

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY™

Graduate Programs—NEW COURSE PROPOSAL¹

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DEPARTMENT: NURSING

COLLEGE: NURSING

RECOMMENDED COURSE IDENTIFICATION:

PREFIX NGR _____ COURSE NUMBER 6608 LAB CODE (L or C) _____

(TO OBTAIN A COURSE NUMBER, CONTACT [MJENNING@FAU.EDU](mailto:mjennin@fau.edu))

COMPLETE COURSE TITLE: PRIMARY CARE OF FAMILIES: COMPREHENSIVE ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE

EFFECTIVE DATE

(first term course will be offered)

CREDITS:

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TEXTBOOK INFORMATION:

Collins-Bride, G., Saxe, J. (2013). Clinical guidelines for advanced practice nursing: An interdisciplinary approach (2nd ed.). Jones and Bartlett: Burlington, MA.
 Dunphy, L., Winland-Brown, J., Porter, E., Thomas, D. (2011). *Primary care. The art and science of advanced practice nursing*. Third Edition. F.A. Davis Company, Philadelphia.
 McPhee, S., Papadakis, M., Rabow, M (2013). *2013 Current medical diagnosis and treatment*. New York: McGraw-Hill. Lange.
 Stern, S.D., Cifu, A.S., Altkorn, D. (2010) *Symptom to diagnosis: An evidence based guide*, Second Edition. New York: McGraw-Hill

GRADING (SELECT ONLY ONE GRADING OPTION): REGULAR XX SATISFACTORY/UNSATISFACTORY _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION, NO MORE THAN THREE LINES: Family nurse practitioner students will be prepared for comprehensive management of primary care patients across the lifespan. Nursing situations grounded in caring will be used to diagnose and manage common and complex health conditions in variety of health care settings. This culminating course prepares students for certification, practice management, and professional engagement.

PREREQUISITES*:
NGR 6605, NGR 6605L

COREQUISITES*: NGR 6608L
NGRL ~~XXXX~~ (LAB) PRIMARY CARE OF FAMILIES PRACTICUM: COMPREHENSIVE ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE

REGISTRATION CONTROLS (MAJOR, COLLEGE, LEVEL)*:
REQUIRED COURSE FOR FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER CONCENTRATION

* PREREQUISITES, COREQUISITES AND REGISTRATION CONTROLS WILL BE ENFORCED FOR ALL COURSE SECTIONS.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED TO TEACH THIS COURSE:
TERMINAL DEGREE IN NURSING, AND NATIONAL FNP CERTIFICATION, AND ARNP LICENSE

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Please consult and list departments that might be affected by the new course and attach comments.³
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Approved by:

Department Chair: [Signature]
 College Curriculum Chair: [Signature]
 College Dean: [Signature]
 UGPC Chair: [Signature]
 Graduate College Dean: [Signature]
 UFS President: _____
 Provost: _____

Date:

9/24/13
9/24/2013
9/24/2013
6/9/13
10/16/13

1. Syllabus must be attached; see guidelines for requirements: www.fau.edu/provost/files/course_syllabus.2011.pdf
2. Review Provost Memorandum: **Definition of a Credit Hour** www.fau.edu/provost/files/Definition_Credit_Hour_Memo_2012.pdf
3. Consent from affected departments (attach if necessary)

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
CHRISTINE E. LYNN COLLEGE OF NURSING
COURSE SYLLABUS
SPRING 2014**

- COURSE NUMBER:** NGR 6608
- COURSE TITLE:** Primary Care of Families: Comprehensive Advanced Nursing Practice
- COURSE FORMAT:** Live
- CREDIT HOURS:** 3 Credit Hours
- COURSE SCHEDULE:** Thursday 4:00 PM - 6:50 PM Davie Campus LA 456
Thursday 9:00 AM- 11:50 AM Boca Campus NU 202
- PLACEMENT IN CURRICULUM:** Required Course for Family Nurse Practitioner concentration
- PREREQUISITES:** NGR 6605, NGR 6605L
- COREQUISITES:** NGR 6608L (lab) Primary Care of Families Practicum: Comprehensive Advanced Nursing Practice
- FACULTY:** Lynne Palma, DNP, FNP-BC, CDE
Nurse Practitioner Program Coordinator
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- OFFICE HOURS:** Office Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays by appointment
Thursdays: 12:00 noon - 2:00 PM NU 337 on the Boca Campus
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM LA 226 on the Davie Campus

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Family nurse practitioner students will be prepared for comprehensive management of primary care patients across the lifespan. Nursing situations grounded in caring will be used to diagnose and manage common and complex health conditions in a variety of health care settings. This culminating course prepares students for certification, practice management, and professional engagement.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of the course, the student will demonstrate evidence of:

Becoming competent:

- 1) Integrate knowledge from nursing and related disciplines to assess, diagnose, and treat common conditions. (Essential I)
- 2) Synthesize selected caring and developmental theories and concepts from biological, behavioral, health promotion, and nursing sciences to enhance the health and well-being of persons across the lifespan. (Essential I, VIII)
- 3) Routinely incorporate patient-centered and culturally responsive strategies in the delivery of clinical prevention and health promotion interventions related to the primary care of persons. (Essential VIII)
- 4) Consistently apply research findings, identify clinical guidelines from national organizations, and apply evidence-based practice to improve the health and well-being of persons in the primary care setting. (Essential IV)
- 5) Consistently utilize informatics and health technologies to evaluate, integrate, coordinate, and improve healthcare for persons. (Essential V)
- 6) Evaluate and articulate an understanding of the advanced practice nursing profession based on reflective practices and continue to develop their own plans for lifelong learning and professional development. (Essential IX)

Becoming compassionate:

- 1) Integrate appropriate nursing theories and complex patterns of knowing in the design of compassionate care. (Essential IX)
- 2) Assess caring strategies in advanced nursing situations which reflect appreciation of the persons' and families' cultural and spiritual beliefs. (Essential IX)

Demonstrating comportment:

- 1) Evaluate and revise effective communication strategies to foster interprofessional partnerships to improve health outcomes for persons. (Essential VII)
- 2) Actively engage in ethical, legal, political, cultural, global, and socioeconomic issues in providing safe and accountable primary care for common conditions. (Essential II)

Becoming confident:

- 1) Synthesize and evaluate knowledge of self as a caring person in relation to others within advanced practice. (Essential IX)
- 2) Demonstrate clinical confidence, through critical thinking by applying advanced nursing knowledge.

Attending to conscience

- 1) Utilize health policy impacts the care of persons in diverse situations. (Essential VI)

- 2) Engage and evaluate measures to improve care through advocacy at state and local levels. (Essential VI)
- 3) Evaluate morally sensitive issues affecting advanced practice. (Essential VI)

Affirming commitment:

- 1) Evaluate the role and scope of practice of the nurse practitioner in providing safe, ethical, efficient, cost effective, quality care. (Essential II, III)
- 2) Consistently integrate anticipatory guidance, based in an understanding of developmental theory and current evidence. (Essential I, IV)
- 3) Actively engage in national organizations improving health of persons. (Essential III and VI)

TEACHING LEARNING STRATEGIES: Lectures, discussions, case study presentations, Blackboard assignments, standardized patients, SOAP note documentation, quizzes, exams, i-Clicker reviews, and review questions.

GRADING AND EVALUATION METHODS:

Classroom Activities/Quizzes	50 points (approximately)
Nursing Situations	50 points (approximately)
EBP Project	20 points
Exam 1	100 points
Exam 2	100 points
Comprehensive Final Exam	130 points
Pharmacology Competency Exam	25 points
Total 475 points	

GRADING SCALE:

Grade below C is not passing in the Graduate Program.

93 -100	A
90 -92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
67 -69	D+
63-66	D
60-62	D-
0-59	F

***Students must meet course objectives, course requirements, and achieve a C (73 %) or greater for successful completion of this course, however, students must also achieve an average mean minimum score**

of 80% on all exams or they will receive an "F" in the course. Grades will be not be rounded. A grade of 92.7% is recorded as 92%.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Collins-Bride, G., Saxe, J. (2013). Clinical guidelines for advanced practice nursing: An interdisciplinary approach (2nd ed.). Jones and Bartlett: Burlington, MA.

Dunphy, L., Winland-Brown, J., Porter, E., Thomas, D. (2011). *Primary care. The art and science of advanced practice nursing*. Third Edition. F.A. Davis Company, Philadelphia.

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RECOMMENDED:

APA Manual, Health Assessment Text, Pharmacology Text, and a Laboratory Manual of your choice.

Fitzgerald Health Education Associates <http://fhea.com>. (Newsletter is free).

Fitzgerald, M. A. (2010). *Nurse practitioner certification examination and practice preparation*. FA Davis Company: Philadelphia.

Gilbert, D., Moellering, R., Eliopoulos, G., & Sande, M. (2010). *The Sanford guide to antimicrobial therapy 2012 (42nd Edition)*. Order the spiral-bound edition (5 x 8 inch) from www.sanfordguide.com or call 540-987-9480.

Habif, T. P. (2011) *Skin disease, diagnosis and treatment*. Third Edition. Elsevier Saunders: Edinburgh. ISBN-13: 979-0-323-07700-2.

McCaffrey, R., Youngkin, R. (2010) *NP Notes*. F.A. Davis; Philadelphia ISBN 10:0-8036-2167-1.

Mengel, M & Schwiebert, L.P. (2009) *Family medicine ambulatory care and prevention 5th Edition*. New York: McGraw Hill.

Winland-Brown, J. E. & Dunphy, L. M. (2009). *Adult and family nurse practitioner certification examination: Review questions and strategies*. FA Davis Company: Philadelphia.

Prescribers Guide: <http://Prescribersletter.com> (\$88 fee for one year subscription).

EKG Interpretation Reference.

REQUIRED RESOURCES:

- 1) Hand held device (phone or PDA) with Epocrates software.
<http://www.epocrates.com/products/rx/>. The free download is adequate for this course. The Essentials or Essential Delux is recommended for clinical practice.
- 2) Iclicker
- 3) Electronic Preventive Services Selector <http://epss.ahrq.gov/PDA/index.jsp>

TOPICAL OUTLINE:

- I. Autonomous management of individuals and families in the primary care setting utilizing foundational concepts of evidenced based practice, diagnostic reasoning, NP-patient relationship grounded in caring, health promotion, professional role, leadership, interprofessional communication, health policy, quality improvement, practice inquiry, technology and information literacy to assess diagnosis and treat common and complex conditions in a variety of settings.
- II. Advanced skills including:
 - a. X-ray interpretation
 - b. 12 lead EKG
 - c. Suturing and I&D
 - d. PFT interpretation
 - e. Advanced diabetes management
 - f. Advanced lipid management
 - g. Psychiatric emergencies
 - h. Complex neurologic disorders
 - i. CKD-dialysis
 - j. Genetic testing and counseling
 - k. Advanced musculoskeletal assessment
 - l. Casting and splinting
 - m. Admitting to the hospital
 - n. Hospital rounds
 - o. Office emergencies
 - p. CAM
 - q. Pre-op clearance
 - r. School physical
 - s. International health
- III. Geriatric focus:
 - a. End of life
 - b. Palliative care
 - c. Polypharmacy
 - d. Transitional care
- IV. Practice management
 - a. Job search
 - b. Resume writing
 - c. Negotiating contracts
 - d. Malpractice insurance
 - e. Legal issues
 - f. Finances
 - g. Practice management
 - h. Coding and billing
 - i. Retail health

- j. Home health and other opportunities
- V. Professional Engagement
 - a. Certification and licensure
 - b. Professional organizations
 - c. Legislative issues
 - c. Policy
 - d. Writing for publication

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

PHARMACOLOGY COMPETENCY EXAM:

All students must take a 25 question pharmacology competency exam on the first day of class..

COURSE DOCUMENTS:

An outline of the lecture notes for each week is posted in Course Documents on the Blackboard site. The Power Point presentations have been converted to an MS Word document. The Power Point presentations will not be posted. Additional documents and selected Web sites will be posted in each unit.

REQUIRED READING:

The chapters assigned in the textbooks are required and should be completed prior to class. There will be additional reading assignments posted on Blackboard each week.

WEEKLY QUIZZES:

There will be multiple choice and multiple answer Blackboard quizzes each week on the required reading. The quiz will be opened on Monday and must be completed prior to class on Thursday.

NURSING SITUATIONS IN ADVANCED PRACTICE:

The case studies of nursing situations for each unit will be posted each week. All students will be required to do all of the case studies and participate in the discussions each week.

EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE (EBP) PROJECTS:

Students will be assigned 2 EBP projects in the major content areas (skin, HEENT, CV, respiratory, women's health and endocrine.) Four references are required in APA format and must include 2 peer review journals and 1 clinical guideline within the past 3 years and one web based resource. One of the peer reviewed journals must be a nurse practitioner journal. A two page APA summary of the disorder, title page and references will be submitted. Each EBP is worth 5 points. The sign-up sheet will be available on the first day of class.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:

There may be quizzes, worksheets, case studies, standardized patients, physical exams, and SOAP notes required during class. You must be present in class to receive credit for the classroom activities.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Jacobowitz, T. (1999). Culturally sensitive care for the elderly. *Nurse Practitioner Forum*, 10(1), 8-11.

McCarthy, L, Enslein, J., Kelley, L., Choi, E., & Tripp-Reimer, T. (2002). Cross-cultural health

education: Materials on the world wide web. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, 13(1), 54-60.

Tripp-Reimer, T., Choi, E., Kelley, S., & Enslein, J. (2001). Cultural barriers to care: Inverting the problem. *Diabetes Spectrum*, 14(1), 13-22.

COURSE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

ATTENDANCE:

1. Attendance at every class is required unless arrangements have been made.
2. Students are responsible for missed content.
3. Students are expected to arrive on time to class.

EXAMS/QUIZZES:

1. Unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor, failure to be present for an exam will result in a grade of zero.
2. There will be 3 exams for this course. Each will be 100 multiple choice questions. The final exam will be comprehensive with 130 questions. No notes or resources will be allowed during the exams. A non-programmable calculator may be used. Students may write on the exams as well as the scantrons. There will be no lecture following the exams. Please purchase a blue scantron for each exam.
3. **Students must achieve an average mean minimum score of 80% on all exams or they will receive an "F" in the course. Grades will be not be rounded. A grade of 92.7% is recorded as 92%.**

ASSIGNMENTS AND LATE POLICY:

Assignments must be completed by the due dates on the Course Schedule or a grade of zero will be assigned. *All course requirements and objectives must be met in order to earn a passing grade.*

USE OF ELECTRONICS:

Cell phones should be on vibrate during class and turned off completely during exams.

BLACKBOARD:

This course will be Web assisted via Blackboard. Lecture notes, weekly review questions, internet sites, grades and other items will be posted on the course Blackboard. You must have an FAU E-mail address. From Internet Explorer go to <http://blackboard.fau.edu>. Look for the Login icon on the top right hand of the screen. Click the Login icon. User name and password box will appear. The student user-name is your FAUNet ID. If you do not know your FAUNet ID go to <http://accounts.fau.edu>. Your initial password for Blackboard is your PIN. Pins are by default set to 2-digit month of birth, 2-digit day of birth, and 2-digit year of birth (MMDDYY). Click onto Student Support then Instructions for New Users. The courses that you are enrolled in will be listed under "My Courses" area. Click on the course title in order to enter the course. ***Be sure to check the announcements frequently, at a minimum every week prior to class***

E-MAIL COMMUNICATION AND ETIQUETTE:

Students are required to use their FAU e-mail and are advised to check it frequently for important announcements. I am not on campus every day and e-mail is the best way to contact me. All e-mail communication should be via the "Contact Professor" tab on the Blackboard tool

bar. Select the "Create Message" bar and follow the prompts. I will only be communicating with students via the Contact Professor tab which I will check daily. I need the convenience of being logged into the course while checking the messages from students. In addition, all of the messages are archived within the course for future reference. I will not respond to e-mails outside the course. Please use "netiquette" with your written words. Think before you send. Narrative language without the visual effects of a smile or the auditory effects of the tone of your voice can be interpreted as harsh. Please be courteous and always do a spell check on all of your postings and emails.

HIPAA:

The student is responsible to know and follow all HIPAA guidelines both in class, clinical, and outside of these environments. Case review material relating to clinical or practice that is discussed should be devoid of patient identifiers and not discussed outside of the class or clinical setting.

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS:

The student must have access to a private or university computer that can run Mac OSX or WIN XP or higher. Back up options, such as cloud storage, an external hard drive, or flash drives. All written work will be turned in electronically in a Word (.doc or .docx) format. Other formats will *not* be accepted. The student must be familiar with blackboard, FAU e-mail, and announcements, check e-mail and course announcements in Blackboard every 3 days.

GREEN ENVIRONMENT:

At the College of Nursing, we promote a caring environment FOR our environment. Only reusable beverage containers WITH A LID will be allowed in class. So please do not bring ANY disposable coffee cups, water bottles, soda bottles, etc. into the classroom. Also, we will use as little paper as possible, so most assignments will be online. There will be no food in the classroom.

PARTICIPATION: Students are expected to come to and engage in class sessions. Each unit's readings and assignments should be completed by class each Thursday. Any course-related questions may be posted the course Q&A board in blackboard or sent via e-mail to the faculty.

PLAGARISM:

Plagiarizing will result in an automatic zero for all assignments, quizzes or exams.

Plagiarism includes definitions in University handbooks and the APA 6th edition manual (this includes turning in work that belongs to someone else, working on assignments that are not group work in groups and turning this in as individual work, and turning in the same work/assignment in more than one course.)

SCHEDULE AND FORMAT CHANGES:

Faculty reserves the right to make changes in the class schedule or format as deemed necessary to facilitate the learning process.

EVALUATION OF COURSE AND FACULTY:

Students will have the opportunity to evaluate the course and the faculty at the end of the course.

This provides the faculty with excellent feedback and ideas for future courses! Take advantage of helping other future students.

COURSE SCHEDULE

DATE	Topic				Other/ Diagnostic Study
January 10 th	Introduction to Course Pharmacology Exam				Meet with Clinical Faculty
	eLogs				Magnus Summary, HIPPA, SIP Due
January 17 th	Geriatric Focus				
January 24 th	Palliative Care				
January 31 st	Genetics				
February 7 th	Advanced Diabetes Management				
February 14 th	Advanced Lipid management				
February 21 st	Advanced Skills				
Feb 28 th	Advanced Skills				
March 1 st	International Health				
March 7th	SPRING BREAK				
March 14th	Exam # 2				
March 21 st	Practice Management				
March 28 th	Professional Engagement				
April 4 th	Certification/Licensure				
April 11 th	Comprehensive Review				
April 18 th	Comprehensive Review				
April 25 th	Final Davie				
April 30 th	Final Boca				
May 6 th	Grades due	<i>Monday</i>			

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES:

Policies below may be found in:

- a). The faculty reserves the right to make changes in course content and requirements.
- b). The Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Graduate Handbook located at:
<http://nursing.fau.edu/index.php?main=3&nav=457>
- c). Florida Atlantic University's Academic Policies and Regulations
<http://www.fau.edu/academic/registrar/catalogRevs/academics.php>
and <http://www.fau.edu/regulations>

CODE OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The University policy regarding academic integrity is enforced in this course. Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Dishonesty is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it interferes with the University mission to provide a high quality education in which no student enjoys an unfair advantage over any other. Dishonesty is also destructive of the University community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility. Harsh penalties are associated with academic dishonesty. For more information, see:

http://www.fau.edu/regulations/chapter4/4.001_Code_of_Academic_Integrity.pdf

The College of Nursing regards adherence to the Code of Academic Integrity as a professional competency and an expectation of all students. ANY act of dishonesty that violates the code of academic integrity and misrepresents your efforts or ability is grounds for immediate failure of the course.

DISABILITY STATEMENT:

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), students who require special accommodations due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) located in Boca Raton – SU 133 (561-297-3880), in Davie – MOD 1 (954-236-1222), in Jupiter – SR 117 (561-799-8585) or at the Treasure Coast – CO 128 (772-873-3305), and follow all OSD procedures.

INCOMPLETE POLICY:

The Incomplete Grade Policy is enforced. A student who registers for a course but fails to complete the course requirements, without dropping the course, will normally receive a grade of “F” from the course instructor. A student who is passing a course but has not completed all the required work because of exceptional circumstances may, with the approval of the instructor, temporarily receive a grade of “I” (incomplete). This must be changed to a grade other than “I” within a specified time frame, not to exceed one calendar year from the end of the semester during which the course was taken.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Students are expected to attend all of their scheduled University classes and to satisfy all academic objectives as outlined by the instructor. The effect of absences upon grades is determined by the instructor, and the University reserves the right to deal at any time with individual cases of

nonattendance. Students are responsible for arranging to make up work missed because of legitimate class absence, such as illness, family emergencies, military obligation, court-imposed legal obligations, or participation in University-approved activities. Examples of University approved reasons for absences include participating on an athletic or scholastic team, musical and theatrical performances, and debate activities. It is the student's responsibility to give the instructor notice prior to any anticipated absence and within a reasonable amount of time after an unanticipated absence, ordinarily by the next scheduled class meeting. Instructors must allow each student who is absent for a University-approved reason the opportunity to make up work missed without any reduction in the student's final course grade as a direct result of such absence.

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION

In accordance with rules of the Florida Board of Education and Florida law, students have the right to reasonable accommodations from the University in order to observe religious practices and beliefs with regard to admissions, registration, class attendance, and the scheduling of examinations and work assignments. Students who wish to be excused from coursework, class activities, or examinations must notify the instructor in advance of their intention to participate in religious observation and request an excused absence. The instructor will provide a reasonable opportunity to make up such excused absences. Any student who feels aggrieved regarding religious accommodations may present a grievance to the director of Equal Opportunity Programs. Any such grievances will follow Florida Atlantic University's established grievance procedure regarding alleged discrimination.

USE OF STUDENT COURSE MATERIAL

The Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing may use students' course-related materials for legitimate institutional purposes, such as accreditation, university review process, or state board of nursing review process, etc. In such cases, materials will be used within the college and university.

COURSE CALENDAR: Separate document



CHRISTINE E. LYNN COLLEGE OF NURSING

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Nursing is a discipline of knowledge and professional practice grounded in caring. Nursing makes a unique contribution to society by nurturing the wholeness of persons and environment in caring. Caring in nursing is an intentional mutual human process in which the nurse artistically responds with authentic presence to calls from persons to enhance well-being. Nursing occurs in nursing situations: co-created lived experiences in which the caring between nurses and persons enhance well-being. Nursing is both science and art. Nursing science is the evolving body of distinctive nursing knowledge developed through systematic inquiry and research. The art of nursing is the creative use of nursing knowledge in practice. Knowledge development and practice in nursing require the complex integration of multiple patterns of knowing. Nurses collaborate and lead interprofessional research and practice to support the health and well-being of persons inextricably connected within a diverse global

society.

Persons as participant in the co-created nursing situation, refers to individual, families or communities. Person is unique and irreducible, dynamically interconnected with others and the environment in caring relationships. The nature of being human is to be caring. Humans choose values that give meaning to living and enhance well-being. Well-being is creating and living the meaning of life. Persons are nurtured in their wholeness and well-being through caring relationships.

Beliefs about learning and environments that foster learning are grounded in our view of person, the nature of nursing and nursing knowledge and the mission of the University. Learning involves the lifelong creation of understanding through the integration of knowledge within a context of value and meaning. A supportive environment for learning is a caring environment.

A caring environment is one in which all aspects of the person are respected, nurtured and celebrated. The learning environment supports faculty-student relationships that honor and value the contributions of all and the shared learning and growth.

The above fundamental beliefs concerning Nursing, Person and Learning express our values and guides the actions of Faculty as they pursue the missions of teaching, research/scholarship and service shared by the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and Florida Atlantic University.
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