

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program
NRSG 2121 Professional Identity 1
Assignment – Professional Identity Papers

Value: 30 % of course mark

Part 1	Program Entry Professional Identity Reflection	Value 10%	Due	Week 3
Part 2	Development of Professional Identity	Value 20%	Due	Week 13

Overview

In this course, you have been provided with the opportunity to explore and reflect on the development of your individual Professional Identity as a beginning nursing student.

The purpose of this assignment is to:

- a) Provide an opportunity for students to explore and document their personal perspective of their own *professional nursing identity* as they enter the nursing program (in other words how do you see yourself as a **nurse** as you are starting the BSN Program).
- b) Provide students with an opportunity to write an academic paper and obtain initial feedback about their writing style and skills including the use of a scientific style of writing.
- c) Provide students the opportunity to reflect, research and communicate in a scholarly paper, how their individual professional identity has developed over the first semester of the BSN Program.

Process

PART 1 – Program Entry Perceptions of Nursing

1. Reflect on your current perception of how *you view yourself* as a beginning BSN (nursing) student. Refer to the Marking Rubric as you develop your ideas. This paper is *not* a narrative of what you understand nurses' 'do', 'be' or how they 'act ethically' but how you view *yourself* as a beginning *nursing* student.
2. Write a scholarly (academic) paper summarizing your reflections (2 pages double spaced using Times New Roman 12 point font with 2.5 cm margins) and submit in a Microsoft Word format by the beginning of class on week 3. A separate page (page 3) needs to include 4 strategies of scientific writing you have incorporated into your paper. The four points can be in point form but must be clearly titled and source acknowledged.
3. The style of language used in the paper needs to reflect a formal academic style and not a casual narrative. This paper also needs to reflect the scientific style of writing utilized in nursing.

PART 2 – The development of your Professional Identity

1. Write a scholarly paper describing how your initial perception of yourself as a nursing professional has changed as you progressed through the first semester of the BSN Program. Structure your paper to address the attributes as outlined by Godfrey and Young (2021) which include doing, being and acting ethically. Refer to the Marking Rubric as you develop your ideas. Include:
 - a brief summary (overview) of your current perception of your own individual Professional Identity
 - an *integrated* discussion of influences on your developing sense of “doing”, “being” and “acting ethically” supported from the professional literature (for support in integrating sources into your writing you can refer to a number of sources - one such overview is [*Integrating Sources into Your Writing*](#))
 - A brief discussion of “other” influence(s) on your developing sense of professional identity
 - A summary of changes related to the “Flourishing” of your professional identity
 - A discussion of your plan for the continuing development/growth of your professional identity
2. A scholarly paper includes the following:
 - Title page
 - Introduction, including a clear thesis statement
 - Discussion of the topic **integrating references** to describe and support the ideas/statements/position you are presenting in the paper
 - Direct quotations *should not* be used (paraphrasing/summarizing the literature should be used to increase clarity)
 - Conclusion
 - Reference Page
3. Length: *approximately* 7 pages (typed, double spaced; excluding title page and reference page).
4. Format: 7th ed. APA Style
5. Final references must meet the *minimum* requirement of:
 - 6 references from credible sources (which are not part of the required textbooks/reading for *any* NRSG course)
 - of those 6 references, a *minimum* of 5 must be articles from nursing journals that are academically sound and relevant (for example, if you cite the *Concepts of Nursing Practice* text you would have a minimum of 7 references)
 - from the professional literature
 - current (published within the last 5 – 10 years; with the exception of “classic” publications which may be older)
6. Submit the paper by the beginning of class in Week 13.