

Course Competencies Template – Form 112

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Course Prefix/Number: NUR 3166	Course Title: Nursing Research
Number of Credits: 3	
Degree Type	<input type="checkbox"/> B.A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B.S. <input type="checkbox"/> B.A.S <input type="checkbox"/> A.A. <input type="checkbox"/> A.S. <input type="checkbox"/> A.A.S. <input type="checkbox"/> C.C.C. <input type="checkbox"/> A.T.C. <input type="checkbox"/> V.C.C
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Course Description (limit to 50 words or less): In this course, students will gain a basic understanding of the steps and processes of qualitative and quantitative nursing research. The emphasis is on the development of the basic skills of analyzing research findings and how they can be incorporated and applied into clinical practice. Ethical and theoretical issues in research will be discussed.	
Prerequisite(s): NUR 3069, NUR 3119	Co requisite(s): 0

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to identify the steps and processes of qualitative and quantitative nursing research by:

- a. describing the differences between qualitative and quantitative research.
- b. discussing the process and techniques involved in data collection.
- c. explaining hypothesis testing procedures.
- d. identifying independent and dependent variables, research and null hypothesis.
- e. exploring methods of acquiring research information.

Competency 2: Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to discuss the importance of evidenced-based nursing practice by:

- a. discussing the need for research based nursing practice.
- b. analyzing the relationship of evidence based research to nursing practice.
- c. evaluating the applicability of evidence based research in nursing practice.

Competency 3: Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to analyze nursing research studies relevant in nursing practice by:

- a. identifying the purpose and use of different forms of research designs.
- b. discussing the concepts of internal and external validity.
- c. comparing experimental and non-experimental designs.

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Competency 4: Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to discuss theoretical and ethical issues related to the research process in nursing by:

- a. describing how nursing research contributes to the body of nursing knowledge.
- b. discussing ethical issues related to research.
- c. relating scientific methods and nursing theory to evidence based research.

Competency 5: Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to analyze nursing research studies and their relevance in nursing practice by:

- a. identifying how research is used in nursing practice.
- b. relating nursing research to nursing practice.
- c. participating in a nursing research project.
- d. incorporating research findings in their practices locally, nationally, and globally.

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