Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Description of Learning Outcome
MSN PLO #1 Inquiring Faithfully	Students will demonstrate knowledge, skill, and behavior of the evidence- based practice of nursing which integrates growth in reasoning, analysis, decision-making and the application of theory with the goal of advocating for others and/or self. This includes holistic nursing skills and the nursing process.

Outcome Measures:

Program Learning	Course	Description of Outcome Measure
Outcome (PLO)		
Outcome (PLO) MSN PLO #1	GNSG 6095B + 6096 Compreh ensive Exam	Written Comprehensive Examination (Written CE)The purpose of the Comprehensive Examination is to evaluate the student's ability to apply advanced clinical and theoretical knowledge in a selected area of specialization. The Comprehensive Examination consists of comprehensive evidence synthesis and a proposal for an evidence-based practice project to translate evidence findings in a specialized area of nursing practice. The Written CE takes place during the Summer Semester (Semester 6).
		This assignment assesses students' ability in assessing current practice; acquiring research evidence; analyzing/synthesizing information; and designing an evidence-based quality improvement proposal.

Note: As of 2023-2024, the Written Comprehensive Exam is listed as GNSG 6095B in the Teachout curriculum and GNSG 6096 in the revised MSN curriculum.

Criteria for Success:

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Statement of Criteria for Success
MSN PLO #1	85 % of students will achieve at least 81%

Note: As of 2020-2021, the benchmark has changed from '3 on a 4-point rubric scale' to '81%' based on the revised Grading Rubric.

- 1. Specialized Knowledge
- 2. Broad Integrative Knowledge
- 3. Intellectual Skills/Core Competencies
- 4. Applied and Collaborative Learning
- 5. Civic and Global Learning

AY	Course	Ν	Students Meeting or Exceeding Success Criteria	Comments
2020-2021	GNSG 6095B Comprehen sive Exam B		Benchmark was not met (14/17=82.4%). Overall, it was just below the benchmark of 85%. 2 students failed to submit their papers due date.	Although the class average was 87.6 (ranging from 69.8 to 96.5), several criteria were below 80%, such as abstract, critical appraisal/synthesis, pre-program assessment, implementation, writing mechanics,
			14 students out of 17 (82.4%) who submitted the papers successfully met or exceeded the benchmark on the 1 st attempt.	and APA style. 3 students who failed the Written CE on the 1 st attempt are currently working closely with a faculty to improve the quality of the papers. They are scheduled for a 2 nd submission by October 21, 2021.
				Extension was granted to those 2 students who failed to submit the papers due to family health concern/potential move to other state and health problem (anticipating surgery for arm injury). We will continue to follow up with them.
2021-2022	GNSG 6095B Comprehen sive Exam B		100% (19/19) of students met or exceeded the benchmark of 85%.	The class average was 93.1, ranging from 83 to 99.
2022-2023	GNSG 6095B Comprehen sive Exam B		Benchmark was not met (15/19=73.7%). 15 students out of 20 met or exceeded the benchmark.	The class average was 88.18 (range from 70-99). Criteria below the benchmark for this cohort included critical appraisal, evidence summary, pre-program and scholarly writing. 4 out of 5 students were able to submit the 2 nd attempt within 2 weeks of notice. They addressed all reviewers' comments, and the paper was professionally edited. One student is delayed due to personal issue.
2023-2024	GNSG 6095B +GNSG 6096		Benchmark was not met as 83% of students (10/12) achieved a passing score of 81 on the first attempt	The average score was 88.875 (range of 74.5-98.5). Criteria that fell below the benchmark were critical appraisal, evidence summary, pre-program considerations, and scholarly writing. Both students who did not pass on the first attempt submitted their second attempt within 2 weeks of notice. These students scored above the passing grade of 81% on their second attempt after modifying the sections per grader comments.

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Conclusions Drawn from Data
MSN PLO #1	The data from the Summer 2024 MSN Comprehensive Exam (n=12) were reviewed and shared with faculty. Students performed below the benchmark in the criteria of Evidence Summary (8/12=66%) and Pre-Program (5/12=42%). Both were significantly below the benchmark where 85% of students would score above 81% on these criteria. When compared to the 2023 scores, appraisal criteria dropped from 80% to 75% and scholarly writing scores remained the same from 2023 to 2024 at 75%. These results will be considered in the CE 2025 rubric and also discussed with MSN faculty on how to enhance learning prior to the CE.

Changes To Be Made based on Data

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Description of Changes to be Made Based on Data
MSN PLO #1	Overall, faculty graders discussed the scores and how certain parts of the rubric may be unclear. These were modified for clarity in revisions for 2025. It was also noted that although the benchmark wasn't met, those who had met the benchmark in the evidence summary did very well. The grading team also recommended that students know how to use the rubric to make sure all components are addressed clearly in the paper- this seemed to be why many did not meet the benchmark in the Pre-Program criteria as all points were not addressed in their papers. It was also discussed that scholarly writing scores could be improved by highlighting the use of the TurnIt In's grammar and spell checking ability or by meeting with the writing center.

Rubrics Used: Rubrics are evaluated and modified for clarity, consistency, and accuracy. Inter-rater reliability through a nursing faculty process is assured in the Written CE grading process.

Attached at the end of this document

GNSG 6096: Written CE Grading Rubric

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Description of Learning Outcome
MSN PLO #2 Caring Faithfully	The student will embrace a calling to the ministry of compassionate care for all
	people in response to God's grace, which aims to foster optimal health and bring comfort in suffering and death.

Outcome Measures:

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Course	Description of Outcome Measure
MSN PLO #2	GNSG 6009: Health Promotion across the Lifespan	Health Promotion Group PresentationThe Health Promotion Group Presentation required students to work in small groups on an instructor-assigned topic. The project focused on explaining the significance of the health promotion topic and its impact on a specific demographic. Students set a behavior change goal using a relevant nursing model or theory, developed an action plan with targeted interventions, and outlined three short-term and three long-term goals for effectiveness assessment. Preparation included completing assignments like a team charter, annotated bibliography, group review & analysis paper, and presentation outline. These steps culminated in a final slideshow presentation with a prerecorded oral component, equally shared among group members.The purpose of the Health Promotion Group Presentation project was to evaluate Students' ability to apply key course learning outcomes, including using theoretical and evidence-based concepts related to health promotion and risk reduction across the lifespan. Students analyzed health determinants and disparities, discussed evidence-based national clinical guidelines, and applied strategies to promote healthy behaviors while emphasizing ethical principles and cultural sensitivity in health promotion practices.

Note. As of AY 2023-2024, SON has selected the "GNSG 6009: Health Promotion Group Presentation" assignment for assessing PLO #2- Caring Faithfully.

Criteria for Success:

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Statement of Criteria for Success
MSN PLO #2	85 % of students will achieve at least 81%

- 1. Specialized Knowledge
- 2. Broad Integrative Knowledge
- 3. Intellectual Skills/Core Competencies
- 4. Applied and Collaborative Learning
- 5. Civic and Global Learning

AY	Course	Ν	Students Meeting or Exceeding Success Criteria	Comments
2023-2024	GNSG6009:		The benchmark for this PLO was met in all	The
	Health	22	components of the Health Promotion Group	following results represent the average
	Promotion		Presentation project. All students (22/22)	scores
	Across the		scored at or above the benchmark for each	for each component:
	lifespan		component, successfully meeting the standard	- Team Charter (100%)
			that 85% of students achieve at least 81%.	- Annotated Bibliography (96%)
				- Group Review & amp; Analysis Paper (93%)
				- Presentation Outline: (99%)
				- Group Presentation: (95%)

Note. As of AY 2023-2024, SON has selected the "GNSG 6009: Health Promotion Group Presentation" assignment for assessing PLO #2- Caring Faithfully.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Conclusions Drawn from Data
MSN PLO #2	100% of students met the established level of achievement, demonstrating that all components of the Health Promotion Group Project exceeded the benchmark of 85% of students achieving a grade at or above 81%. The strong average scores across all project components indicate that students not only have the ability to role model Christian servant leadership and advocate for ethical principles in promoting the health of diverse populations (PLO 2: Caring Faithfully) but also effectively apply theoretical and evidence-based concepts related to health promotion and risk reduction across the lifespan. Students successfully analyzed health determinants and disparities, discussed evidence-based national clinical guidelines, and applied strategies to promote healthy behaviors while emphasizing ethical principles and cultural sensitivity in health promotion practices. However, the analysis of the Group Review & amp; Analysis Paper revealed varying levels of proficiency in academic writing. This suggests an opportunity to improve the feedback process by implementing a method to identify individual contributions to the paper. Such an approach would allow for more targeted guidance, ensuring that all student: continue to develop the professional and academic writing skills necessary at the graduate level.

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Description of Changes to be Made Based on Data
MSN PLO #2	Based on the data from the Health Promotion Group Project, several changes will be implemented to enhance the learning experience and outcomes for future cohorts. While students showed strong overall performance, the variability in academic writing proficiency identified in the Group Review & Analysis Paper indicates a need for more individualized feedback. To address this, a system will be introduced to track and evaluate each students' contribution to group papers. One approach is to require students to submit a brief reflective summary of their specific contributions or to highlight their contributions directly within the submitted document. Additionally, grading each student individually for their portion of the paper will allow for a more precise assessment of their writing skills and content understanding. This method will provide instructors with clearer insights into individual performance, enabling more targeted and constructive feedback on students writing abilities.

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Description of Learning Outcome
MSN PLO #3	The student will actively engage in the dynamic interactive process that is
Communicating Faithfully	intrapersonal and interpersonal with the goal of advocating for others and/or self.
	This includes effective, culturally appropriate communication conveys information,
	thoughts, actions and feelings through the use of verbal and nonverbal skills.

Outcome Measures:

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Course	Description of Outcome Measure
MSN PLO #3 Communicating Faithfully	GNSG 6095A+ 6064D: Oral Comprehe nsive Exam	Oral Comprehensive Examination (Oral CE) The purpose of the Comprehensive Examination is to evaluate the student's ability to apply advanced clinical and theoretical knowledge in a selected area of specialization. The Comprehensive Examination consists of comprehensive evidence synthesis and a proposal for an evidence-based practice project to translate evidence findings in a specialized area of nursing practice. The Oral CE takes place during the Spring Semester (Semester 5). This assignment includes 15 minutes for student's Powerpoint presentation of their CE exam and 10 minutes for Q & A in front of 3 faculty members.

Note: As of 2023-2024, this Oral CE is included in GNSG 6064D.

Criteria for Success:

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Statement of Criteria for Success
MSN PLO #3 Communicating	85 % of students will achieve at least 81%
Faithfully	

- 1. Specialized Knowledge
- 2. Broad Integrative Knowledge
- 3. Intellectual Skills/Core Competencies
- 4. Applied and Collaborative Learning
- **3.** Civic and Global Learning

AY	Course	Ν	Students Meeting or Exceeding Success Criteria	Comments
2020-2021	GNSG6095A Comprehens ive Exam A		19/19 students = 100% successful completion of the oral CE on the 1 st attempt (met the benchmark) with the class average score of 91.9.	The average score was 91.9, ranging from 81.1 to 97.7. However, the Introduction and Implementation criteria were below 81%.
2021-2022	GNSG6095A Comprehens ive Exam A		17/18 students = 94.4% successful completion of the oral CE on the 1st attempt (met the benchmark) with the class average score of 91.1.	The average score was 91.1, ranging from 79.17 to 97.67. All criteria scores were above the benchmark 81%. Written evaluation/recommendations from 3 faculty were emailed to each student. One failed student was scheduled for 2nd attempt on May 13 and passed the oral presentation successfully.
2022-2023	GNSG6095A Comprehens ive Exam A		100% of students (19/19) had successfully completed the oral CE on the 1st attempt with the class average score of 93.0.	The average score of 93 with the range from 83.7 to 96.3.
2023-2024	GNSG 6095A+ 6064D: Oral Comprehens ive Exam		100% of students (12/12) had successfully completed the oral CE on the 1st attempt with the class average score of 94.1.	The range of the average score were from 87.8 to 96.6.

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Conclusions Drawn from Data
(PLO) MSN PLO #3	 100% of students met the established level of achievement with an overall class average score of 94.1, which exceeded the benchmark of 85% of students meeting 81 or higher. This year, we had 12 students participate in the Oral CE: 4 students from the previous Teachout curriculum and 8 students from the revised curriculum. While the Teachout students selected a topic and created a hypothetical EBP project plan, the students in the revised curriculum joined an EBP project already in progress at their clinical sites and were mentored by their own preceptors. Furthermore, they were also assisted by the clinical faculty throughout the semester. Overall, students have shown a strong grasp of the EBP process. Each section of the CE presentation exceeded the benchmark, including the Evidence Evaluation Table, which has shown significant improvement compared to the previous year (from 8.4 to 9.4). However, it was noted decreased score in the Introduction section (9.6 from 8.7). The Introduction section discusses the significance of the problem and its impacts on 3 spheres: patients, nurses, and organization. However, it was noted that students presented the background without proper supporting citations or statistical significance. Although the PICO question was presented in the proper template according to the textbook, it needs to be more focused on each element. Students still need assistance with the Outcomes Measurement Table, including logical connections between the Project Aim statement, description of the Program Intervention, selected tools, and data collection procedures. Overall, student participation in the real-world experience of EBP projects at their clinical sites under the supervision of the preceptors and clinical faculty was beneficial for students' learning.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Description of Changes to be Made Based on Data
(PLO) MSN PLO #3	 Three faculty members involved in Oral CE met for debriefing and recommended the following: (1) Continue to allow students to select CE topics from their clinical sites and carry out the evidence-based change project. (2) Continue to have 3 faculty graders who are not involved in students CE (3) Continue to have one adjunct faculty member who is a CNS in a healthcare setting; she brought a very practical perspective in FAQ sessions (4) Invite the clinical faculty involved in GNSG 6064D to the Oral CE (5) emphasize the logical connection of the Project Aim statement, description of Program Intervention, selected tools, and data collection procedures in the Outcomes Measurement Table. (6) Continue using the grading report system with a rubric score template on Google Sheets, enabling automatic calculation. This system has made the grading process smoother and clearer.

Rubrics Used: Attached at the end of this document GNSG 6095A/GNSG 6064L: Oral CE Grading Rubric

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Description of Learning Outcome
MSN PLO #4 Following Faithfully	Defined as claiming the challenge from Florence Nightingale that nursing is a "divine
	imposed duty of ordinary work." The nursing student will integrate the ordinary
	work by complying with and adhering to regulatory and professional standards (e.g.
	American Nurses Association (ANA) Code of Ethics, the California Board of
	Registered Nursing (BRN), Scope of Nursing Practice, SON Handbook). This includes
	taking responsibility, being accountable for all actions and treating others with
	respect and dignity.

Outcome Measures:

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Course	Description of Outcome Measure
MSN PLO #4	GNSG 6003: Following Faithfully- Healthcar e Policy & Ethics	<u>Telehealth Discussion</u> The purpose of the Telehealth Discussion is to evaluate the student's ability to engage in intellectual dialog with their peers on benefits and risks of telehealth medicine/nursing to include accessibility, convenience, and cost-effectiveness, but also recognize the presents challenges related to technology barriers, privacy, and maintaining personal connections.

Note. As of 2023-2024, SON selected the GNSG 6003 Telehealth Discussion to assess PLO #4.

Criteria for Success:

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Statement of Criteria for Success
MSN PLO #4	85 % of students will achieve at least 81%.

- 1. Specialized Knowledge
- 2. Broad Integrative Knowledge
- 3. Intellectual Skills/Core Competencies
- 4. Applied and Collaborative Learning
- 5. Civic and Global Learning

AY	Course	Ν	Students Meeting or Exceeding Success Criteria	Comments
2022-2023	GNSG6095A Comprehens ive Exam A		The average score of this Implementation Criterion was 17.6 out of 20, which exceeded the benchmark of 16. However, 17 out of 19 students (89.5%) met or exceeded the benchmark score of 16 (81% or higher).	from 14 to 18.7 (out of 20). One student who had
2023-2024	GNSG 6003: Following Faithfully- Healthcare Policy & Ethics	-	100% of students met the established level of achievement with an overall class average score of 99.9%. The average score of this criterion was 75 out of 75, which exceeded the benchmark of 22. All 26 students met or exceeded the benchmark score of 81% or higher.	Note that this course was new. Also, there were 2 sections of this course- 1 face to face with 5 students and 1 asynchronous online with 21 students.

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Conclusions Drawn from Data
MSN PLO #4	Students excelled in the discussion assignment, producing insightful initial posts with substantial depth and strong evidence support. Their responses fostered a collegial environment, characterized by constructive debate and peer-to-peer challenges.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Description of Changes to be Made Based on Data
MSN PLO #4	This assignment can be modified in future iterations to include requiring the graduate student to brainstorm action plans to overcome identified barriers inherent to telehealth. This can include writing SMART goals to objectively state and measure the perceived benefit articulated within the action plan.

Rubrics Used: Attached at the end of this document GNSG 6003: Discussion Grading Rubric

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Description of Learning Outcome
MSN PLO #5 Leading Faithfully	The student will incorporate a foundational relationship with Christ and others and embrace a willingness to serve others in the midst of life- circumstances (e.g. illness, injustice, poverty). The student will role-model the need for "Sabbath Rest" as a means of personal renewal, and true care of the self so that service to others is optimally achieved. The student will incorporate the characteristics of a servant leader including: humility, courage, forgiveness, and discernment.

Outcome Measures:

Program Learning	Course	Description of Outcome Measure
Outcome (PLO)		
MSN PLO #5	GNSG	IOM Future Initiatives Paper
	6003:	
	Following	The purpose of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) paper is to challenge students to take
	Faithfully-	an evaluative approach in measuring the forward progress of the nursing profession.
	Healthcar	Students are required to begin by reviewing the initial report and its several iterations,
	e Policy &	and thus determine if change has been made and sustained within one of the IOM
	Ethics	recommendations. The Institute of Medicine acts as an authoritative resource of
		information and guidance for diverse stakeholders in the healthcare sector. The
		Decennial Healthy People Reports assists in driving change, shaping policy, enhancing medical practices, and ultimately improving population health and well-being.

Note: As of 2023-2024, SON selected the GNSG 6003- IOM Future Initiatives Paper for assessing PLO #5.

Criteria for Success:

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Statement of Criteria for Success
MSN PLO #5	85 % of students will achieve at least 81%.

- 1. Specialized Knowledge
- 2. Broad Integrative Knowledge
- 3. Intellectual Skills/Core Competencies
- 4. Applied and Collaborative Learning
- 5. Civic and Global Learning

AY	Course	Ν	Students Meeting or Exceeding Success Criteria	Comments
2022-2023	GNSG6023 Evidence Based Practice Process		100% (19/19) students scored at or above the benchmark. So, the criteria for success was met- 85 % of students will achieve at least 81%. The average score on the EBP Phase II paper was 60.7/65 points or 93%, paper scores ranging from 55-65 points.	synchronous hybrid with 12 students and
2023-2024	GNSG 6003: Following Faithfully- Healthcare Policy & Ethics		100% (26/26) students scored at or above the benchmark. The average score for the criterion was 135/140 (97%), thus the standard of 85% of students will achieve at least 81%, was achieved.	Note that this course was new. Also, there were 2 sections of this course- 1 face to face with 5 students and 1 asynchronous online with 21 students.

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Conclusions Drawn from Data
MSN PLO #5	All students provided a comprehensive overview of the importance of integrating Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) into all aspects of healthcare. They effectively outlined the significance of their topics in addressing health disparities and promoting health equity and offered clear explanations and examples throughout their writing that were supported by evidence. Students proposed actionable strategies to successfully meet the selected IOM recommendation, to include stakeholder engagement. An area for growth that was evident for many students was APA formatting to enhance the scholarly writing product. 5 of 26 scored in the emerging category for this rubric item yielding 17 of 20 points.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

Program Learning Outcome (PLO)	Description of Changes to be Made Based on Data
MSN PLO #5	The SON has committed to enhancing the APA writing prowess of all students. This will be accomplished by mandating APA 7th edition for all submitted papers. The students will also be encouraged to utilize the writing lab resource to assist in the writing process.

Rubrics Used: Attached at the end of this document GNSG 6003: IOM Future Initiatives Paper Grading Rubric

Oral Comprehensive Examination: Evidence Based Practice Project Rubric

Passing = 81%

Student_____

Date_____

Title of Project _____

STUDENT LEARNING	Initial	Emerging	Developing	Highly Developed (90%-100%)	Points	Points
OUTCOMES	<69%	70%-79%	80% - 89%		Possible	Awarded
practice to determine appropriate application of interventions across	Points: 0-6 Meets <u><</u> 6 criteria in highly developed column	Points: 7 Meets 7 of 10 criteria in highly developed column	Points: 8 Meets 8 of 10 criteria in highly developed column	 Points: 9-10 Meets 9-10 criteria in highly developed column Examines significant problem in an area of nursing specialization Meets the following criteria (n = 10) Introduction of self with first name, last name and credentials Identifies purpose of presentation Problem statement is clear, focused and logically related to background Includes supportive relevant statistical data of the problem Examines impact of the identified problem in relation to the 3 areas: Patients Nursing/Nurses Organization/System 	10	

Score /100 pts

					 Identifies best practice Compares and contrasts current practice with best practice 		
	,	Points: 0-6	Points: 7	Points: 8	Points: 9-10	10	
		—	Meets 7 of 10	Meets 8 of 10	Meets 9-10 criteria in highly developed column		
ii C	nterventions across	•••	criteria in highly developed column	criteria in highly developed column	Develops PICO question and describes appropriate search strategies and theoretical framework		
F	PLO 1.1,1.2				 Meets the following criteria (n = 10): Clearly stated PICO question using PICO format: Population Intervention Comparison Intervention Outcome Describes evidence search strategies using various databases Describes detailed evidence search strategies with limiting parameters and keywords used Sufficient amount of evidence identified & how evidence chosen Describe EBP theoretical framework in relation to problem, provide rationale for using the theory & identify pertinent steps of the theory (3 criteria) 		

Apply ethical analysis and clinical reasoning to assess, intervene and evaluate advanced nursing care delivery (MSN Essential I:4) Synthesize evidence for practice to determine appropriate application of interventions across diverse populations. (MSN Essential I:5) PLO 3.2, 3.3 Perform rigorous critique of evidence from databases to generate meaningful evidence for nursing practice. (MSN Essential IV-6) PLO 1.3, 1.4, 2.3	Points: 0-6 Meets ≤ 6 criteria in highly developed column	Points: 7 Meets 7 of 10 criteria in highly developed column	Points: 8 Meets 8 of 10 criteria in highly developed column	 Points: 9-10 Meets 9-10 criteria in highly developed column Evidence Evaluation Table (as an appendix) includes succinct summary key features from published evidence, including the items below Meets the following criteria (n = 10): Authors/year/ Title Purpose Design & level of evidence Sample & setting Measurements- Instruments/Tools Used, Identifies Validity & Reliability Results Critiques/appraises quantitative research study: Validity Reliability Applicability OR Critiques/appraises qualitative research study: Trustworthiness Credibility Dependability 	10	
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					10	
Apply ethical analysis and clinical reasoning to	Points: 0-6	Points: 7	Points: 8	Points: 9-10		
assess, intervene and evaluate advanced nursing care delivery (MSN Essential I:4)	Meets <u><</u> 6 criteria in highly developed column	Meets 7 of 10 criteria in highly developed column	Meets 8 of 10 criteria in highly developed column	Meets 9-10 criteria in highly developed column		
Synthesize evidence for practice to determine appropriate application of interventions across diverse populations. (MSN Essential I:5)				Evidence Synthesis Table (as an appendix). Critically appraises the primary research evidence and inter-professional sources of evidence. Synthesizes the key findings of the evidence review, including the items below		
Articulate to a variety of audiences the evidence base for practice decisions, including the credibility of sources of information and the relevance to the practice problem confronted.				 Meets the following criteria (n = 10): Identifies interventions in all pieces of evidence Identifies outcomes of all pieces of evidence Includes comparison of all evidence's outcomes Concisely summarizes other interprofessional sources of evidence including clinical practice guidelines (CPGs), systematic reviews, position statements, benchmarks) 		
(MSN Essential IV-3)				 Cites common themes among evidence Identifies outliers in evidence and how to 		
Apply practice guidelines to improve				 address in application of intervention Cites high-quality evidence related to the topic, including the credibility of sources Compares and contrasts findings from different studies Synthesize evidence for practice to determine appropriate application of interventions Identify the specific intervention supported by the evidence and how it will be applied 		

practice and the care environment. (MSN Essential IV-5)				
Perform rigorous critique of evidence from databases to generate meaningful evidence for nursing practice. (MSN Essential IV-6)				
PLO 1.3, 1.4, 2.3				

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Analyze information about quality initiatives	Points: 0-12	Points: 14	Points: 16	Points: 18-20	20	
recognizing the contributions of individuals and inter- professional healthcare	Meets <u><</u> 6 criteria in highly developed column	Meets 7 of 10 criteria in highly developed column	Meets 8 of 10 criteria in highly developed column	Meets 9-10 criteria in highly developed column		
teams to improve health outcomes across the continuum of care				Evaluate the pre-program change with characteristics of the environment		
(MSN Essential III-1) Analyze information and				Meets the following criteria (n = 10, 2 points each) Appraises feasibility of the intervention as it pertains to		
design systems to sustain improvements and promote transparency using high reliability and just culture				 the environmental context including: Physical factors Cultural considerations Clear/thorough discussion of organizational 		
principles (MSN Essential III-3)				stakeholders and impact each stakeholder has on progression of clinical change • Accurately and clearly discussed SWOT analysis- assessment of the internal and external environment's:		
PLO 2.2, 2.3, 3.5, 5.3				Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats		
				 Describe environment's strengths & opportunities to encourage "buy-in" of reader and stakeholders Describe how to mitigate environment's weaknesses & threats to encourage "buy-in" of 		
				 reader and stakeholders Cost benefit assessment is convincing and adds to "buy-in" 		

Design and implement systems change strategies that improve the care environment. (MSN Essential II-6)	Points: 0-12 Meets <u><</u> 6 criteria in highly developed column	Meets 7 of 10 criteria in highly	Meets 8 of 10	Points: 18-20 Meets 9-10 criteria in highly developed column	20
Direct quality improvement methods to promote culturally responsive, safe, timely, effective, efficient, equitable and patient- centered care. (MSN Essential II-7) Evaluate outcome data				 Outcomes Measurement Table (an appendix) & Implementation Strategies & Outcomes Meets the following criteria (n = 10, 2 points each) Outline steps for implementation plan of proposal in a logical sequence, detailed and clearly stated Describe practice change/intervention innovation Realistic timeline Identify if IRB process or quality improvement approval is required Identify outcomes and measurement tools, include validity & reliability of tools/instruments Describe sampling method, data collection and management plan Identify Evaluation Plan (Analysis) Estimated project cost &/or savings potential Future Recommendations Describe the sustainability of the project over time Conclusion includes restatement of the problem, desired outcomes and succinct evaluation of the 	

using current communication technologies, information systems, and statistical principles to develop strategies to reduce risks and improve health outcomes (MSN Essential V-2) PLO 1.2, 3.3, 3.4, 4.1, 4.2, 5.2)				evidence without redundancy or introduction of new material		
Conduct a comprehensive and systematic assessment as a foundation for decision-making. (MSN Essential IX- 1) PLO 3.2	Points: 0-3 points Meets <u><</u> 3 of 5 criteria in highly developed column	ľ	Meets 4 of 5 criteria in highly developed column	 Points: 5 Meets 5 criteria in highly developed column Organization Meets the following criteria (n = 5, 1 point each) Organizational pattern meets the following criteria Specific introduction Sequenced material within the body, and transitions) are clearly and consistently observable Skillful and made the content of the presentation cohesive Logical flow of presentation, with appropriate transitions Conclusion 	5	
Use effective communication strategies to develop, participate, and lead inter-professional teams and partnerships MSN Essential VII-4	Points: 0-3 points Meets <u><</u> 3 of 5 criteria in highly developed column	ľ	Meets 4 of 5 criteria in highly developed column	Points: 5 Meets 5 criteria in highly developed column Language Meets the following criteria (n = 5, 1 point each) Language choices meet all of the following criteria: Imaginative, memorable, and compelling Enhance the effectiveness of the presentation Appropriate to the audience	þ	

PLO 3.2)				 Language without bias (e.g. gender) or informality Maintenance of confidentiality 		
Use information and communication technologies, resources and principles of learning to teach patients and others. (MSN Essentials V-5) (PLO 3.1,3.2)	Meets <u><</u> 6 of 10 criteria in highly	Meets 7 of 10 criteria in highly	Points: 4 Meets 8 of 10 criteria in highly developed column	 Points: 4.5-5 Meets 9-10 criteria in highly developed column Presentation Delivery Meets the following criteria (n= 10, 0.5 points each) Delivery techniques Posture, Gesture, Engaging Eye contact, Vocal expressiveness- speech free from fillers (e.g. uh, like, um, etc.), Appropriate volume Appropriate rate/pace – neither too fast nor too slow Compelling presentation Speaker appears polished / confident Time-limit adherence to 10 minutes and 10 minute Q&A period Expert response to questions 	5	

	Points: 0-3	Points: 3.5	Points: 4	Points: 4.5-5
(PLO 3.1, 3.3)	criteria in highly	criteria in highly	Meets 8 of 10 criteria in highly developed column	Meets 9-10 criteria in highly developed column Presentation mechanics
				 Meets the following criteria (n = 10, 0.05 points each) Slides were within the 8 slide guideline (not including title and reference) Slides: Spelling accurate Slides: Grammar accurate Slides: Slides concise, clear, readable Professional dress Arrived on time & prepared Presentation sent in on time (1 week prior to date of presentation) Appendices and required paperwork adhere to APA 7th edition formatting Required Paperwork: Spelling accurate Required Paperwork: Grammar accurate
Total Points: 100				

Examiner's Comments:

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Strengths demonstrated in the Oral Comprehensive Examination:

Opportunities for growth demonstrated in the Oral Comprehensive Examination:

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Written Comprehensive Examination: Evidence Based Practice Project Rubric

All Sections Must Be Included in the Written Examination

Developing

Emerging

Passing = 81%

Title _____

Course

 Student/Author of Paper______
 Spring/Summer______
 Score: / 100 pts

Initial

• Compares and contrasts current practice with best practice

Points

Points

Learning	<70%	70-79%	80-89%	90%-100%	Poss.	Awarded
Outcomes						
	Ab	stract				
I. Develop a concise abstract of the significant aspects of the EBP project	1-2 pts Meets < 2 criteria in highly developed column	3 pts Meets 2 of 4 criteria in highly developed column	4 pts Meets 3 of 4 criteria in highly developed column	 5 pts Meets the following criteria (n = 4) Background and summary of evidence synthesis Project implementation plan Implications for nursing practice Limits to 250 words (single paragraph without paragraph indentation, no abbreviation/citations) and includes 5-6 keywords 	5	
	Intro	duction		·		
II. Examine significant problem in an area of nursing specialization	0-10 pts Meets < 4 criteria in highly developed column	11-12 pts Meets 4 of 6 criteria in highly developed column	12-13 pts Meets 5 of 6 criteria in highly developed column	 14-15 pts Meets the following criteria (n =6) Problem statement is clear, focused and logically related to background Includes supportive relevant statistical data of the problem Examines impact of the identified problem in relation to the: Patients Nursing/Nurses Organization/System 	15	

Highly Developed

Evidence Synthesis

III. Develop PICO	0 – 6 pts	7 pts	8 pts	9-10 pts	10	
question and describes appropriate search strategies theoretical frameworks	Meets < 4 criteria in highly developed column	Meets 4 of 6 criteria in highly developed column	Meets 5 of 6 criteria in highly developed column	 Meets the following criteria (n=6) PICO and search strategies: Clearly states PICO question using PICO format (i.e. Population, Intervention, Comparison, Outcome) Describes evidence search strategies using at least 3 databases Describes detailed evidence search strategies with limiting parameters and keywords used Sufficient amount of evidence identified (10 articles within previous 5 years) Describes EBP model in relation to problem Identify EBP model and identifies pertinent steps of the model provides rationale for using the model and alignment with this project/organizational culture 		
IV. Critically appraise the primary research evidence and inter- professional sources of evidence	0 – 6 pts Meets <4 criteria in highly developed column	7 pts Meets 4 of 6 criteria in highly developed column	8 pts Meets 5 of 6 criteria in highly developed column	 9 – 10 pts Meets the following criteria (n = 6) Logically presents content by themes Compares and contrasts findings from different studies Critically appraises research evidence including the key elements (sample, design, results, interpretations of findings, and strengths/limitations for validity, reliability, and applicability) as needed to support the value of the findings Concisely summarizes other inter-professional sources of evidence including clinical practice guidelines, as applicable (CPGs, position statements, benchmarks) Cites high-quality evidence related to the topic Connects evidence appraisal to the Evidence Evaluation Table (Appendix F: Evidence Evaluation Table) 	10	

V. Evidence	0 – 6 pts	7 pts	8 pts	9-10 pts	10	
Summary:						

Develop	Meets < 5 criteria	Meets 5 of 6 criteria	Meets 6 of 7	Meets the following criteria (n = 7)	
a logical	in highly developed	in highly developed	criteria in highly	 Logically and systematically discusses the significance of the 	
discussion of the	Column	column	Developed	evidence review findings in relation to: Patient	
findings as they			column	Nurse/nurses	
pertain to the				 System/organization 	
project				• Existing research without restating the evidence evaluation	
discussion of the				 Limitations of the evidence evaluation 	
findings				 Evidence-based change project 	
mungs				Appendix G: Evidence Synthesis Table	

	Pro	oposal				
VI. Assess the	0-6 pts	7 pts	8 pts	9-10 pts	10	
pre-program						
change with	Meets < 5 criteria	Meets 5 of 7 criteria	Meets 6 of 7	Meets the following criteria (n = 7)		
characteristics	in highly	in highly developed	criteria in highly	Appraises feasibility of the intervention as it pertains to		
of the	developed	column	developed	the environmental context including:		
environment	column		column	Physical considerations of project implementation setting		
				EBP cultural considerations		
				Clear/thorough discussion of organizational stakeholders		
				and impact each stakeholder has on progression of clinical		
				change		
				• SWOT analysis of the environment (strength, weakness,		
				opportunity, threat) is accurately and clearly discussed		
				• Focus on environment's strengths & opportunities to		
				encourage "buy-in" of reader and stakeholders		
				• Strategies on how to mitigate environment's weaknesses		
				& threats to encourage "buy-in" of reader and stakeholders		
				Cost benefit assessment is convincing and adds to "buy-in"		
VII. Discuss	0 – 20 pts	21 – 23 pts	24-26 pts	27 – 30 pts	30	
project implementation	Meets < 6 criteria	Meets 7 of 11	Meets 8-9 of 11	Mosts the 10-11 following criteria $(n - 11)$		
including	in highly	criteria in highly	criteria in highly	Meets the 10-11 following criteria (n = 11) Outlines steps for project implementation in a logical		
evaluation	developed	developed column	developed	sequence, detailed and clearly stated, including:		
evaluation	column	developed column	column	 Describe the aims of the project (identify patient-, nurse-, 		
	column		column	and/or organization-related outcomes)		
				Describe sampling method		
				Describe practice change intervention		
				 Identify all pertinent measurement tool for each outcome, including validity & reliability of tools/instruments- (address tools 		
				for patient and/or nurse outcomes, as applicable)		
				 data collection and management plan 		
				Identify Evaluation Plan (Analysis)		
				 Identify if IRB process or quality improvement 		
				 approval is required and realistic timeline If project is carried out, provide result 		
				 Estimated project cost &/or savings potential 		
				 Future Recommendations, including plan for sustainability of 		
				the project over time		
				Conclusion includes restatement of the problem, desired		
				outcomes (impacts on 3 spheres) and succinct evaluation of		

				 the evidence without redundancy or introduction of new material Appendix H: Outcomes Measurement Table 	
VIII. Create Evidence Evaluation Table (Appendix F)	Meets < 5 criteria in highly developed column	Meets 5 of 7 criteria in highly developed column	Meets 6 of 7 criteria in highly developed column	 Meets the following criteria (n = 7) Evidence Evaluation Table (as an appendix) includes succinct summary key features from published evidence of 10 studies including: Authors/year/title Purpose (including major variables studied) Design and level of evidence Sample and setting Measurements Results/findings Validity, reliability & applicability (quantitative) OR Trustworthiness, credibility & dependability (qualitative) 	
IX. Create Evidence Synthesis Table (Appendix G)	Unclear connections/com parisons across studies	Table includes some features from some studies	Table includes some pertinent features of all 10 studies	Evidence Synthesis Table includes succinct and pertinent features to compare across all 10 studies	
X. Create Outcome Measurement Table (Appendix H)	Unclear connections	Table include some pertinent features of some criteria	Table includes some pertinent features of all criteria	Outcome Measurement Table includes succinct and pertinent features to address key elements of the proposal for primary and secondary outcomes	

	Professiona	l, Scholarly Writing				
X. Scholarly	1 -2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts	5	
Writing:						
Construct a	Meets < 4 criteria in	Meets 4 of 6 criteria	Meets 5 of 6	Meets the following criteria (n = 6)		
scholarly	highly developed	in highly developed	criteria in	 Does not exceed 12 pages in length (exclusive of 		
change	column	column	highly	title page, abstract, reference pages and appendices)		
process paper			developed	Organized with proper headings such as		
			column	Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion,		
				References, and Appendices with necessary subheadings/transitions		
				 Written cogently and flows smoothly. 		
				 Contains < 5 grammar, spelling and/or punctuation 		
				errors for the entire paper, including attachments		
				 Sentences written without fragments or run-ons. 		
				Paragraphs are neither short or long.		
				• At least current 10 professional, primary, peer-		
				reviewed research articles cited (5 years)		
XI. Apply APA	1 -2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts	5	
	Meets < 9 criteria	Meets 9-10 of 13	Meets 11-13 of	Meets the following criteria (n = 13)		
format	in highly developed	criteria in highly	13 criteria in	Written Comprehensive Examination was typed/formatted		
according to	Column	developed column	highly developed	according to APA 7th edition		
the 7th edition	column		column	• Title page		
of the APA				Font and typeface		
manual						
manual				Page numbers		
				Margins		
				• Spacing		
				Headings		
				Abbreviations Declarations		
				 Professional Language (e.g. no use of contractions, first person, colloquialisms) 		
				Citations		
				 Italics for points of emphasis 		
				 Direct Quotes (max = 1) 		
				Reference page		
				 Appendices (e.g. Evidence Evaluation Table) 		

GNSG 6003: Following Faithfully-Healthcare Policy & Ethics Discussion Board Rubric 75pts

	Criterion				
	Unacceptable 5 pts Student did not meet the requirement at a graduate level.	Acceptable 11 pts	Very Good 13 pts	Excellent 15 pts	
Quality of Discussion	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Very Good	Excellent	
	The discussion postings do not further the discussion or do not adequately address the question and/or topic of discussion. The postings show a lack of engagement in the discussion.	The discussion postings are usually thorough in addressing the question and/or topic in a way that respects his/her classmate and furthers or deepens the discussion but some postings need to be strengthened.	Student is consistent in thoroughly addressing the question and/or topic in a way that respects his/her classmate and furthers or deepens the discussion.	Student is consistent in thoroughly addressing the question and/or topic in a way that respects his/her classmate and substantially furthers or deepens the discussion	
Participation	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Very Good	Excellent	
	Student has not made any attempt to participate in the discussion	Student has met the requirement of three postings for each section and the post are good but could be strengthened.	Student has met the requirement of three postings for each section and the posts are consistently substantial.	Student has consistently participated in the discussion and the posts are consistently substantial.	
Support of Conclusions	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Very Good	Excellent	
	Student does not adequately support conclusions made.	Student provides support for conclusion although not consistently.	Student provides consistent support from course resources and/or life experience to support his/her conclusions.	Student provides consistent and extensive support from course resources and/or life experience to clearly support his/her conclusions.	
Concepts	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Very Good	Excellent	
	Terms and concepts are neither defined nor used correctly.	Terms and concepts are not expressed as clearly as they ought.	Terms and concepts are expressed clearly and used correctly	Terms and concepts are consistently expressed clearly, used correctly and express in a way that is easy to understand.	

Thoroughness	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Very Good	Excellent
	Discussion postings are not adequately completed.	Most discussion postings are completed well but some aspects are weak or not fully developed or too wordy.	All discussion postings are completed well. Postings are substantial yet succinct.	All discussion postings are completed well. Postings are substantial yet succinct and clearly address the questions and/or concerns raised in the original posting.

GNSG 6003: Following Faithfully-Healthcare Policy & Ethics IOM Future of Nursing Initiative Scholarly Paper Rubric 140 points

Student Learning	Initial	Emerging	Developing	Highly Developed
Outcomes	15 points	17 points	19 points	20points
Analyze information about quality initiatives recognizing contributions of individuals and interprofessional healthcare teams to improve healthcare outcomes across the continuum of care CLO 1.1, 1.2,1.3	Included 2 or less of the 5 criteria listed under "highly developed"	Included 3 of the 5 criteria listed under "highly developed"	Included 4 of the 5 criteria listed under "highly developed"	Identify Future of Nursing initiative including the following: -Description of the initiative -Description of the impact on nursing -Description of the setting -Purpose for selection -Identification of stakeholders
2. Synthesize evidence for practice to determine appropriate application of interventions across diverse populations CLO 1.1,1.2,1.3	Literature synthesis included 3 or less sources of data/evidence	Literature synthesis included 4 sources of data/evidence	Literature synthesis included 5 sources of data/evidence	Synthesize key literature associated with initiative include 6 sources of data/evidence (minimum) (ex. accreditation, regulatory) that are clearly articulated, logical, closely aligned to support the identified initiative.
3.Apply leadership skills and decision making in the provision of culturally responsive, high quality nursing care, healthcare team coordination and oversight & accountability for	No areas clearly outline nurse leadership for the initiative	One area clearly outline nurse leadership for the initiative	Two of the 3 areas clearly outline nurse leadership for the initiative	Three areas clearly outlined and analyzed within the context of the identified initiative Patient Nurses/Staff Organization/System

care delivery and				
outcomes.				
CLO 2.1, 2.2				
4.Employ collaborative strategies in the design, coordination and evaluation of patient centered care CLO 4.1	Less than 2 steps included under the "highly developed" criteria	2 steps included under the "highly developed" criteria	3 steps included under the "highly developed" criteria	Formulate step by step by step plan for nurse leader involvement in the initiative (SLOs). Plan is, -Aligned to the <u>current</u> mission and/or goals of the department/institution -Aligned to proposed nursing vision of the institution -Identifies initiative champions -Identifies an ongoing/sustained mechanism for involvement with initiative
5.Participate, leading when appropriate, in collaborative teams to improve outcomes and support policy changes through knowledge generation, dissemination and planning and evaluating knowledge implementation.	Lesson plan met <3 of the 5 criteria listed under "highly developed"	Lesson plan met 3 of the 5 criteria listed under "highly developed"	Lesson plan met 4 of the 5 criteria listed under "highly developed"	Attach a systematic plan for education of other healthcare professionals on the identified initiative Including the following -Topic -Academic goal that is participant oriented -Time allotted for instructional procedures/teaching strategies -Description of instructional procedures/teaching strategies -Description of

				proposed evaluation of program
6. Use information and communication technologies, resources and principles of learning to teach patients and others. CLO 4.4.2,4.3 CLO 5.1	Paper met 3or less of the 6 criteria listed under "highly developed"	Paper met 4 of the 6 criteria listed under "highly developed"	Paper met 5 of the 6 criteria listed under "highly developed"	Construct a scholarly paper meeting the following 6 criteria: -7-8 pgs. in length (exclusive of title, reference page and appendices); -Organized with an introduction, body, conclusion and necessary transitions -Contains < 5 grammar, spelling and/or punctuation errors for the <u>entire</u> paper, including attachments -Sentences written without fragments or run-ons -Paragraphs are neither short or long -At least 5 current (\leq 5 years) and peer- reviewed journals cited.
7. Apply the best available evidence from nursing and other sciences as the foundation for practice. CLO 4.4.2,4.3 CLO 5.1	Typed/formatted according to APA 7 th edition including ≤ 6 of the 12 elements listed under the "highly developed" column	Typed/formatted according to APA 7 th edition including 7-8 of the 12 elements listed under the "highly developed" column	Typed/formatted according to APA 7 th edition including 9-10 of the 12 elements listed under the "highly developed" column	Apply APA format according to the 7th edition of the APA manual including at least 11 of the 12 following: -Title page -Font and typeface -Running head and page numbers -Margins -Spacing -Headers -Abbreviations -Professional

		Language (e.g. no use of contractions, first person, colloquialisms) -Citations -Quotes (max = 1) -Reference page -Appendices
TOTAL POINTS EARNED	Points will not be earned for outcomes not addressed in submitted paper.	Points Possible = 140

		GNSG 6009 He	ealth Promotion Project Presen	tation			
		0	Group Presentation Rubric				
Criteria	Ratings						
Presentation Content	35 pts Distinguished Group demonstrates full knowledge of content with consistent and clear explanations and elaboration of concepts and ideas. Presentation addresses all required elements of the prompt.	29.75 pts Proficient Group mostly demonstrates knowledge of content but doesn't always elaborate on concepts and ideas. The presentation addresses all required elements of the prompt.	26.25 pts Basic Group demonstrates minimal comfort with the information and lacks knowledge of the content with limited elaboration of concepts and ideas. The presentation addresses all required elements of the prompt.	content with no elaboration of concepts and ideas. The presentation may not	0 pts Non-Performance No submission, or group does not seem to have a grasp of the information. May not address the required elements of the prompt.		
Organization & Delivery	35 pts Distinguished The group presents information in a logical, interesting sequence that the audience can follow. Speech is clear and natural. Presenters speak for a roughly equal time, make direct eye contact via the camera, and do not read from notes or the slides	29.75 pts Proficient The group presents information in a logical sequence that the audience can follow. Speech is mostly clear and natural. Presenters speak for a mostly equal time, mostly make direct eye contact via the camera, and only infrequently consult notes.	26.25 pts Basic The group presents information in a mostly logical sequence, but the audience has some difficulty following the presentation. Speech is somewhat unclear or unnatural. The presenters requires greater eye contact via the camera. While all presenters participate, some students speak for substantially more time than others.	because the group jumps around with information. Speech needs significantly greater clarity and flow. Presenters make infrequent eye contact with the camera, relying too heavily on notes or the slides. Some presenters barely contribute to the presentation.	0 pts Non-Performance No submission, or the audience cannot understand the presentation because there is no logical sequence of information, or speech is completely unclear, or the presenters read directly from notes or the slides. OR Some group members do not participate.		
Writing Mechanics	30 pts Distinguished Grammar and spelling are of professional quality, with no distracting errors in the text.	25.5 pts Proficient Grammar and spelling are of generally high quality, with only a few minor errors in the text.	22.5 pts Basic Grammar and spelling are of passable quality, but the text contains several distracting typos that detract from the overall submission.	18 pts Below Expectations Grammar and spelling do not meet the requirementsthere are either many typos or several significant errors that distract from the overall submission.	0 pts Non-Performance No submission, or the t contains enough significant mistakes in grammar and/or spellin to make the submission illegible.		

GNSG 6009 Health Promotion Project Presentation