COURSE DESCRIPTION: Introduces the research process with emphasis on the evaluation and application of nursing research. (3 credits; Prerequisite is completion of sophomore level courses)

SCENARIO: Students are to select a topic, conduct a search of the CINAHL database, and identify eight qualitative nursing studies. Students will complete a “CINAHL Search Criteria Summary” worksheet charting their research process and create a references page for the eight qualitative studies in APA style. Before the assignment is due, students will attend an instruction session with a librarian who models searches in CINAHL.

LEARNING OUTCOMES for NURS 3210/4010 – Introduction to Nursing Research

- After attending the instruction session with a librarian [c], a student in NURS 3210/4010 [a] demonstrates his/her ability to access needed information effectively and efficiently by selecting controlled vocabulary (CINAHL Headings) [b] at least once [d] in the completion of the “CINAHL Search Criteria Summary” worksheet.

- After attending the instruction session with a librarian [c], a student in NURS 3210/4010 [a] demonstrates his/her ability to access needed information effectively and efficiently by constructing a search strategy using Boolean operators [b] at least once [d] in the completion of the “CINAHL Search Criteria Summary” worksheet.

- After attending the instruction session with a librarian [c], a student in NURS 3210/4010 [a] demonstrates his/her ability to identify the information need, determining the availability of needed information and making decisions on broadening the information seeking process beyond local resources, specifically by identifying one qualitative study [d] that must be acquired via interlibrary loan [b] in the completion of the “CINAHL Search Criteria Summary” worksheet.

- After attending the instruction session with a librarian [c], a student in NURS 3210/4010 [a] demonstrates his/her ability to use information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose by accurately formatting the eight sources [d] for the References page in APA style [b].

- After attending the instruction session with a librarian [c], a student in NURS 3210/4010 [a] demonstrates his/her ability to use information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose by revising and recording the research process [b] through the completion of the “CINAHL Search Criteria Summary” worksheet [d].

POSSIBLE ASSESSMENTS

- “CINAHL Search Criteria Summary” worksheet
- Bibliography