

**York College
The City University of New York
Department of Nursing
Nursing Program**

Assignment #3: Nursing practice paper

Guidelines for nursing practice paper: Write a paper addressing a current, significant problem observed in your clinical nursing practice (or student clinical experiences) that interfere with the provision of competent nursing care. Suggested issues can be found in Blackboard week 10 assignment folders. Read chapters 6, 7, 12, 14 in the Masters book as well as the ANA, NLN, NYSNA, Joint Commission, QSEN websites for assistance in completing this assignment. Paper should be 6-8 pages in length.

Be sure to

- Clearly describe the issue
- Connect the issue to the Joint Commission National quality/safety goals
- Include specific clinical examples/ stories that illustrate the issue
- Review the literature and incorporate published positions/ viewpoints
- Include the viewpoints of two or more of these organizations: ANA, NLN, NYSNA, Joint Commission, QSEN
- Include position of your employer (use policy and procedure)
- Develop a plan to manage this problem. Be creative and be specific- including strategies for government; professional organizations; hospital/ agency administration; nurses; and patients.
- Describe how this will impact your nursing practice.

Assignment # 3 Grading Rubric for Nursing practice issue paper
Points Essential component

		100%	75%	50%	25%	0%
15	<u>Clearly describe a nursing practice problem</u> giving definition(s), a brief history/background or any information that is relevant to it. Identify if it is	Clearly describes a nursing practice issue, includes 3 or more examples, and related problem to National patient	Clearly describes a nursing practice issue, includes 2 examples, and related problem to National patient safety	Clearly describes a nursing practice issue, includes 1 examples, and related problem to National patient	Clearly describes a nursing practice issue, includes 1 examples, and related problem to National patient safety	Does not clearly describe the issue; does not relate practice issue to safety goals

	a National quality/ safety goal	safety goals	goals	safety goals	goals	
10	<u>Present nurses' stories</u> (from your practice or the literature) that illustrate how the selected problem affects the individual nurse(s) and nursing care.	Describes three or more stories depicting the practice issue and impact on nurses	Describes two stories depicting the practice issue and impact on nurses	Describes one story depicting the practice issue and impact on nurses	Describes one story depicting the practice issue and impact on nurses	Does not include nurses' stories related to issue
25	<u>Present positions or viewpoints,</u> on the problem, that are documented in the nursing literature. Include the positions of professional nursing organizations regarding this problem	Describe positions of three or more professional organizations related to the practice issue	Describe positions of two professional organizations related to the practice issue	Describe positions of two professional organizations related to the practice issue	Describe positions of one professional organization related to the practice issue	Does not describe positions of professional organizations related to the issue
50	<u>Develop a plan to manage this problem.</u> Be specific-including strategies for government; professional organizations ; hospital/ agency administratio	Develops management plan including three or more strategies for each: government, professional organizati	Develops management plan including two strategies for each: government, professional organizations;	Develops management plan including one strategy for each: government, professional organizations;	Develops management plan including one strategy for each: government, professional organizations;	Develops management plan including one strategy for each: government, professional organizations;

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100	TOTAL					

Course Policies Regarding Written Work:

- Students are required and must adhere to the use of APA style (Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association). Note: The latest edition (6th).
- All written assignments must be submitted on the due date. **Late papers will not be accepted and a zero will be given for that assignment.** There will be strict adherence to this policy with no exceptions.
- 20% of the overall grade for each written assignment will be based on the communication skills and written convention. This includes grammar, spelling, sentence structure, punctuation, clarity of expression, organization, citation, quality of typing and general appearance.
- Assignments must have a cover/title page, be type-written, double spaced, and printed on one side of standard-sized 8.5" x 11" (22cm x 28cm) heavy, unruled white bond paper.
- Leave uniform margins of one inch at the top, bottom, left and right of every page. In most word-processing programs, one inch is the default setting for margins.
- Size 12 point Times New Roman font is recommended. Please do not use enhanced or oddly sized fonts. These are inappropriate.
- Start the reference list on a new page. Type the word "References" centered at the top of the page. Double space all reference entries. The first line of each reference is set flush left and subsequent lines are indented.
- All pages of the paper including the title page must be numbered. The number should appear at least one inch from the right hand edge of the page, in the space between the top edge of the paper and the first line of the text (Please refer APA Style Guide 6th Ed.). The default setting in most word-processing software is one-half inch from the top of the page which is acceptable.
- Indent of the first line of every paragraph and the first line of every footnote.
- It is essential that you give appropriate credit for all facts, opinions, ideas, and statements quoted or paraphrased from other sources. **York has a stringent policy about plagiarism. This is a very serious offense that will not be tolerated, and will result in automatic failure of the course. Please see the College Policy on plagiarism.**
- Students are encouraged to seek help from the Writing Center, located in room AC-1 C01.

- Please be sure to spell check and proofread your papers before handing them in. It is also a good idea to have someone else proofread your paper.
- Make photocopies of all written work before submission.
- A Writing Fellow who is assigned to the course is available to assist you with specific writing-related activities. Please make use of this invaluable opportunity. The Writing Fellow may be contacted in room 2A01 or at extensions 2278/2279. Take advantage of their expertise and knowledge.