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*NURS 3405 3305 Scholarly Inquiry & Evidence Based Practice. Three Four semester hours, theory only.

Scholarly Inquiry and Evidence Based Practice focuses on the introductory use of the research process in the development of nursing knowledge and practice. Current reference resources are identified and examined for their value in informing an Evidence Based Nursing Practice. Steps in the research process are detailed. Research questions are explored with regard to theoretical underpinnings, methods of data collection and analysis, and the interpretation and use of study findings to guide the care of individuals, families and communities. The roles and responsibilities of nurses as researchers and scholars are examined. The importance of scientific integrity and maintaining ethical standards in research is emphasized. Published research reports are critically analyzed to determine the applicability of findings to nursing practice. The Evidence Based Practice Hierarchy guides the categorization and evaluation of studies for translation to clinical practice. Gaps in the literature are identified as areas for further study. This is a WIN course.