

NURS 3082
Middle-Range Theory Scholarly Paper - Winter 2018
Value: 35% of Final Grade
Relates to Learning Outcomes: 1.1, 1.4, 2.1, 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 4.2, 4.5

Assignment Description:

Students will complete a written scholarly paper to be submitted in week 8. Students will select a middle-range theory (from the list provided on Blackboard), and examine its application to nursing practice. The assignment will include evidence of praxis related to the student's current clinical placement.

The paper will adhere to APA (6th ed.) guidelines and will not exceed 6 pages, excluding title page and reference list. Your paper must be submitted to Turnitin ©. Students will submit individual and original work.

The marking rubric for the scholarly paper will be posted on blackboard.

Assignment Guidelines:

The focus of this written assignment is to describe, analyze, and critically appraise a middle-range nursing theory and its connection to the student's current clinical nursing practice.

Students will use observations made in their current clinical practice setting to identify a relevant clinical issue or situation of interest. Students will then select a middle-range nursing theory and critically appraise how it provides direction for guiding their professional nursing practice.

Students are expected to use resources beyond their assigned readings to establish a context for their discussion (e.g. peer-reviewed articles, professional standards, etc.). A minimum of 3 peer reviewed nursing journal articles must be included.

Components of the Scholarly Paper:

1. Introduction
2. Brief description of the selected theory, including major concepts and their interrelationships.
3. Critical analysis of the theory's application to professional, clinical practice
4. Critical appraisal of the theoretical adequacy of the theory (Chinn & Kramer, 2011), including the following: clarity, simplicity, generality, accessibility, and importance. Students will present this assessment in relation to the theory as a whole, as well as to their chosen clinical issue or situation.
5. Conclusion, including a summary of key learnings from engaging in the process of appraising a middle-range theory for nursing practice