



NURS 541: Quality Improvement and Safety

Course Description

This course prepares the graduate nurse to take a leadership role in identifying systems and process failures that lead to errors, monitoring and analyzing information, and initiating quality improvements within organizations

3 credits

Course Outcomes

1. Appraise health care quality indicators that are specifically influenced by nursing practice.
(Collaborative Leadership)

Assessment method: Individual grade on select components of Group presentation

2. Analyze information and data from national patient safety initiatives or regulations that influence health care settings. (Scholarship for Practice)

Assessment method: Individual grade on select components of Group presentation

3. Evaluate quality improvement models, just culture principles, and high reliability strategies for use in a specific practice environment. (Theoretical Base for Practice)

Assessment method: Quality/Safety Needs Assessment/Plan (specific rubric sections)

4. Assess the ethical implications of quality improvement projects on nursing knowledge
(Professionalism)

Assessment method: Quality/Safety Needs Assessment/Plan (specific rubric sections)

Instructional Delivery Method & Schedule

This is a fully online course.

School of Nursing Grading Scale

A	= 95 - 100	B	= 85 - 88	C	= 75 - 78	D	= 65 - 68
A-	= 92 - 94	B-	= 82 - 84	C-	= 72 - 74	D-	= 62 - 64
B+	= 89 - 91	C+	= 79 - 81	D+	= 69 - 71	F	= <62

Course Learning Activities & Assessment Methods

Assignment	Course Outcome	Percent of Grade	Due date
Group Presentation on Quality Indicators & Safety Initiatives (Note: Individual Grade!)	1, 2	30%	
RCA/FMEA Group <i>Live</i> Presentation (Online) (Note: Individual Grade!)	3	20%	
Quality/Safety Improvement Need Assessment and Plan Paper (Individual)	3, 4	30%	
Individual Discussion Board Postings	1,2,3,4	20%	

General Course Policies

College of Health Profession policies available at:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/colleges/alliedhe/Policies.htm>

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School of Nursing Graduate Student Handbook available at:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/colleges/alliedhe/Nursing/MSN-program/Handbook-for-Graduate-Nursing-Students-2012.pdf>