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NUR 410 Capstone Project BSN Course Project

Capstone Project Proposal

The capstone project is a large scale project where learners choose a topic that relates to nursing and improving the learner's clinical environment. The results of the project will be presented in the last semester of the BSN program in the last capstone course.

The NUR 410 is where you will choose a project and write a proposal. There are several template used in the course that you will be expected to fill out and turn in as part of your course project in week 16. Remember this is just the start of your project. You will need to work on your capstone project in the second and third semester in order to be successful.

To successfully complete the course project, you will be expected to:

1. Demonstrate leadership in providing and coordinating culturally competent, comprehensive client-centered nursing care while implementing current theoretical and historical knowledge of the profession of nursing.
2. Synthesize and prioritize information using intentional learning and reflection, while engaging in the creation and planning of a capstone project proposal.
3. Apply evidence-based knowledge and leadership skills as a professional nurse while proposing further avenues for evidence-based practice in nursing.
4. Demonstrate clinical reasoning and decision-making skills while incorporating theoretical, historical, cultural, and evidence-based knowledge into the decision-making process.
5. Demonstrate commitment to the future of nursing by exhibiting nurse leadership in the profession, as well as in organizational, local, and global nursing environments.
6. Communicate effectively and therapeutically, through technology as well as through written and verbal work and through the creation of a capstone project proposal.
7. Synthesize and demonstrate an accurate knowledge of professionalism with nursing care actions, in order to identify quality improvement measures when appropriate, and promote standard safe practices in nursing environments.
8. Demonstrate effective interprofessional and intraprofessional collaborative organizational teamwork and leadership skills to produce positive professional working relationships within teams, systems, and groups.

Units Assignments That will be used to Compete Course Project



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Week 6 – Literature Review on Capstone Project

Please follow the assignment rubric

- A literature review is *not* an annotated bibliography in which you summarize briefly each article that you have reviewed.
- While a summary of what you have read is contained within the literature review, it goes well beyond merely summarizing professional literature.
- It focuses on a *specific* topic of interest and includes your *critical analysis* of the relationship among different works, and relating this research to your work.
- In this case your work will be your capstone project.
- It may be written as a stand-alone paper or to provide a theoretical framework and rationale for a research study (such as a thesis or dissertation).
- Your literature review will be written as a standalone paper

Below is a website that has an example of a literature review

- You may have to cut and paste the address

http://faculty.mwsu.edu/psychology/Laura.Spiller/Experimental/sample_apa_style_litreview.pdf

Week 8 Capstone Objectives, Strategies, and Background Analysis

For this assignment you will need

Write a 3-4 page paper in APA format with the minimum of 3 references.

Project Objectives

- The objectives are something you hope to achieve from doing the project

Strategies

- Strategies are the method you will use to reach the objectives you have set for your project

Background Analysis

- This may also be called a situation analysis. This section you will need to discuss what is happening that made you decided to do your capstone project.
- For example, the nurses at a facility are making a many medication errors. For your capstone project you decide you will try to reduce the number of medication errors from 10 every week to three a week. You will have to analyze why the errors are taking place. Maybe the lighting in the medication room is poor or maybe the nurses are working 70 hours every week.
- You will also need to locate peer review articles that support you analysis.

Please follow the rubric for this assignment



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Week 9 – Outcomes and Evaluation Template

Complete the desired impact and outcomes template (some of this information may be located on the capstone project proposal plan template)

You may have an easier time if you think of this in terms of the nursing process and writing a care plan.

- Please list the objectives of your capstone project
- List what outcomes or goals the objectives of your capstone project will accomplish
- How will you evaluate the capstone project?
 - There are many evaluation methods you can use to see if your project is working or not. For example, you can may create a simple survey

Week 13- Capstone Project Work Plan Template

The Capstone Project Work Plan is located in “Getting Started” this needs be filled out and turned in

The purpose of the work plan is to help you get organized and plan your project

- Make sure you set realistic dates
- Make sure the people who you are listing in charge know they will be helping you with your project. Do not just assume they will help you.
- List your activities, it can be make a pamphlet, take picture, create the first chapter in a workbook, have items printed, or go to the store and buy binders
- Try to estimate cost and make sure to stay within your budget. If services or items are donated please write that. There does not have to be cost associated with your project.
- Make sure you write how much time you estimate the activity will take.
- In the phases section make sure you add the implementation of your project.

Remember this is a proposal and you must complete your project in the last semester of the RN-BSN program. This template is to help you plan your time so you do not wait until the last minute to complete everything. If you wait until the last minute there will be no way to complete your project on time, which will cause you to fail the course.



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Week 14-Capstone Project Budget Requirement Template

This week you will need to fill out the Budget Requirements template located in *Getting Started*

You will list

- Budget items
- Description of Items
- Amount you will need to obtain items
- What sources you will use to get items such as: place of work, ask if copy center will donate, and so on

Unit 16-Capstone Proposal Course Project

Course Project Grading Rubric

NUR 410 Capstone Project Proposal (course project) Rubric

Criteria	Non-Performance	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
<p>Introduce the title of your project and the question your literature review will help to answer.</p> <p>11.4%</p>	Does not introduce the title of your project and the question your literature review will help to answer	Briefly explains the title of the project and the question the literature review will help to answer	Analyzes the title of the project and the question the literature review will help to answer	Synthesizes the title of the project and the question the literature review will help to answer and introduces examples of problem
<p>Content introduced in the project question is covered by the selection of articles chosen</p> <p>11.4%</p>	Does not cover content introduced in the project question is covered by the selection of articles chosen	Writes an annotative bibliography and not a literature review but articles are related to the project question	Analysis of the articles is complete but does not all articles cover the project question.	Synthesizes how all the articles chosen cover the projection question



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<p>Has 5 peer review articles included in the literature review</p> <p>11.4%</p>	Only has 2 peer review articles for the literature review	Uses 3 peer review articles for the literature review	Has 4 peer review articles for the literature review	Uses 5 or more peer review articles for the literature review
<p>Capstone Project Objectives</p> <p>11.4%</p>	Does not include project objective	Briefly explains capstone project objectives	Applies the capstone project objectives	Synthesizes the capstone project objectives and discusses how they will help improve the problem
<p>Strategies of the Capstone Project</p> <p>11.4%</p>	Does not discuss strategies of the capstone project	Briefly explain strategies of the capstone project	Applies strategies of the capstone project	Synthesizes strategies of the capstone project and how the strategies will help reach the objectives
<p>Background analysis of the capstone project</p> <p>11.4%</p>	Does not include a background analysis of the capstone project	Includes a background analysis of the capstone project but does not discuss the analysis	Applies the background analysis of the capstone project	Synthesizes the background analysis of the capstone project
<p>Includes outcome & evaluation, project work plan, budget request, and project proposal plan template</p> <p>11.4%</p>	Does not include templates	Student will not receive any points unless all template are included and correctly filled out	Student will not receive any points unless all template are included and correctly filled out	All templates are included and correctly filled out
<p>Follows APA format for writing a literature review. Uses in-text citation and appropriate references</p>	Does not follow APA format throughout activity. Does not have reference or use in-text citations	Initial post is written poorly and uses first or second person. Has no in-text citations has a reference. Does not have	Initial post follows APA format has in-text citation, but are incorrect, has reference in both initial post and	Follows APA format is followed throughout discussion question, uses in-text citation, and references correctly in initial



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20%		reference in discussion question responses	responses but are not correct.	post and responses.
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Project components	Course Grade Weight
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Week 6	8%
Week 8	8%
Week 9	8%
Week 13	8%
Week 15	8%
 Unit 16 (course project)	 20%

Total: 60%

The Course Grade Breakdown is as Follows:
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• Discussion questions	40%
• Assignments	40%
• Final Project	20%
Totals	100%



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