Note:

Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.
COURSE SYLLABUS

NURS 492
ADVANCED CONCEPTS OF NURSING PRACTICE

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This is the capstone course for the RN–BSN program. The student engages in academic endeavors that reflect application, synthesis and evaluation of concepts and nursing issues studied throughout the completion program. Application of educational experience to professional growth and contribution to the nursing profession is emphasized.

RATIONALE
The completion of BSN coursework serves as a milestone in the student’s professional life. The capstone course provides students with an opportunity to reflect on knowledge and experience gained during the educational process. The course will provide students with practical knowledge of how to improve oneself professionally, as well as the profession as a whole.

I. PREREQUISITE
For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE
Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING
A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
C. Microsoft Word and PowerPoint

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
A. Define the roles and responsibilities of the BSN in a leadership position.
B. Apply research evidence to current practice.
C. Analyze the impact of current nursing issues and trends upon nursing practice.
D. Relate the Christian view of the “art of caring” to professional nursing communication.
E. Analyze current leadership trends in nursing and their impact on nurses, the practice of nursing, and health care.
F. Demonstrate knowledge of current political and social forces that impact the nursing profession.

G. Analyze effective techniques for generating public awareness/support of the nursing profession.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations

B. Course Requirements Checklist

After reading the Course Syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (4)

Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, the student is required to provide a thread in response to the provided prompt for each forum. Each thread must be at least 400 words and demonstrate course-related knowledge. Each thread must be supported with at least 2 scholarly citations published within the last 5 years in current APA format. In addition to the thread, the student is required to reply to 2 other classmates’ threads. Each reply must be at least 250 words and incorporate at least 2 scholarly citations published within the last 5 years in current APA format. Inclusion of a biblical worldview is required for both the thread and replies.

D. Research: The Science of Nursing

Part 1: The student will research a professional nursing organization and discuss its focus on evidence-based practice. This information must be compiled in a minimum 2-page Microsoft Word document in current APA format. The student must use a minimum of 2 scholarly sources published within the last 5 years and include a reference page. The title page and reference page do not count toward the required length.

Part 2: After studying a professional nursing organization, the student will choose a practice current in his/her practice speciality to further review. The student will complete a literature review of a single practice and make recommendations for a change in their current practice area. This paper must be at least 5 pages, include at least 5 peer-reviewed journal articles published within the last 5 years, and be in current APA format. The title page and reference page do not count toward the required length.

E. Caring: The Art of Nursing

The student will write a minimum 5-page paper describing his/her definition of nursing, persons (patients), health, and environment. The student is also required to offer his/her definition of caring as an art and ways in which the Christian faith impacts caring. The student must use a minimum of 5 scholarly sources published within the last 5 years and include a reference page. The reference page does not count toward the required length.
F. Connecting Your Faith PowerPoint
The student will create a PowerPoint presentation linking his/her nursing practice to the Christian faith. This presentation must be in current APA format with a title slide and reference slide. There must be at least 15 slides with notes provided for each slide, and the presentation must be supported by 4 scholarly sources published within the last 5 years. The title slide and reference slide do not count toward the required length.

G. Reflection Paper
The student will reflect on his/her past nursing courses at Liberty University and begin looking to the future. The paper must be at least 4 pages and supported by 3 citations in current APA format.

H. Final Survey
The student will complete the Final Survey during the last module. This survey provides feedback related to the RN-BSN program in a multiple choice, short answer, or Likert question format.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES
A. Points

| Course Requirements Checklist | 10 |
| Discussion Board Forums (4 at 65 pts ea) | 260 |
| Research: The Science of Nursing | |
| Part 1 | 100 |
| Part 2 | 225 |
| Caring: The Art of Nursing | 160 |
| Connecting Your Faith PowerPoint | 105 |
| Reflection Paper | 150 |
| Final Survey | 0 |
| **Total** | **1010** |

B. Scale

A = 900–1010  B = 800–899  C = 700–799  D = 600–699  F = 0–599

C. Late Assignment Policy
If the student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then he or she must contact the instructor immediately by email.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

1. Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.
2. Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.
3. Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the course will not be accepted.

4. Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted. Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

D. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.
## COURSE SCHEDULE

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DB = Discussion Board

**NOTE:** Each course module/week (except Module/Week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on **Friday**.