Capstone Paper

Week 1

Sepsis, severe sepsis, and sepsis shock

Week 2

consider your current practice setting and think about something specific and relevant to your practice setting that you would like to see improved or changed. Interview a key leader in your practice setting who can confirm that your practice problem is one that should be addressed to enhance delivery or performance in the field. It is important to remember from the beginning that your practice problem must be measurable problem related to quality or safety and relevant to your practice setting that you will also focus on in your Capstone Paper, and post a brief description of the problem and an explanation of why you selected it. Explain how the conversation you had with the key leader in your practice setting impacted your decision to address this particular practice problem. Be sure to support your practice problem with the literature that indicates the relevance of this problem for nursing practice. Provide evidence from practice and data

that is available.

Week 3

 Perform a literature review on your practice problem that elicits how this problem is measured across the country. Complete a literature review for your practice problem. Summarize the purpose, methods, and findings for each of the studies located in your literature review. A minimum of five peer-reviewed, evidence-based practice articles. Include an explanation of the quality management measurement and data that were presented (4–5 paragraphs). That is, explain to what extent the solution influenced the practice problem. Use appropriate, relevant, and compelling content to illustrate mastery of the subject, conveying the writer's understanding and shaping the whole work.

Week 4

* Using the QI process described in Week 3, provide a detailed explanation of the evidence-based practice plan that you will use to address the practice problem (6–10 paragraphs). Be sure to include scholarly references identified in the literature review to support your EBP plan. Use appropriate and persuasive language that communicates meaning with clarity and fluency to readers, and is virtually error-free (see AWE Capstone Checklist). **Evidence-Based Practice Performance Improvement Plan Explanation**
  + Using the Quality Improvement Process described in Week 3, provide a detailed explanation of the quality improvement plan that you will use to address the practice problem.

Week 5

The Assignment you will submit this week will combine the work you completed in Week 4 (Evidenced-Based Practice Plan) and will integrate the Resources and Conclusion details in approximately 3-5 paragraphs for your Capstone Paper. Be sure to include scholarly references identified in the literature review to support your EBP plan. Use appropriate and persuasive language that communicates meaning with clarity and fluency to readers, and is virtually error-free (see AWE Capstone Checklist).

**Capstone Paper Outline**

* **Introduction (Completed in Week 1)** (Approximately 1-2 paragraphs)
  + State the practice problem in measurable terms and that reflect quality indicators.
    - This is the same problem described in the week 1 practicum discussion.
    - Keep in mind that this section may need to be revised after you complete all of the other sections.
  + Provide the rationale for selecting the practice problem.
* **Literature Review (Completed in Week 2)** (Approximately 4-5 paragraphs)*.*
  + Synthesize the purpose, methods, and findings from at least five peer-reviewed, evidence-based practice articles that support your practice problem.
    - Two main components of successful synthesis include evidence of the student's own ideas and a well-organized presentation of evidence.
  + Include an explanation of the quality management measurement and data that were presented.
  + Include a minimum of at least 5 peer-reviewed evidence-based practice articles that support your practice problem.
* **Quality Improvement Process (Completed in Week 3** (Approximately 2-3 paragraphs)
  + Describe the quality improvement process (posted in the practicum discussion) and the tool that will be used as a basis for the practice problem.
    - This process will be used to support the proposed quality improvement plan.
  + Explain why the specific process was selected and document your explanation with references.
* **Quality Improvement Plan (Completed in Week 4)** (6 – 10 paragraphs)
  + Using the Quality Improvement Process described in Week 3, provide a detailed explanation of the quality improvement plan that you will use to address the practice problem.
  + Use the scholarly references identified during the literature review to support the plan.
* **Resources (Completed in Week 5)**  (2 to 3 paragraphs)
  + Describe the resources needed to support the change in practice such as personnel time, supplies for staff education, cost of new equipment, or cost of software.
  + Explain why each resource is necessary.
* **Summary (Completed in Week 5)**  (1 to 2 paragraphs)
  + Summarize the key points discussed in the paper.