COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course involves the systematic examination and application of the research process. The concept of evidenced-based practice and its application to nursing is critically examined. (3 credits; Prerequisite is admission to the RODP-MSN program or permission of Coordinator.)

SCENARIO: Students are to complete an “Evidence-Based Research Paper,” selecting an element of clinical practice, recommending a therapeutic intervention, and exploring the best practices related to it. Students must access and review at least five research-based articles, summarizing each reference and describing how it supports or does not support the student’s recommendation. The paper should be no more than 12 typed, double spaced pages using APA format. It is expected that graduate nursing students will use the electronic library to find appropriate references for papers. A librarian is embedded in the course to provide information on the use of the electronic library, resources on APA format, and answer questions in a designated course discussion board.

LEARNING OUTCOMES for NURS 5002

- After reviewing the library resources information provided by the embedded librarian, a student in NURS 5002 demonstrates his/her ability to understand the nature and extent of an information need by identifying at least five research-based articles (defined by the course instructor as primary studies, meta-synthesis, meta-analysis, or integrative research reviews) for inclusion in the “Evidence-Based Research Paper.”

- After reviewing the library resources information provided by the embedded librarian, a student in NURS 5002 demonstrates his/her ability to evaluate information by including only those studies that have been determined to be reliable, valid, accurate, authoritative, timely, and without bias for inclusion in the “Evidence-Based Research Paper.”

- After reviewing the library resources information provided by the embedded librarian, a student in NURS 5000 demonstrates his/her ability to use information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose by accurately formatting all of the sources included in the References page of the “Evidence-Based Research Paper” in APA style.

POSSIBLE ASSESSMENTS

- Bibliography
- Informal conversations with Instructor