



NURS 5301.01 Theoretical Foundations in Nursing

Course Syllabus: Fall 2024

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Course Information

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Required Textbooks:

Butts, J. B., & Rich, K. L. (2022). *Philosophies and theories for advanced nursing practice* (4th ed.). Jones & Bartlett Learning.

Melnyk, B. M. & Fineout-Overholt, E. (2023). *Evidence-based practice in nursing and healthcare: A guide to best practice* (5th ed.). Wolters Kluwer.

Selected Readings

Recommended Textbooks:

Purdue OWL (Online Writing Lab):

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

Course Description (3 Semester Credit Hours)

This course focuses on the philosophical and theoretical bases underlying concepts and operations inherent to nursing. Synthesis of theories from behavioral, natural, social, and applied sciences is emphasized as it relates to nursing and practice. There is an investigation of the intersections between system science and organizational science. Nursing, ethical, and scientific theories are used in the analysis of clinical problems, illness prevention, and health promotion.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the student will have been given the opportunity to:

1. Analyze nursing history to expand thinking and provide a sense of professional heritage and identity (AACN Advanced-Level Domain 1.1)
2. Integrate theory, evidence, clinical judgment, research, and interprofessional perspectives using translational processes to improve practice and associated health outcomes for diverse patient populations (AACN Advanced-Level Domain 1.2)
3. Articulate to a variety of audiences the evidence base for practice decisions, including the credibility of sources of information and the relevance to the practice problem confronted (AACN Advanced-Level Domain 2.2)
4. Perform rigorous critique of evidence derived from databases to generate meaningful evidence for nursing practice (AACN Advanced-Level Domains 4.1, 4.2)
5. Utilize current and emerging technologies in the care environment to support lifelong learning for self and others (AACN Advanced-Level Domains 8.1, 8.2, 10.2)
6. Advocate for the value and role of the professional nurse as member and leader of interprofessional healthcare teams (AACN Advanced-Level Domains 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 9.4, 9.5)
7. Utilize effective communication strategies to develop, participate, and lead interprofessional teams and partnerships (AACN Advanced-Level Domains 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4)
8. Function as an effective group leader or member based on an in-depth understanding of team dynamics and group processes (AACN Advanced-Level Domains 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 10.3)

9. Apply theories and evidence-based knowledge in leading, as appropriate, the healthcare team to design, coordinate, and evaluate the delivery of care (AACN Advanced-Level Domains 4.2, 7.3, 10.3)

10. Integrate an evolving personal philosophy of nursing and healthcare into one's nursing practice (AACN Advanced-Level Domains 1,1, 1.2, 9.1, 9.5, 9.6)

Course Requirements

Minimal Technical Skills Needed:

Using the learning management system; using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.

Instructional Methods:

This is an online course without lecture requiring students to complete online activities and independent study to be successful. Course objectives may be met through individual study using suggested resources, active involvement in course activities, formal, and informal exchange of ideas with classmates and colleagues regarding specific topics as well as utilizing critical thinking skills. Teaching methods include discussion, independent study of texts and library resources, computer-assisted instruction, audio-visual aids, and the assignments listed. While the professor will provide guidance and consultation, the student is responsible for identification of learning needs, self-direction, seeking consultation and demonstration of course objectives.

Student Responsibilities for Success in this Course:

- Logging into the course website and email regularly for faculty communication, at least every 2 days
- Updating semester calendar with communicated changes
- Regular study (recommend a minimum 2-3 hours of study/course credit hour per week). For example, 3-credit course – 6 to 9 hours study time/week

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

- A = 90%-100%
- B = 80%-89%
- C = 75%-79%
- D = 60%-74%
- F = Below 60

A minimum grade of 75 is required to pass the course.

Grades will be determined as follows:

Evaluation Methods	
PICOT Question	10%
Discussion Board Forums (5 forums at 5% each)	25%
Annotated Bibliography	15%
Nursing Theory Presentation	25%
Nursing Theory Application Paper	25%
Total	100%

Successful completion of the required assignments will enable the student to meet the student learning outcomes.

Submissions:

The course outline/schedule is included to guide the student to complete all tasks during the course. You may submit assignments early.

Late Submissions:

It is expected that students will submit all assignments on time. If an extension is needed, it should be requested before the due date and may or may not be approved at the discretion of the course coordinator. Unexcused late assignments (with the exception of Discussion Forums) will be penalized 10% per day for each of the first two days overdue; on the 3rd day, the grade will be assigned as 0%. Penalties for late posting for Discussion Forums will follow the guidelines described under the Assessment section. Communication on these matters is the student’s responsibility.

Paper Submissions:

All documents submitted online are to be in .docx, .rtf, or .pdf format. No other formats will be accepted (JPEG, GIF, etc.). Assignments need to be

submitted in a maximum of one document per assignment. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in a grade of "0" on the assignment.

Assessments

1. Discussion Board Forums 5 at 5% each 25% due dates vary
Students can find the following discussion forums on the online course site (Course Outcomes #1-10):

Discussion Board Forum #1: Introduction (Ice Breaker): The purpose of this Forum is to introduce you to the use of the discussion board. Please see the requirements listed in Unit #1: Orientation under Course Content on D2L. This Forum is a required and expected activity with credit given for participation. It is due by the end of the first week of class by **2359, 8/30**

Discussion Board Forums #2-#4:

The purpose of these Forums is for students to critically examine various content provided in course assigned readings. Students will be expected to make initial posts to discussion questions/prompts, then read other's responses, rigorously analyzing them and making substantive comments or asking questions. At least one subsequent response to a peer is required on each Discussion Forum posting according to the deadlines described below. The grading criteria (rubric) for the Forums are located within this Course Syllabus.

Before writing Discussion Forum posts, read the assigned works and complete learning assignments for the week. Your posts should indicate that you have read the material, understand it, and are able to apply the content, so omitting this step is a crucial mistake.

Initial Posts:

The initial Discussion Forum posting is the first post of the week. All initial discussion postings are due by Tuesdays at 2359. Late initial discussion board postings made after Tuesdays at 2359 but before Wednesdays at 2359 pm will reduce the grade by 10%. Due to the nature of discussion forums, initial postings made after Wednesdays at 2359, will receive a 0. Your initial post in response to the question/prompt should be between 250 - 300 words and should include citations according to the grading criteria. Note that you can omit citations; however, doing so will be reflected in your grade.

Subsequent (Response) Posts:

Response postings are those made to the initial postings of peers. Response postings to peers are due by Thursdays at 2359. Response postings made after Thursday at 2359 will reduce the grade by 10%. Due to the nature

of discussion forums, late response postings posted after Fridays at 2359 will receive a 0. At least one response posting will be required on all discussion boards. Response posts should be about 1-2 paragraphs and a minimum of 150 words. Again, refer to the grading criteria for requirements.

Develop your responses to your peers before reading other peer responses, to avoid having your thinking influenced by others.

A few ideas are listed below as to how you might construct a response posting:

- Suggest why you might see things differently (reference the literature)
- Ask a probing or clarifying question
- Share an insight from having read the colleague's posting
- Offer and support an informed opinion with evidence from the literature
- Validate an idea with your own experience
- Make a suggestion supported with evidence from the literature (cite a reference)
- Expand on the colleague's posting
- Ask for evidence that supports the posting

Discussion Board Forum #5: End of Course: The purpose of this Forum is for you to review the course and make any suggestions/comments. You do NOT have to respond to your classmates. Please see the requirements listed on Discussion Board #5. This Forum is a required and expected activity with credit given for participation. It is due by **2359, 12/12**

2. PICOT Question **10%** **due 2359, 9/27**

The purpose of this assignment is for you to develop a PICOT question on a topic that interests you and that can be applied in a Family Nurse Practitioner setting. This PICOT question will guide your presentation and paper in this course and in future courses including your final project course, NURS 6300 Performance Improvement Project. You also need to include one (1) peer-reviewed article related to your PICOT question along with a reference page in APA format (Course outcomes #2 & #10).

3. Annotated Bibliography **15%** **due 2359, 10/11**

The purpose of this assignment is for students to gain an understanding of the format and purpose of an annotated bibliography. An annotated bibliography

is a written document that contains a citation followed by a summary describing and evaluating the content of the article referenced by the citation. Generally, these bibliographies contain more than one citation and summary. For this course, however, students will select only one article for the bibliography. Students should select the article from the "Selected Readings" tab posted within Unit 1 under Course Content. Many of these articles are available online and all will be available in the library.

Articles chosen will need to be approved by faculty to avoid duplication. Selection is on a first come, first serve basis. Students should email their choice via course email to the instructor by **2359, September 13th** and they will be notified, if approved. Other articles not on the "Selected Readings" list may be selected with the approval of the instructor.

The Annotated Bibliography must be no more than three pages long, including a title page. It should be typed in APA format. Please refer to the guidelines available in the APA Manual or on the Purdue Owl website in formatting the bibliography. The grading criteria (rubric) for the Annotated Bibliography is located within this Course Syllabus (Course outcomes #3 & #4).

4. Nursing Theory Presentation 25% due by 2359, 11/8

The purpose of this assignment is for students to thoroughly explore and evaluate a nursing theory through the presentation of content to peers. Students will develop a 20 minute (minimum) to 30 minute (maximum) online Power point presentation with audio on the nursing theory of their choice from one of the following areas: Education & Learning Theories (Ch. 10), Quality Improvement Theories (Ch. 15) or Theories Focused on Health Equity (Ch. 16). The selection of the nursing theory must be approved by the instructor and will be done on a first come, first serve basis so as to prevent duplication of theories for presentation. The deadline for faculty approval of the selected theory is **2359, October 25th**. Presentations will be posted in two places: (1) under the appropriate Assignment tab for grading, and (2) to the Nursing Theory Presentation Discussion Forum available on D2L. The rubric for the Nursing Theory Presentation is located within this Course Syllabus (Course outcomes #1-3, 5-7, 9-10).

5. Nursing Theory Application Paper 25% due by 2359, 12/6

The purpose of this assignment is for students to explore another selected nursing theory through the application of the theory to advanced practice from one of the following areas: Nursing Goals & Functions Theories (Ch. 18), Systems Approach Theories (Ch. 19), Competencies & Skills Theories (Ch. 21), or Health Behavior Theories (Ch. 11). The selection of the nursing theory must be approved by the instructor and will be done on a first come, first

served basis so as to prevent duplication of theories. The deadline for faculty approval of the selected theory is **TUESDAY, 2359, November 26th**. Students will describe a patient scenario and apply the selected nursing theory to this patient, including assessment, diagnoses, planning, intervention and evaluation of the plan of care. The rubric for the Nursing Theory Application Paper is located within this Course Syllabus (Course outcomes #1-3, 5-6, 9-10).

COURSE SPECIFIC PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Nursing Student Guide

Specific information regarding the nursing program and current policies and procedures can be found in the current MSN Student Guide located at <https://www.tamuc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/62492243-msn-student-guide-2020.pdf>

Students must adhere to standards of professional and academic conduct. Academic misconduct involves any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the University, or subvert the educational process, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, falsifying academic records, misrepresenting facts and any act designed to give unfair academic advantage to the student or the attempt to commit such an act. Students are responsible for their own academic honesty and for reporting violations of academic honesty by others (Nursing Student Conduct Code-- See the BSN Student Guide).

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

Interaction with Instructor Statement

It is expected that you will check your D2L course and email at least **DAILY** for communication from the instructor. Communication between faculty and students is important and taken seriously. Preferred communication methods are through email through the Texas A&M University-Commerce email system, accessible within the D2L course. All students will be treated with collegial respect and are expected to communicate likewise in a

professional manner. Students should check their university email accounts daily for course updates and communication with the instructor. It is expected that assignments will be graded and returned to the student within two (2) weeks of submission.

Class Attendance

Class attendance for online courses is defined as completing module activities and is expected. As an adult learner and responsible professional, the student is responsible for reading and completing assignments. It should not be expected that all material will be covered by the instructor.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool

https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

University Specific Procedures/Policies

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Texas A&M University-Commerce acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

Undergraduate Students Academic Integrity Policy and Form

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

Graduate Students Academic Integrity Policy and Form

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateschool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyFormold.pdf>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Gee Library- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce

buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.



The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

Discussion Forum Grading Criteria

Levels of Achievement					
Criteria	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Demonstrated
Initial Response	<p>50 Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Response matches prompt and is concise. *Two or more reputable sources used (at least one of which is from a course text/assigned reading). 	<p>40 Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Response matches prompt and is concise. *Two reputable sources used, but the course text/ assigned readings are not used. 	<p>30 Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Response does not match prompt and is not very concise. *Only 1 reputable source used. 	<p>20 Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Response does not match the prompt and is not concise. *Sources used, but not reputable or reliable 	<p>0 Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Response was not provided or does not address the initial prompt. * No sources provided.
Subsequent Contribution	<p>30 Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The discussion response is well written and concise. * The response is meaningful with respect to the discussion topic and there is integration between this post and the other post. *Two or more reputable sources used (at least one of which is 	<p>20 Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The language is mostly clear and concise. * The response is meaningful with respect to the discussion topic and there some integration between this post and the other post. *Two or more reputable 	<p>10 Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The language is mostly clear but is not concise. * The response lacks some meaning with respect to the discussion topic and there is little integration between this post and the other post. 	<p>5.0 Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The language is unclear and not concise. * The response is not meaningful and there is no evidence of integration *Sources used, but not reputable or reliable 	<p>0 Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * There appears to be no attempt at integrating the response with the other response. * No attempt is made to use clear, concise language. * The response is not completed. * No sources provided.

Levels of Achievement					
Criteria	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Demonstrated
	from a course text/assigned reading).	sources used, but a course text/assigned reading are not used.	*Only 1 reputable source used.		
Etiquette	10 Points * Discussion responses are written using full sentences, professional language, and a respectful tone.	8 Points *Sentence errors or instances using unprofessional language are minimal in the discussion posts. *Tone is respectful.	6 Points *Sentence errors, unprofessional language, disrespectful tone, or non-constructive criticism in the discussion posts.	3 Points *Many sentence errors, unprofessional language, disrespectful tone, or harsh criticism in the discussion posts.	0 Points *The responses were not completed. * The responses demonstrate no attempt to use professional language and contain errors, disrespectful language directed toward others.
Writing Mechanics	10 Points *No spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors. *No errors in APA citations and references.	8 Points * Spelling, grammar, or punctuation are mostly error-free. *APA citations and references are mostly error free.	6 Points *A few spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors. *A few APA citations and reference errors.	3 Points *Many spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors. *Many APA citation and reference errors.	0 Points *The assignment was not completed. *The assignment is full of spelling, grammar, punctuation, and/or APA citation and reference errors.

PICOT Question Grading Rubric

Score			Score
Population	(15 pts) Multiple relevant descriptors of the population present in question	(0 pts.) Population not adequately identified in question	
Intervention	(15 pts) Includes specific interventions of interest	(0 pts.) Intervention not adequately identified in question	
Comparison	(15 pts) Identifies specific alternatives of interest for comparison	(0 pts.) Comparison not adequately identified in question	
Outcome	(15 pts) Objective and meaningful outcomes included in question	(0 pts.) Outcome not adequately identified in question	
Timeliness	(10 pts) Appropriate clinical measurement of time present	(0 pts.) Time not measurable. appropriate or present	
Relevance	(10 pts) Well-built question raising clinically significant issue—searchable	(0 pts.) Does not present a clinical question or issue	
Articles	(10 pts) One (1) nursing authored, peer reviewed article, appropriate to question included with submission	(0 pts.) Not appropriate; not peer reviewed; not nurse authored	
APA format for reference page	(10 points) APA correct, 2 points off for each unique error		
Total	100 points possible		

Annotated Bibliography: Grading Criteria

Criteria	Possible Points	Points Earned	Comments
<p>Summarization of Article:</p> <p>Summarize the author's point of view thoroughly and accurately interpret the major points described</p>	20		
<p>Analysis and Critique:</p> <p>Analyze and critique the article and state the article's major strengths and weaknesses</p>	30		
<p>Nursing Implications:</p> <p>Describe at least two implications for nursing focusing on theory, research, and/or practice and based on the substance of the article</p>	30		
<p>Format:</p> <p>Title page included. Title page and reference/citation in APA format</p>	10		
<p>Writing Mechanics:</p> <p>Grammar, spelling, punctuation, and paper of appropriate length</p>	10		
TOTAL	100		

Nursing Theory Presentation Grading Criteria

Criteria	Points Possible	Points Earned	Comments
Evaluation of Theory:			
<p>Significance Identify and describe the theorist’s metaparadigm conceptualizations of humans, environment, health, and nursing.</p> <p>Are the metaparadigm concepts and propositions addressed by the theory explicit? Describe.</p> <p>Does the theory address a topic that society currently regards as important? Explain.</p> <p>Does the theory offer new, compelling and nontrivial insights into the topic? Elaborate.</p>	20		
<p>Internal Consistency Are the theory concepts explicitly identified and clearly defined? Describe.</p> <p>Are the same terms used consistently for the same concepts? Explain.</p>	10		
<p>Parsimony Is the theory content stated clearly and concisely? Describe.</p>	5		
<p>Testability Is each concept of the theory empirically measurable? Explain.</p>	5		
<p>Empirical Adequacy 1. Grand Theories: Are the findings from studies with descriptions of individual experiences congruent with the concepts and propositions of the grand theory? Explain.</p> <p>2. Middle-Range Theories: Are theoretical assertions congruent with empirical evidence? Describe.</p>	10		
<p>Pragmatic Adequacy: Discuss and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the theory for use in nursing practice, education, and research, addressing <u>each</u> of the following:</p>	30		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is education/special skill training required before application of the theory in nursing practice, education, or research? If so, specify. • Has the theory been applied in real-world nursing practice, education, and/or research? • Is it generally feasible to implement practice derived from this theory? • Does the practitioner have the legal ability to implement and measure the effectiveness of theory-based nursing actions? • Are theory-based nursing actions compatible with expectations for nursing practice and do they lead to favorable outcomes? • Is the application of theory-based nursing actions designed so that comparisons can be made between outcomes of use of the theory and outcomes in the same situation when the theory was not used? 			
Online Presentation:			
Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Style/manner of presentation • Creativity, presentation appeal • Ability to stimulate discussion (each audience member is to post discussion questions/comments in the Presentation Forum) • PowerPoint: Format, readability, neatness, spelling, punctuation, grammar • References in APA format Content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is accurate, thorough, and not just a reiteration of text • Includes interpretation and clarification of meanings • Is organized, coherent, tied together and fluent. 	15		
TOTAL	100		

Nursing Theory Application Paper Grading Criteria

Criteria	Points Possible	Points Earned	Comments
<p>Overview of Selected Theory: Discuss assumptions of theory Discuss major concepts and relationships between concepts Justify selection of this theory for this patient setting.</p>	15		
<p>Patient Scenario: Describe relevant aspects of this patient; include physical, psychosocial, spiritual assessments</p>	10		
<p>Application of Theory to Advanced Practice: Relate the concepts and relationships of the selected theory to the patient. Identify 2-3 problems or diagnoses Identify measurable patient centered goals Justify evidence-based therapeutic interventions for this patient Identify empirical indicators for measurement of goal attainment</p>	30		
<p>Evaluation: Evaluate the ease or difficulty of applying this theory to the clinical practice setting. Did the level of abstraction make it more difficult? Was there sufficient pragmatic adequacy to facilitate application? Were empirical indicators readily available? For what patient settings is this theory particularly suited?</p>	30		

Are there patient settings that would be inappropriate for the application of this theory?			
Mechanics: Paper is 5-7 pages in length (not including title and reference pages) Paper with introductory and concluding paragraphs Proper APA format including in-text citations and reference page Mechanics: Punctuation, grammar, spelling References from peer reviewed journals with at least one research article referenced	15		
Total	100		

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Week	Monday Date	Content	Readings and Assignments
1	08/26/24	Unit 1: Orientation	Syllabus Introduction Discussion Forum #1 due by 2359, 8/30
2	09/02/24	Unit 2: Philosophy of Science	Butts & Rich, Chapter 1 Melnik & Fineout-Overholt, Chapter 1 Discussion Forum #2 (due dates for #2-#4 per syllabus above)
3	09/09/24	Unit 3: Evolution of Nursing Science	Butts & Rich, Chapters 2 and 7 Deadline for Annotated Bibliography Article Selection due by 2359, 09/13
4	09/16/24	Unit 4: Compelling Questions and Using Evidence	Melnik & Fineout-Overholt, Chapters 2 & 4 Online resources
5	09/23/24	Unit 5: The Structure and Function of Theory	Butts & Rich, Chapter 4 PICOT Question due by 2359, 9/27
6	09/30/24	Unit 6: Conceptual Models of Nursing	Butts & Rich, Chapters 5 & 19 & 20 (pgs. 395-406) Articles & websites as listed on D2L Discussion Forum #3 (due dates for #2-#4 per syllabus above)
7	10/07/24	Unit 7: Theory Testing, Evaluation, and Use in Evidence-Based Advanced Nursing Practice	Butts & Rich, Chapters 25 and 26 Annotated bibliography due by 2359, 10/11

8	10/14/24	Unit 8: Educational and Learning Theories	Butts & Rich, Chapter 10
9	10/21/24	Unit 9: Theoretical Approaches to Quality Improvement	Butts & Rich, Chapter 15 Deadline for Nursing Theory Presentation Topic Approval due by 2359, 10/25
10	10/28/24	Unit 10: Theories Focused on Health Equity	Butts & Rich, Chapter 16
11	11/04/24	Unit 11: Models and Theories Focused on Nursing Goals and Functions	Butts & Rich, Chapter 18 Nursing Theory Presentation due by 2359, 11/8 (post under the Assignment Tab and in the Nursing Theory Presentation Discussion Forum)
12	11/11/24	Unit 12: Models and Theories based on Competencies and Skills	Butts & Rich, Chapter 21 Nursing Theory Presentation Discussion Forum #4 (due dates for #2-#4 per syllabus above)
13	11/18/24	Unit 13: Health Behavior Theories	Butts & Rich, Chapter 11 Nursing Theory Application Paper Topic approval due by 2359, 11/26 (TUESDAY)
14	11/25/24	Unit 14: Theories Focused on Caring	Butts & Rich, Chapter 22 Nursing Theory Application Paper due by 2359, 12/6
15	12/02/24	Unit 15: Models and Theories Focused on Culture	Butts & Rich, Chapter 23
16	12/09/24	Unit 16: Course Wrap-Up and Evaluations	Discussion Forum #5 due by 12/12