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Course Number	Nursing 504
Course Title	Theoretical Foundations of Professional Nursing
Credit hours	3 semester hours
Prerequisites	Admission to the graduate nursing program
Course Description	This course provides the student with a basis for theory development, analysis of selected conceptual and theoretical frameworks for advanced nursing practice, provides knowledge concerning ANA's Social Policy Statement, and role socialization in advanced nursing practice.

Course objectives: At completion of NURS 504, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the factors that have influenced the development of nursing's theoretical foundations.
2. Analyze the essential concepts, propositions, and assumptions of selected theories and models
3. Critique and evaluate selected theoretical and conceptual models for advanced nursing practice
4. Apply and utilize selected theoretical and conceptual models to provide high quality care to clients/ patients.
5. Examine the health care delivery system as the context for application of theory based nursing care.

The goals of the course include:

1. Identifying and understanding the importance of nursing theory in practice.
2. Discussing how components of a theory can be utilized in advanced practice.

Instructional Methodology: Teaching methodologies include discussion board, reflective writing/ short papers, quizzes, and a final paper. It is assumed that graduate students are independent learners who are self - motivated and responsible for their own contribution to learning. Students are expected to critically read, analyze and participate in all course activities. The discussion boards, reflective writing/short papers, quizzes, and final paper are accomplished online through Blackboard technology. Students are responsible for checking Blackboard several times a week for announcements and assignments. The professor has the right to make changes to course assignments and schedule as needed. Any changes will be posted in the announcements section of the course on Blackboard

Texts:

McEwen, M. and Wills, E.M. (2014). *Theoretical Basis for Nursing*. Philadelphia, PA: Wolters Kluwer/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th.ed.). Washington, DC: Author. (Must be the 2nd printing or higher of the 6th edition.)

Additional course requirements:

- Microsoft Word 2010 or later (NOT Microsoft WORKS) for submission of papers and assignments
- Blackboard – students must have a working knowledge. A Blackboard tutorial is available online.

Withdrawal from an Individual Class (while in progress)

For various reasons, it is sometimes necessary for a student to withdraw. Students will receive a failing grade if they cease to attend/participate in class without an official withdrawal from the Office of the Registrar. The last day to drop this course with a “W” is listed in the registration guide on the WKU.edu website under Quick Links. Students may withdraw from a full-semester course if meeting the requirements for “W” per the registration guide. The student should notify the instructor of the class AND their adviser in writing so that the student’s plan of study can be reviewed and revised. Failure to follow this procedure could result in the student’s failure to progress through the program in a timely manner.

Communication

Communication includes discussions in Blackboard and WKU email communications. All communications will be respectful and professional. Blackboard discussions and WKU email communications will be written in a formal business format (clear heading, salutation, concise content, and appropriate closing). Assignments will be posted in the Blackboard course. Email messages will be sent to individuals and groups of students via Blackboard to only **WKU email addresses**. Grades will be posted in the Grade Center on the Blackboard course site. Discussions/concerns about grades must be put in writing via WKU email to the faculty within one week of when the grade is posted in Blackboard.

Campus Closure

In the event of WKU campus closure(s), please check with course faculty through Bb for alternate assignments and/or information. Hybrid courses will continue in the online format. Online courses will continue as scheduled.

Course Policies

- **American Psychological Association (APA) 6th edition format (*in-text citations and references*)** is required for written assignments.
- Students are responsible for keeping a copy of written assignments uploaded to Blackboard Discussion for grading.
- Students are responsible for assuring that Blackboard Discussion assignments are successfully uploaded for grading.
- Policy on written assignments: Students are required to meet pre-established deadlines for assignments.
- Late assignment will NOT be accepted UNLESS arrangements **PRIOR** to pre-established deadlines have been negotiated with faculty. Please DO NOT request an assignment extension unless ***an unforeseen accident or illness*** occurs. A student’s failure to plan ahead, vacations, and working at your job are not acceptable reasons to ask for an extension, as these reasons do not meet the requirements of an unforeseen event.

Evaluation Methods

Your course grade will be based on the work outlined in this syllabus, as well as any additional work given. Grades are available on Blackboard. Any questions or comments regarding grades should be made within 72 hours of grades being posted.

The final course grade will be calculated as follows:

	Evaluation of Course Outcomes	Possible points
10 Weekly Assignments Weekly assignments may consist of Discussion Board, case study, short paper, article review, etc. See Blackboard weekly module assignments for specifics	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Each weekly activity is worth 15 points, total 150 points
3 Exams	1, 2, 5	Each exam is worth 50 points, total of 150 points
Theory Paper	2, 3, 5	100 points
TOTAL POINTS		400 points

Grading scale:

90 - 100 = A	≥ 360 points
80 - 89 = B	320-359 points
70 - 79 = C	280-319 points
60 - 69 = D	240-279 points
<60 = F	≤ 239 points

Assignments and Late Work

1. **ALL** formal written assignments (final paper) are to be completed in **APA format** (cover and reference pages are not counted in the page limit). This does not relate to Discussion Board responses but must use APA format for references.
2. Students are responsible for maintaining a copy of all written work.
3. Plagiarism Software (Safe Assign) will be used. All written assignments will be submitted to check for plagiarism before grading.
4. **All assignments must be submitted electronically by 8:00 am CST of date due.**
5. The grade earned for any assignment that is submitted after the due date will be reduced by a maximum of ten (10) percentage points. If more than 5 days late, zero credit will be given for that assignment. If you know you will be late submitting an assignment please contact the faculty to make alternative submission arrangements.
6. It is the **student's** responsibility to keep up with class assignments. The class schedule has a clear due date for each assignment. If the schedule changes, a new schedule will be announced and distributed via email and Blackboard.

Work Submission

All formal papers are to be typed and formatted according to APA style through links in Blackboard. *Work must be submitted in the space provided for it on Blackboard. Papers must be submitted in .doc or .docx file format.* Papers not submitted in one of those file formats will receive a zero grade. Emailed assignments will not be accepted unless I specifically ask you to submit that way. *Discussion board content should be entered into*

Bb and not uploaded as a file for the discussion. Uploaded files require extra work for peers to view and the assignment to be graded. If submitted as an uploaded file into Bb when it should have been submitted directly into Bb, a reminder will be given the first time. If repeated, the assignment will not be graded and a zero will be given for any assignment not submitted in the required format. If any questions, please feel free to ask me.

If you submit a file and realize that it was a draft or just not the right file in any way, simply send me an email, requesting me to clear your previous attempt.

Technical Support

It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with technology and Blackboard nuances and observe WKU technology recommendations that can be found on the [Information Technology Department](#) website. Since this course is web-based, there may be an occasion(s) in which students cannot avoid technical difficulties. **If you are have technical difficulties that interfere with the submission of a timely assignment, you must notify the course instructor via email prior to the deadline and you must include your IT case number in your email or a copy of your email from IT that contains your IT case number.** Reported technical difficulties will be validated with WKU's IT department.

IT Help Desk

The IT Help Desk serves as the initial point of contact for technology support and provides the first level of response for technology-related problems and questions.

Information Technology link <http://www.wku.edu/it/helpdesk/> or call 270.745.7000. If you have a problem and need to have IT open a ticket to help you resolve your issue, please forward a copy of that email as soon as possible so I am aware of the situation and can assist if needed. Any manipulation of problems submitted to the IT Help Desk will be considered a dishonest act and will be reported to Judicial Affairs.

Required equipment

Bb: Access to the WKU Bb can be found through the WKU homepage by using the [Quick Links drop down box and clicking on My WKU](#). You are responsible for checking for course updates and changes and you **MUST** have a WKU e-mail account/address for rapid communication with the faculty. WKU assigns all students an email account. It is all students' responsibility to check their WKU email account once every 24 hours for emails and notifications, as well as making sure that their email inbox is not full. All email communication is to be through your WKU email account.

Campus Resources

Students in this course have access to the [WKU Library](#) and to the [WKU Writing Center](#) either online or in person. Students are expected to utilize the WKU Library for research studies to support their scholarly work. If you need research studies that are not available at the WKU Library, please contact carol.watwood@wku.edu and ask her to obtain the research studies for you. If students have difficulty with syntax, writing, APA citations, and/or APA references, they are expected to seek assistance at the WKU Writing Center. However, each student is responsible for the syntax and content of her/his paper(s).

Student Accessibility Resource Center

In compliance with university policy, students with disabilities who require academic and/or auxiliary accommodations for this course must contact the Office for Student Disability Services in the first floor of the Downing Student Union, Room 1074. The phone number is 270.745.5004 and the email address is sarc@wku.edu. Please **DO NOT** request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a letter of accommodation from the Office for Student Disability Services.

ADA Notice: Disability and Accommodations

Students with disabilities who require accommodations (academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids or services) for this course must contact the Office for Student Disability Services, Room 445, Potter Hall. The OFSDS telephone number is (270) 7455004 V/TDD. Please DO NOT request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a letter of accommodation from the Office for Student Disability Services.

Incomplete (Grade of “X”)

Should a student not be able to complete the course in the case of a documented extreme circumstance, the student should contact the professor to discuss the possibility of an Incomplete. If given, the student will be given a listing of the coursework eligible for completion and a date by which said work will be submitted. An “X” will be submit to the Registrar, and upon the completion of the coursework, the student’s grade will be changed.

Class Policies

Class policies for this course follow all policies as documented in the School of Nursing Graduate Student Handbook and the policies of Western Kentucky University.

Professional conduct as delineated in the American Nurses Association *Code of Ethics for Nurses* will serve as a model for student participation in this course.

Academic Dishonesty

Review the Academic Honesty policy and Offences at the following

link: www.wku.edu/Dept/Support/StuAffairs/StuLife/handbook/PIPolicy/14AcademicOffenses

“Western Kentucky University nursing students are expected to demonstrate a high standard of academic honesty in all aspects of their academic work and college life. Without intellectual integrity there cannot be genuine learning. Academic dishonesty represents a direct attack on this integrity. In taking tests and examinations, completing homework, laboratory and clinical work, writing papers, and using information technology, students are expected to demonstrate honesty. Cheating, plagiarism or other forms of academic dishonesty can lead to a failing grade in the course.” (WKU Graduate Nursing Student Handbook)

“The maintenance of academic integrity is of fundamental importance to the University. Thus it should be clearly understood that acts of plagiarism or any other form of cheating will not be tolerated and that anyone committing such acts risks punishment of a serious nature...Students who commit any act of academic dishonesty may receive from the instructor a failing grade in that portion of the coursework in which the act is detected or a failing grade in the course without the possibility of withdrawal. The faculty member may also present the case to the Office of the Dean of Student Life for disciplinary sanctions. A student who believes a faculty member has dealt unfairly with him/her in a course involving academic dishonesty may seek relief through the Student Complaint Procedure.” (WKU Student Handbook)

A score of zero will be applied to any assignment in which academic dishonesty has occurred.

Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism or academic dishonesty of any kind is not tolerated. Students WILL receive a zero on any assignment completed in a manner that is not considered honest and be reported to Judicial Affairs. Your papers are submitted to plagiarism detection software. Independent study is expected.

Title IX Sexual Misconduct/Assault Policy

Western Kentucky University (WKU) is committed to supporting faculty, staff and students by upholding WKU's Title IX Sexual Misconduct/Assault Policy (#0.2070) at <https://wku.edu/eoo/documents/titleix/wkutitleixpolicyandgrievanceprocedure.pdf> and

Discrimination and Harassment Policy (#0.2040) at https://wku.edu/policies/hr_policies/2040_discrimination_harassment_policy.pdf.

Under these policies, discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct based on sex/gender are prohibited. If you experience an incident of sex/gender-based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct, you are encouraged to report it to the Title IX Coordinator, Andrea Anderson, 270-745-5398 or Title IX Investigators, Michael Crowe, 270-745-5429 or Joshua Hayes, 270-745-5121.

Please note that while you may report an incident of sex/gender based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct to a faculty member, WKU faculty are "Responsible Employees" of the University and **MUST** report what you share to WKU's Title IX Coordinator or Title IX Investigator. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you confidentiality, you may contact WKU's Counseling and Testing Center at 270-745-3159.