

# Nursing (NURS) 324

## Concepts and Theories in Nursing Practice (Revision 8)

**Delivery Mode:** Individualized Study Online [↗](#) with eText [↗](#)

**Credits:** 3

**Area of Study:** Applied Study (Non-Business)

**Prerequisites:** ENGL junior/senior (ENGL 255 recommended). Available only to Bachelor of Nursing students or with professor approval.

**Pre/Co-requisites:** Post LPN BN: NURS 250

**Precluded:** None

**Challenge:** NURS 324 is not available for Challenge.

**Faculty:** Faculty of Health Disciplines [↗](#)

**Status:** Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#) [↗](#) for the current revision [✕](#)

**Notes:** Follow directions on the [[Undergraduate Course Registration](#) [↗](#)] form to register in the course.



Online course materials cannot be accessed prior to your course contract start date.

➤ Overview

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Welcome to NURS 324, an introduction to theory and reasoning in nursing. You will be introduced to several different theoretical frameworks in nursing and to the contributions of selected nurse theorists. You will also be exposed to different perspectives regarding patterns of knowing in nursing, the art and science of nursing, and the ethical principles that guide nursing practice. As you work through the various units, you will begin to articulate and refine your own philosophy of nursing and to evaluate its impact on your own practice. You will consider ethical issues in nursing practice.

➤ Outline

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*Nursing 324: Concepts and Theories in Nursing Practice* includes 10 units:

- Unit 1: Academic Honesty and Scholarship
- Unit 2: Professional Integrity
- Unit 3: Values Clarification and Development
- Unit 4: Knowledge, Theory, and Reasoning in Nursing
- Unit 5: Florence Nightingale and the Art and Science of Nursing
- Unit 6: Ethical Theories In Nursing

- Unit 7: Nursing Philosophy
- Unit 8: Ethical Decision-Making
- Unit 9: Everyday Ethics In Nursing Practice
- Unit 10: Issues and Ethics in Nursing Practice

## ➤ Objectives

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*Nursing 324: Concepts and Theories in Nursing Practice* is organized around the following general learning outcomes. In completing this course you will:

1. Articulate and demonstrate the relationship between values, ethics, scholarship, and professional integrity.
2. Apply ethical theory and ethical decision-making models to your academic conduct and professional practice behaviour.
3. Compare and contrast the relationship between the art of nursing and the science of nursing.
4. Describe the relationship between nursing philosophy, nursing theory, and nursing practice.
5. Articulate your nursing practice philosophy including; knowledge, values, beliefs, standards, theory, and ethical principles.

## ➤ Evaluation


### Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for NURS 324, you must complete all of the required assignments and achieve an overall composite grade of **C (64 percent)** [📄](#). All papers submitted must follow the guidelines of the current APA Publication Manual.

The assignments and weighting of the composite grade are as follows:





Activity	Weight
Assignment 1: Annotated Bibliography	25%
Assignment 2: Philosophy of Nursing Scholarly Paper	35%
Assignment 3: Ethical Issue Scholarly Paper	40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .



## Materials

### Materials

Burkhardt, M.A., Nathaniel, A.K., & Walton, N. A. (2018). *Ethics and issues in contemporary nursing* (2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian ed.). Toronto, ON: Nelson.  (eText)

Johnson, B. M., & Webber, P. B. (2013). *An introduction to theory and reasoning in nursing* (4<sup>th</sup> ed.). Philadelphia, PA: Wolters Kluwer Health, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.  (eText)

### eTexts

Registration in this course includes electronic textbooks. For more information on [electronic textbooks](#) , please refer to our [eText Initiative site](#) .





### Other Materials

A number of additional readings are included throughout the course using Athabasca University's Library Digital Reading Room or the Internet.

## Important Links



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- › [Academic Advising](#) 
- › [Program Planning](#) 
- › [Request Assistance](#) 
- › [Student Services](#) 

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