

**King Saud University**

**College of Nursing**

**First semester (2016-2017)**

**Course Syllabus**

**Course Code**  : **NUR 420**

**Course Title**  : **Independent Nursing Studies**

**Credit unit/hours** : **2 (2+0+0)**

**Pre-requisite**  : **NUR 324**

**Co-requisite**  : **none**

**Study Level** : **8th level**

**Course Faculties:** DR. Abdualrahman Alshehry

**Course Description** : Students in Independent Studies engage in-depth exploration in an independent learning experience. Students, in consultation with the course faculty member, choose a specific topic of their interest (project, paper, and......) to investigate, develop a Learning Contract, outlining learning objectives, a learning action plan, teaching strategies and an evaluation plan. The nature and amount of time and guidance to be provided by the faculty member are also determined. Independent study is intended to develop autonomous, independently competencies in the student, under the overall supervision of the faculty member.

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Recognize and explain the importance of Independence studies in Nursing Education in developing competencies.

2. Compare Different type of writing.

3. Develop critical thinking skills by reading, searching and writing.

4. -Use library to search for existing Information of research relevant to their topic

5. Reflect on their own writing, identifying lessons learned, strengths, and ways to improve

6. Identify and describe what they could expect as a graduate student.

7. Integrate the nursing process in the development of plan for the independent writing. With guidance and supervision.

8. Identify the learner’s responsibility.

**Course Content:**

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| **Weeks** | Topics | Nots |
| Week 1  27/9/17 | Overview syllabus & introduction | Distributions groups& topic selection  -project  -teaching models  -research ways |
| Week2  4/10/17 | Importance of Independence in Nursing Education in developing competencies | -project (evidence based ,systematic review )  - research ( descriptive, quasi-experimental)  Final selection of topics |
| Week 3  11/10/17 | Fundamentals of Independent Learning Experience through in-depth exploration  II-A. Self - Directed Learning Course  A. Fully Structured Guidelines  B. Semi-Structured Guidelines  C. Unstructured Guidelines |  |
| Week 4  18/10/17 | Different type of writing  Video reflective report |  |
| Week 5  25/10/17 | Evidence base and research process |  |
| Week 6  1/11/17 | Mid-term exam |  |
| Week 7  8/11/17 | Stage 1 paper writing | Students will be outside of the class  Reading and searching with help of their  Faculties.  Faculties will be at their offices for students' questions. |
| Week 8  15/11/17 | Stage 2 paper writing |
| Week 9  22/11/17 | Stage 3 paper writing |
| Week 10  29/11/17 | Stage 4 paper writing |
| Week 11  6/12/17 | Students' presentations | All the groups will present  The content will be for final exam |
| Week 12  13/12/17 |
| Week 13  20/12/17 |
| Week 14  27/12/17 | Submission of all students' work |  |
| Week 15 | Students' corners |  |
| Last week | Final exam |  |

**Medium of Instruction:** English will be the medium of instruction.

**Course Methodology:** Guided small group discussions, computer-assisted assignments, assigned written papers and presentations assigned readings. Use of audio-visual materials PowerPoint presentation, film viewing and analysis), Independent Writing with Supervision. Learning objectives can be taken in various forms at a classroom setting during discussion in a form of activities, oral recitation, quiz or examination or an assignment.

**Course Requirements:** Beginning development of Independent Writing Ability in chosen fields: practice, education and research (Independent Working Paper per Line of Interest); Scheduled consultation with the faculty in varied modes: electronic mail or classroom settings.

**Course Evaluation:**

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| **Midterm** | **20** |
| **Term paper** | **20** |
| **Reflective reports** | **5** |
| **Attendance** | **5** |
| **Presentation** | **10** |
| **Final exam** | **40** |

**References:**

**NOTE:** Since this is an independent work, can cover more than one reference material, print or non-print type. Students are given the freedom to choose from a variety of selection of Nursing issues and problems, as their topics for the exploration of independent study.

According topic of the course

**Course guidelines**

1. Students as groups will select topic from following topics (patient safety, infection control, quality).

2. First four week there will be lectures.

3. Midterm will include these four lectures.

4. Students will be outside of class for reading and searching with help of their faculties

5. From week 11 to week 13, student will present their work.

6. Week 14 will final submission of all students' work .

7. Weekly contacting faculty and completing activities are student responsibilities