describe how Anna fulfilled the role of nurse beyond caring for members of her own family.

VIII. **Format:**

1. The paper should be 3-5 text pages in length.
2. The paper should have an introduction body and conclusion.
3. Site any references that you use in your paper and construct a reference list.

VIV. Timelines:

Submit a hard copy of the paper to Dr. Selanders by the end of the **second** week of the Nursing in London course. A group discussion will be held by all of those individuals preparing this assignment.

University & College Policies:

The College of Nursing expects that students will demonstrate professional behavior in all situations. Specific expectations for clinical and other professional venues can be found in the appropriate handbook. You are responsible for reviewing and acting in accordance with the policies and procedures found in the following sources, including the following topics: Professionalism, Academic Integrity, Accommodations for Students with Disabilities, Disruptive Behavior, Attendance, Compliance, and Progression.

- CON Student handbook <http://nursing.msu.edu/handbooks.asp>
- MSU Spartan Life Student Handbook and Resource Guide
<http://www.vps.msu.edu/SpLife/index.htm>
- Information for Current Students—including Rights, Responsibilities and Regulations for Students <http://www.msu.edu/current/index.html>
- Academic Programs <http://www.reg.msu.edu/UCC/AcademicPrograms.asp>