



Nursing (NURS) 324

Concepts and Theories in Nursing Practice (Revision 9)

Delivery mode: [Individualized study online](#)

Credits: 3

Area of study: Applied Study

Prerequisites: 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** [listing](#) for the current revision

Notes: Follow directions on the [**Undergraduate Course Registration** [listing](#)] form to register in the course. Online course materials cannot be

accessed prior to your course contract start date.

Overview

NURS 324 Concepts and Theories in Nursing Practice is an introduction to theory and reasoning in nursing. You will be introduced to several different ethical and theoretical frameworks used in nursing and will review the contributions of 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.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to perform the following:

- 1.** Describe the relationship between values, ethics, scholarship, academic conduct, and professional integrity.
- 2.** Analyze the relationship between nursing philosophy, nursing theory, and nursing practice.
- 3.** Articulate your nursing practice philosophy including: knowledge, values, beliefs, standards, theory, and ethical principles.

Outline

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

- Unit 1: Academic Honesty
- Unit 2: Professional Integrity, Morals, and Ethics
- Unit 3: Values Clarification and Development
- Unit 4: Ethical Decision-Making in Nursing Practice
- Unit 5: Everyday Ethics in Nursing Practice
- Unit 6: Knowledge, Theory, and Reasoning
- Unit 7: Historical Nursing Knowledge and Theory Development
- Unit 8: Nursing Philosophy: Challenging My Ways of Thinking
- Unit 9: The Application of Nursing Knowledge

Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for NURS 324 *Concepts & Theories in Nursing Practice*, students 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: Foundations and Feedback Units 1–5	15%
Assignment 2: Ethical Issue Scholarly Paper	30%
Assignment 3: Foundations and Feedback Units 6–9	15%
Assignment 4: Philosophy of Nursing Scholarly Paper	40%
Total	100%

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

Materials

There are no required textbooks in NURS 324.

Course Resources





There are a number of readings included throughout the course. Clicking on the link of the reading or resource will allow you to access it directly via the Athabasca University online library or the Internet. Each unit has a Unit Resource List.

Students are encouraged to search for resources and to share those resources with other students enrolled in the course by posting the URL for the resource in the Conference Forums.

Computer Resources

This online course utilizes a number of courseware tools, including Course Mail and Conference Forums. Please read the Student Guide to familiarize yourself with these features and the computer requirements and software resources required to complete this course.

Important links

- › [Academic advising](#) 
- › [Program planning](#) 
- › [Request assistance](#) 
- › [Support services](#) 

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