

Capstone NRS-441

Through the course of your program of study you have gained valuable skills that will now become very useful to you as you begin planning your Capstone project.

Recall the following skills: Needs assessment of a specific population, identification of a problem or issue affecting patient care, Literature search using electronic databases, Review of literature to include research articles, journals, and other peer-reviewed sources, Analysis of research and other pertinent data, Synthesis of information to arrive at conclusions, Identification of evidence to support conclusions, Presentation of ideas in written and oral form.

The Capstone course is divided into segments one for each module or week of the course.

Assignments and tasks imbedded in each module comprise a section of the final paper. By focusing on one section at a time you will discover the work of writing a 5000 word assignment more manageable.

As you read the final paper requirements, you may begin to feel overwhelmed and begin to doubt your own abilities to complete the project in the amount of time provided.

If this occurs, attempt to recall the work you have completed for other courses in your program and know that what will be asked of you in this course is much the same.

You have practiced the skills numerous times before and are capable of meeting the challenge.

Other students who have come before you have been successful in completing the project using the timeline and resources provided.

This is proof that it can be done!

Your work will undergo many revisions as you build and refine each section of your project. This is to be expected so try not to get discouraged or expect a perfect paper on your first attempt.

Writing and organizing your thoughts is a process.