**Principles of Research in Nursing**

**The University of Texas at Arlington**

**College of Nursing**

**N5366-001 & 004 Principles of Research in Nursing**

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Office Hours**:** Tuesday/Thursday 11-1:30pm

**Section Information:** N5366-001 & 004

**Time and Place of Class Meetings:** Pickard Hall, room 209, 2pm to 4:50pm

**Description of Course Content:** Integration of theoretical and empirical principles of nursing research to generate evidence for nursing practice.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Discuss the research process.
2. Evaluate clinical and research literature to identify gaps in knowledge.
3. Integrate theories and existing research evidence to formulate a research question.
4. Evaluate measurement methods used in nursing research.
5. Develop a plan for data analysis.
6. Demonstrate ethical principles in planning research.

7. Articulate clinical and research evidence related to identified clinical problems.

**Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials:**

Grove, S., Burns, N., & Gray, J. (2013). *The practice of nursing research: Appraisal, synthesis, and generation of evidence* (7th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier.

ISBN- 978-1-4557-0736-2.

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| Grove, S. K. (2007). Statistics for health care research: A practical workbook. Philadelphia: Saunders. ISBN: 9781416002260 |
| American Psychological Association. (2001). Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th Ed.). Washington, DC: Author. ISBN: 9781433805615  **Recommended Textbooks**  Burns, N., & Grove, S. K. (2009). Study guide for the practice of nursing research (6th Ed.). St. Louis: Saunders. ISBN: 978-1-4160-6108-3  Salkind, N. J. (2004). Statistics for people who think they hate statistics (2nd Ed.). Thousand Oaks: Sage. ISBN: 076192776X |

**Descriptions of major assignments and examinations (see class calendar for due dates):**

1. Critique of research briefs (2 @ 10 points each) 20 points

2. Midterm examination 25 points

3. Research proposal 25 points

Literature review, theory, problem statement, purpose prepared by sections, to be

Hypothesis/research questions, design reviewed in class

Sampling strategy, measurement tools

Data Collection

Data analysis, relevance to practice

4. Statistics (Study Questions) 5 points

5. Final examination/statistical applications 25 points

Critique of research process (steps) by review of two research briefs (a concise report of a study usually 3-4 pages in length)-identify gaps in knowledge (problem statement), purpose, existing research and theory used to formulate hypotheses/research questions, design, sampling strategies; evaluate measurement methods and data collection procedures and ethics; and plan of data analysis (statistical appropriateness) (use Research Brief exercise guide provided as template)

Midterm examination- testing over information presented in class and in textbook to date

Research proposal- Paper discussing how you would develop a research study of your choice to include comments on all steps of the research process, such as literature review, problem statement, purpose, hypotheses/research questions, design, sampling strategies, instrument evaluation, data collection methods, consent process, and plan of data analysis (see Blackboard for example of a research proposal) Proposal will be developed over the semester by completion of assignments # 1-8 (pg. 13) with one final product due at end of course incorporating all previous work. Work can be done in pairs. Sections will be discussed in class.

Statistics- Statistical Exercises in workbook- Students will complete assigned Statistical Exercises noted in class schedule. Studentwill complete the **“STUDY QUESTIONS” only and review the answers after your completion from the workbook. Your corrected version will be turned in on the date indicted in the class schedule.** Content may be included in the final exam.

Final examination- multiple choice exam testing knowledge of suitability of statistics to selected research studies/situations, sampling methods, and research brief critique.

**Attendance Policy:** At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required. Rather, each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students’ academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. As the instructor of this section, I have decided that class attendance is extremely important and strongly encouraged. Therefore, regular class attendance and participation is expected of all students. Students are responsible for all missed course information.

**Grading Policy:** Students are expected to keep track of their performance throughout the semester and seek guidance from available sources (including the instructor) if their performance drops below satisfactory levels.

Course Grading Scale

A = 92 to 100

B = 83 to 91

C = 74 to 82

D = 68 to 73 – cannot progress

F = below 68 – cannot progress

**Make-up Exams:** Please contact your faculty for approval. Upon approval from your faculty, you need to schedule an appointment with Sonya Darr at [sdarr@uta.edu](mailto:sdarr@uta.edu). Please allow a 24 hour advance notice when scheduling.

**Test Reviews:** Test reviews may be scheduled up to two weeks after grades have been posted to blackboard for the current exam. Due to time constraints, you will only be allowed 30 minutes to review your test.

**Expectations of Out-of-Class Study:** Beyond the time required to attend each class meeting, students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least an additional \_\_9\_\_\_ hours per week on their own time in course-related activities, including reading required materials, completing assignments, preparing for exams, etc.

**Grade Grievances:** Any appeal of a grade in this course must follow the procedures and deadlines for grade-related grievances as published in the current graduate catalog. <http://grad.pci.uta.edu/about/catalog/current/general/regulations/#gradegrievances>

**Drop Policy:** Graduate students who wish to change a schedule by either dropping or adding a course must first consult with their Graduate Advisor. Regulations pertaining to adding or dropping courses are described below. Adds and drops may be made through late registration either on the Web at MyMav or in person through the student’s academic department. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance**. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. Contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at <http://wweb.uta.edu/aao/fao/> . The last day to drop a course is listed in the Academic Calendar available at <http://www.uta.edu/uta/acadcal.php?session=20136>

1. A student may not add a course after the end of late registration.
2. A student dropping a graduate course after the Census Date but on or before the end of the 10th week of class may with the agreement of the instructor, receive a grade of W but only if passing the course with a C or better average. A grade of W will not be given if the student does not have at least a C average. In such instances, the student will receive a grade of F if he or she withdraws from the class. Students dropping a course must: (1) complete a Course Drop Form (available online <http://www.uta.edu/nursing/MSN/drop_resign_request.pdf> ;(2) obtain faculty signature and current course grade; and (3) submit the form to your assigned academic advisor .
3. A student desiring to drop all courses in which he or she is enrolled is reminded that such action constitutes withdrawal (resignation) from the University. The student must indicate intention to withdraw and drop all courses by completing a resignation form in the Office of the Registrar or by: (1) Completing a resignation form (available online <http://www.uta.edu/nursing/MSN/drop_resign_request.pdf> or Graduate Nursing office rooms 512 or 606; (2) obtaining faculty signature for each course enrolled and current course grade; (3) Submitting the resignation form to your assigned academic advisor and (4) The department office will send resignation form to the office of the Registrar.
4. In most cases, a student may not drop a graduate course or withdraw (resign) from the University after the 10th week of class. Under extreme circumstances, the Dean of Graduate Studies may consider a petition to withdraw (resign) from the University after the 10th week of class, but in no case may a graduate student selectively drop a course after the 10th week and remain enrolled in any other course. Students should use the special Petition to Withdraw for this purpose. See the section titled Withdrawal (Resignation) From the University for additional information concerning withdrawal. <http://www.grad.uta.edu/handbook>

**Census Day: Monday, October 29, 2014**

**Last day to drop or withdraw September 28, 2014**

**Americans with Disabilities Act:**  The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities, University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

**Title IX:** The University of Texas at Arlington is committed to upholding U.S. Federal Law “Title IX” such that no member of the UT Arlington community shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity. For more information, visit [www.uta.edu/titleIX](http://www.uta.edu/titleIX).

**Academic Integrity:**  All students enrolled in this course are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

*I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.*

*I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.*

Per UT System Regents’ Rule 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university’s standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with the University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University.

"Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts."

As a licensed registered nurse, graduate students are expected to demonstrate professional conduct as set forth in the Texas Board of Nursing rule **§215.8. in the event that a graduate student holding an RN license is found to have engaged in academic dishonesty, the college may report the nurse to the Texas BON using rule §215.8 as a guide.**

**Plagiarism:** Copying another student’s paper or any portion of it is plagiarism. Copying a portion of published material (e.g., books or journals) without adequately documenting the source is plagiarism. Consistent with APA format, if five or more words in sequence are taken from a source, those words must be placed in quotes and the source referenced with author’s name, date of publication, and page number of publication. If the author’s ideas are rephrased, by transposing words or expressing the same idea using different words, the idea must be attributed to the author by proper referencing giving the author’s name and date of publication. If a single author’s ideas are discussed in more than one paragraph, the author must be referenced, according to APA format. Authors whose words or ideas have been used in the preparation of a paper must be listed in the references cited at the end of the paper. Students are expected to review the plagiarism module from the UT Arlington Central Library via <http://library.uta.edu/plagiarism/index.html>

**Student Support Services**: UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to [resources@uta.edu](mailto:resources@uta.edu), or view the information at [www.uta.edu/resources](http://www.uta.edu/resources).

**Electronic Communication:** The University of Texas at Arlington has adopted “MavMail” as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>. If you are unable to resolve your issue contact the Helpdesk at [helpdesk@uta.edu](mailto:helpdesk@uta.edu). ***Students are encouraged to check their MavMail daily.***

**Student Feedback Survey:** At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as lecture, seminar, or laboratory shall be directed to complete a Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student’s feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law; students are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

**Final Review Week:** A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

**Emergency Exit Procedures:** Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit (northeast corner of building). When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist handicapped individuals.

**Librarian to Contact:**

**Peace Williamson, Nursing Librarian**

E-mail: [peace@uta.edu](mailto:peace@uta.edu)

Research Information on Nursing:

[**http://libguides.uta.edu/nursing**](http://libguides.uta.edu/nursing)

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| Resources |

Library Home Page <http://www.uta.edu/library>

Subject Guides <http://libguides.uta.edu>

Subject Librarians <http://www.uta.edu/library/help/subject-librarians.php>

Database List <http://www.uta.edu/library/databases/index.php>

Course Reserves <http://pulse.uta.edu/vwebv/enterCourseReserve.do>

Library Catalog <http://discover.uta.edu/>

E-Journals <http://liblink.uta.edu/UTAlink/az>

Library Tutorials <http://www.uta.edu/library/help/tutorials.php>

Connecting from Off- Campus <http://libguides.uta.edu/offcampus>

Ask A Librarian [http://ask.uta.edu](http://ask.uta.edu/)

The following URL houses a page where we have gathered many commonly used resources needed by students in online courses: <http://www.uta.edu/library/services/distance.php>

**Course Schedule.** Your course schedule to follow contains dates for all major work to be completed. “As the instructor for this course, I reserve the right to adjust this schedule in any way that serves the educational needs of the students enrolled in this course. “

[Academic Calendar](http://www.uta.edu/uta/acadcal.php).

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**UTA College of Nursing additional information:**

**Status of RN Licensure:** All graduate nursing students must have an unencumbered license as designated by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) to participate in graduate clinical nursing courses. It is also imperative that any student whose license becomes encumbered by the BON must immediately notify Dr. Mary Schira, Associate Dean- Department of Advanced Practice Nursing. The complete policy about encumbered licenses is available online at: [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us)

**Graduate Student Handbook:** Students are responsible for knowing and complying with all policies and information contained in the Graduate Student handbook online at: <http://www.uta.edu/nursing/msn/msn-students>

**Student Code of Ethics:** The University of Texas at Arlington College of nursing supports the Student Code of Ethics Policy. Students are responsible for knowing and complying with the Code. The Code can be found in the student handbook online: <http://www.uta.edu/nursing/msn/msn-students>

**No Gift Policy:** In accordance with Regent Rules and Regulations and the UTA Standards of Conduct, the College of Nursing has a “no gift” policy. A donation to one of the UTA College of Nursing Scholarship Funds, found at the following link: is <http://www.uta.edu/nursing/student-resources/scholarship> would be an appropriate way to recognize a faculty member’s contribution to your learning.  For information regarding Scholarship Funds, please contact the Dean’s office.

**Online Conduct:** The discussion board should be viewed as a public and professional forum for course-related discussions. Students are free to discuss academic matters and consult one another regarding academic resources. The tone of postings should be professional in nature.

It is not appropriate to post statements of a personal or political nature, or statements criticizing classmates or faculty. Inappropriate statements/language will be deleted by the course faculty and may result in denied access to the Discussion boards. Refer to UTACON Student Handbook for more information.

***For this course Blackboard communication tools, discussion boards, and UTA MAV email will be used extensively and should be checked daily***

**Writing Center** The English Writing Center, Room 411 in the Central Library, provides support to UT-Arlington undergraduate and graduate students and instructors. Undergraduate and graduate student consultants in the Writing Center are trained to help student writers at any stage in their writing processes. Consultants are trained to attend to rhetorical and organizational issues that instructors value in student writing. Although consultants will assist students in identifying and correcting patterns of grammatical or syntactical errors, they are taught to resist student entreaties to become editors or proofreaders of student papers.

The Writing Center offers tutoring for any assigned writing during enrollment at UT-Arlington. Individuals may schedule appointments online by following directions available at [www.uta.edu/owl](http://www.uta.edu/owl), or by visiting the Writing Center.

The Writing Center Director, Assistant Director, or tutors are available to make classroom presentations describing Writing Center services. The Writing Center also offers workshops on topics such as documentation and will design specialized workshops at the request of instructors. To schedule a classroom visit or inquire about a workshop, please e-mail or call Tracey-Lynn Clough, Writing Center director, at [clought@uta.edu](mailto:clought@uta.edu) or 817-272-2517.

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**Emergency Phone Numbers**: In case of an on-campus emergency, call the UT Arlington Police Department at 817-272-3003 (non-campus phone), 2-3003 (campus phone). You may also dial 911.

**General Guidelines for the N5366 Proposal Paper**

Professional expression of ideas is expected in all work submitted for this class. Any paper that includes errors in grammar, punctuation, format, or expression of ideas that significantly obscure content of the paper will have points deducted.

Students in the MSN program are expected to purchase and use the most recent Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA). The 6th Edition of the APA Publication Manual (2010) is to be used in conjunction with the guidelines in this syllabus and instructions given in class to demonstrate correct style and format in all papers (including grammar and punctuation, use of numbers and abbreviations, and citation of sources).

**Title page:** Each paper is to have a formal title page at the beginning of the paper following APA format. This page should include the following: Title of the paper, student’s name, name of the course, name of the instructor, and date of completion or submission, running head, page number and unique title. An example that can be copied and pasted is provided in the syllabus.

**Pagination:** Page numbering starts with the title page. Numbering continues through the reference list and any appendices. Arabic (1, 2 etc.) numbers are to be used. Insert page breaks after the title page, before the reference list, and before appendices.

**Margins:** Margins are to be 1 inch on all sides. Text should be left justified only. This means that the right margin may appear irregular. If a word is too long to be completed on one line, it should not be hyphenated.

**Type size and font:** Type should be 12 characters per inch. The font should be Times New Roman.

**Spacing:** Double spacing is to be used for the body of papers. Indent the first line of each paragraph ½ inch using the tab key (not manual spacing).

**Punctuation:** One space should follow each comma, colon, or semicolon. Insert one space after punctuation marks ending sentences. There are specific rules for when and when not to use each punctuation mark. Review the APA Manual for the specific rules (p. 87-96).

**Figures and tables:** Figures and tables should be inserted into the body of the paper as close as possible to where they are discussed in text (NOT at the end of the paper).

**Running Headers**: Running header is required on the title page.

**Headings:** Headings within the paper are essential. Grading criteria are helpful in determining appropriate headings for specific assignments. There are specific rules for placement and format of headings. See the APA Manual for further guidance (p. 62-63).

**Quotations:** It is expected that students will synthesize and paraphrase information obtained from the literature rather than relying on quotes. Quotations should be rare and limited to only that which is absolutely essential. Unwarranted use of quotations will result in deductions from the assignment grade. When more than 5 words in a row are directly taken from another source, it is considered a quotation and must be cited as such. In the rare instance when quoting is absolutely necessary, the words must be enclosed in quotes (or if more than 40 words, displayed as an indented block) and the original author or speaker and page number must be cited. See the APA Manual for how to properly cite quotations. Failure to correctly cite quotations is plagiarism, and this will be reported to the appropriate officials.

**Reference citations in text:** Every sentence that is not your own original idea must have a citation to a source, even in the introduction to the paper. Any sentence that is not clearly linked to a citation means that you are claiming that idea as your own original idea (if it is not your own idea, then it is plagiarism, and you will not receive credit for that portion of the paper). Sources must be cited during or at the end of each fact, not only at the beginning or end of the paragraph or be clearly linked to a citation in the previous sentence. There are specific guidelines for citing primary and secondary sources in text (including for first and subsequent citations) as well as for personal communications. See the APA Manual for further guidelines. Failure to correctly cite sources is plagiarism, and this will be reported to the appropriate officials.

**Reference list:** The reference list includes only the references cited within the paper. There are specific guidelines for citation of various types of sources. These guidelines include spacing, commas, periods, capitalization, italicization, and order of elements of the citation. Format your reference list using the hanging indent function in Microsoft Word (in paragraph formatting) rather than manual spacing. Use double spacing within and between references.

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The University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing

In partial fulfillment of the requirements of

N5366 Principles of Research in Nursing

Deborah Behan PhD, RN-BC, Instructor

[Date]

**REASEARCH PROPOSAL PAPER**

A final outcome of this course is that students will develop a nursing research proposal for a quasi-experimental study related to nursing practice, education, or administration. The focus of all course assignments will contribute to the development of a final proposal. Students will select a clinical problem, select an intervention aimed at that clinical problem, and analyze existing evidence for the intervention related to a specific outcome in a population and setting of interest. The analysis of existing theoretical and research evidence about the intervention and outcome will be used to identify a research problem (gap in the evidence) which will form the basis of a research proposal. It is essential that you select a clinical problem, intervention, and outcome for your proposal and develop the literature review to support it **VERY early** in the semester because all course assignments depend on that.

**OPTIONAL:** If you would like to do so, you can work with a classmate on this course project. Only two students can work together in a group. You must decide by the SECOND week of classes if you are going to work with another student rather than independently. Once you make this decision, you CANNOT change your mind at a later date. You must finish all course assignments together. If you choose this option, you must email the instructor with the name of your co-investigator (classmate) by the second class date in the semester. The same assignments will be submitted by both members of the team, and you will receive the same grade for each assignment. You can divide up the work however you wish.

**Select a clinical problem of interest** related to nursing practice, education, or administration. The problem needs to be significant to nursing because of its magnitude and because of its impact on patients, families, nurses, and/or society. The clinical problem may relate to an individual passion about a clinical dilemma in nursing practice, a clinical agency’s interest in the problem, nurse-sensitive quality indicators, or research priorities/agendas published by professional organizations. Review recent research literature to find primary support for the significance of the problem and to determine what factors are related to or are causative factors for the clinical problem. If the clinical problem does not have documented primary evidence (in the literature) to support its significance (both magnitude and impact), you must pick a different topic/clinical problem.

**Select one intervention:** Review recent theoretical/clinical sources and research literature to determine what interventions have been used to address the clinical problem identified. Select an intervention that is of interest to nurses in your current practice area or to future roles in advanced practice, education, or administration. The intervention must be something done by registered nurses, nurse practitioners, educators, or nurse administrators and/or over which they have decisional control. There must also be a gap in the research literature about this intervention in relation to the selected clinical problem. This is the intervention which you will propose to test to determine whether it would improve an outcome related to the selected clinical problem of interest.

• If the intervention does not have theoretical and research support (in the literature), you must pick a different intervention.

• If there is already sufficient evidence to support that the intervention works for the clinical problem or outcome in your population, then you must pick a different intervention.

Select an outcome variable (or at most two variables) based on review of the literature. The outcome selected must be linked theoretically with the clinical problem identified and the intervention selected.

• If the intervention does not have any theoretical linkage with the outcome (in the literature), you must pick a different outcome.

Each student will receive feedback throughout the semester on assignments that build toward the final proposal. The expectation is that students will reflect upon classmate and faculty feedback to revise and refine the proposal as the semester progresses.

**Grading Criteria for 5366 Proposal (noted as Assignments #1-8)**

1. Literature Review- Identify the topic, search databases for 10 appropriate research articles from three different disciplines, synthesize the literature in table format using the headings below. Write one paragraph of summary of synthesis of all articles regarding what is known: **20 Points Possible**

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| Author/title of article  (during search save reference) | Design | Population & Sample | Intervention | Outcome/  Findings | Make note for possible later use: framework, stats used, sampling method, measurement tools and nursing implications |

2. Problem Statement/Purpose Write significance statement. Identify the problem (gap) from the synthesized literature and write a problem statement. From the problem statement write a purpose statement for your proposed study. Identify the independent and dependent variables within the purpose statement. Write your hypothesis/question for your proposed study. One paragraph. **10 Points Possible**

3. Identify the theoretical/conceptual framework for your proposed study, author of the theory, and concepts within the theory that you will be using in your proposed study. State how the theoretical concepts are linked to your variables within your purpose statement. Provide conceptual definitions of concepts from your readings. Construct conceptual map showing linkage between concepts. One paragraph. **15 Points Possible**

4. Identify and explain the research design and the intervention proposed and why it was selected for your proposed study. One paragraph. **10 Points Possible**

5. Identify the target population you intend to sample. List inclusion/exclusion criteria, and proposed demographic variables. Identify the sampling method and how the population will be obtained, and the process you would use to determine the sample size. Two paragraphs. **10 Points Possible**

6. Provide from your readings operational definitions (tools) of your study variables and state why selected (e.g. adequate reliability and validity). Report the previous reliability and validity of the tool. Two paragraphs. **5 Points Possible**

7. Provide your plan for data collection and data analysis. Explain how you will collect data. Also state appropriate statistic(s) to be used to test your hypothesis/question and why each is appropriate. Three paragraphs. Attach a copy of the tool in an Appendix of the paper. **10 Points Possible**

8. Create a consent for the study you propose. Attach the consent form in an Appendix of the paper. **10 Points Possible**

9. Correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, citations, APA format, no plagiarism, paraphrasing, limited quotes, appropriate headings, clarity **10 Points Possible**

**100 Points Total**

**Reference List for N5366 Assigned Readings**

**Research Article Examples (to illustrate research proposal development)**

Headley, J. A., Ownby, K. K., & John, L. D. (2004). The effect of seated exercise on fatigue and quality of life in women with advanced breast cancer. Oncology Nursing Forum, 31, 977-983. doi: 10.1188/04.ONF.977-983

John, L. D. (2001). Quality of life in patients receiving radiation therapy for non-small cell lung cancer. Oncology Nursing Forum, 28, 807-813. Retrieved from http://www.ons.org/Publications/ONF

(Also see example of research proposal posted in BB, Groves, S.)

**Literature Review & Research Problem Identification**

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**Weekly** **SCHEDULE**

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| **WEEK OF:** | **Topics and Readings** | **Assignments DUE** |
| **Week 1**  **August 21**  **August 26** | Introduction to Course  Review of Syllabus & Schedule  Sources of knowledge  Research process  Types of quantitative research  **Grove, Burns, & Gray- Chapters: 1-3** | **Pickard Hall 209**  **Pretest**  **Select Topic of Interest for Proposal** |
| **Week 2**  **August 28**  **September 2** | Literature Review  **Grove, Burns, & Gray- Chapters: 6**  **(See references in syllabus for additional readings)** | **Determine if single or paired for proposal**  **Share 5 potential topics of interest in class** |
| **Week 3**  **September 4**  **September 9** | Student Share- Proposal Literature Review  Continue Review Literature: read articles and textbook  **Grove, Burns, & Gray- Chapters: 28 (info on research proposal --use information as you complete your proposal)** | **Assignment # 1**  **Complete Literature Search -- 10 articles for your own proposal paper**  **(Follow template p. 13 syllabus—note points earned per section- to be added for proposal grade)** |
| **Week 4**  **September 11**  **September 16** | Problem and Purpose  Objectives, Questions & Hypotheses  Theoretical Frameworks  **Grove, Burns, & Gray- Chapters: 5, 7, 8** |  |
| **Week 5**  **September 18**  **September 23** | Student Share- Proposal  Research Problem Statement  Research Purpose Statement  Independent and dependent variables  Hypotheses or Questions  Review literature: read articles and textbook | **Assignment # 2** |
| **Week 6**  **September 25**  **September 30** | Student Share- Proposal Theoretical Framework  Continue Review literature: read articles and textbook  Research Design  **Grove, Burns, & Gray- Chapter: 10, 11** | **Assignment # 3** |
| **Week 7**  **October 2**  **October 7** | Student Share-Proposal Research Designs | **Assignment # 4** |
| **Week 8**  **October 9**  **October 14** | Sampling Methods  Sample Size  **Grove, Burns, & Gray- Chapter: 15** | **Begin Statistics Exercises:**  **“Study Questions”**  9: Sampling Methods  12: Power Analysis  21: Effect size  COMPLETE #9 Sampling Methods “graded questions” for review in class |
| **Week 9**  **October 16**  **October 21** | Student Share-Proposal SampleMethodology  Continue Review Literature: Read articles and textbook  Measurement tools and Reliability & Validity of Measures  **MIDTERM**  **(COMPREHENSIVE THROUGH**  **WEEK 8 LECTURES)**  **Grove, Burns, & Gray- Chapter: 16** | **Assignment # 5**  **Continue Statistics Exercises:**  **“Study Questions”**  13: Reliability Values  14: Validity Values  “Study questions” are collected at end of course Proof of completion = 5%---information .will be on final exam |
| **Week 10**  **October 23**  **October 28** | Student Share- Proposal Measurements  Data Collection  **Grove, Burns, & Gray- Chapter: 20** | **Assignment # 6** |
| **Week 11**  **October 30**  **November 4** | Statistical Theory (lecture)  Descriptive Statistics  **Grove, Burns, & Gray- Chapters: 21,22** | **Continue Statistics Exercises:**  **“Study Questions”**  15: Central Tendency  **Research Critique # 1 DUE** |
| **Week 12**  **November 6**  **November 11** | Statistical Analysis    **Grove, Burns, & Gray- Chapter: 23** | **Statistics Exercises “Study Questions”**  24: Pearson’s product  28: Linear regression  29: t-test |
| **Week 13**  **November 13**  **November 18** | Statistical Analysis continued  **Grove, Burns, & Gray- Chapters: 24, 25** | **Statistics Exercises “Study Questions”**  36: ANOVA  40: Chi Square  42: Spearman rank order  43: Mann-Whitney U  **Research Critique # 2 DUE** |
| **Week 14**  **November 20**  **November 25** | Student Share- Proposal plan for data collection and data analysis  Research Findings, Ethics  **Grove, Burns, & Gray- Chapter: 9** | **Assignment # 7**  **Assignment # 8** |
| **November 27**  **Thanksgiving** | **HOLIDAY FOR THURSDAY CLASS** |  |
| **Week 15**  **December 2**  **December 4** | **Course Evaluation (Online)**  **Final APA student proposal paper**  **(Include, consent, measurement tools, reference list, and grade sheet)**  **FINAL EXAM** | **Final APA Proposal DUE**  **ALL “Study Questions” stats exercises DUE**  **FINAL EXAM 2-4pm (45 multiple choice questions and short research brief for critique{short answer)** |