

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NURSING**A History of Nursing in the United States****2 credits****NUR 424 Course Syllabus©****Additional Course Description:**

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1. Identify the major historical strands which have contributed to the development of nursing practice and education in the United States.
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4. Thoroughly explore one historical theme relevant to the development of American nursing history.

Directed Journal:

Each student will submit 3 journals which address specific issues relative to the class. The instructor will give content information on a weekly basis. Refer to class calendar for submission dates. It is expected that these journals will be analytical and demonstrate synthesis from lectures, reading materials and class field trips. These may be hand-written.

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Critical Analysis Paper and Presentation:**Paper Requirements:**

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1. Content:

At the outset of this course, it was asserted that nursing and culture are intrinsically linked. A number of experiences in this course has been directly related to this assumption. Therefore, construct a paper according to the above guidelines which addresses the following content:

1. Define culture and its elements.
2. How does nursing shape the idea of nursing, reciprocally, how does nursing shape culture?
3. How have culture and nursing interacted in the last 400 years?
4. How do government and nursing interact within a culture?

2. Process:

1. Identify and print journal resources on the topic prior to departure. At least 4 journal sources should be used. Articles should be no older than 2000.
2. It is suggested that you keep a journal of cultural interactions.
3. The final paper is due the last day of class. See the course calendar.

3. Evaluation:

The paper will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

Category	Possible Score
Content Complete Accurate	70%
References Appropriate Cited	20%
Format Spelling Punctuation Grammar	10%

4. Comparative Analysis Presentation

Each student will participate in a group presentation relative to the course content. Students will identify group preferences prior to departure. The purpose of the presentations is to compare and contrast how the topic is viewed in the United States and in the United Kingdom. The topics for presentation are:

- A. The image of the nurse and nursing
- B. Nursing education
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