NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
NUR 125 – HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES OF NURSING (3 CR.)

Course Description

Examines the cultural, eco-political and global development of professional nursing from ancient times to present day as an historical retrospective. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

Provide students the opportunity to view nursing from a multicultural perspective throughout the ages; the impact it has made on health care around the world; and how nursing has influenced the status of women and their education.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites

Prerequisite is placement into ENG 111, otherwise open enrollment to all students of the College.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Formulate a time line for the development of the nursing profession.
- Explain the effects of politics as related to nursing education throughout the centuries.
- Discuss the effects of nursing education on the global status of women from the 1800s to present time.
- Discuss the global future of nursing in the 21st Century and beyond.

Major Topics to be Included

a. Nursing origins in Ancient times through the Middle Ages.
b. Development of modern nursing: Florence Nightingale
c. Wars and the effect on nursing care.
d. Nursing around the world: educational development, licensure and work opportunities.
e. Changes in Nursing.
f. Politics and Nursing through the 21st Century.