

Faculty Senate Course Form

Effective Date: **Fall 2026** Submission Date: **10/6/25**

Department: **Nursing**

College of: **Arts & Sciences**

Contact Person: **Karen Johnson**

Create New, Revise, Inactivate, or Reactivate: **Revision**

Course #: **NURS 580**

Course Form:

- Used to create new course numbers or new prefixes.
- Used to change Name, Grading, Hours, Description, Reactivate
- Used to inactivate a course from the current catalog. Courses are never deleted. They are made inactive and can be legislated to become active again.

1. Purpose/Justification for the New course or Changes to existing:

Alignment with newly revised AACN Essentials and implementation of competency-based education.

2. Is this related to, and/or affect, any other department/college/unit curricula or programs at Pittsburg State University? *If "Yes", please provide an explanation. Provide documentation of any discussions (e.g. copies of emails, memos, etc.) that have occurred.*

Yes No

3. Is this course to be considered for General Education?

If "yes" this requirement will need approval of the General Education Committee after the revisions have been approved by Faculty Senate. The General Education Course Approval form will also need to be submitted.

Yes No

4. Will this course be required of any education majors?

If "yes," this requirement will need approval of the Council for Teacher Education before upload to "College Curriculum Legislation" in SharePoint.

Yes No

5. Will additional resources or costs be required?

Yes No

If so, what will be needed?

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6. Will any additional course fees be required (e.g. equipment, clothing, travel, licensing, etc.)?

If "yes," complete the Course Fee Form on the Faculty Senate website, it will need to gain approval of the President's Council.

Yes

No

7. Objectives/Student Learning Outcomes for NEW courses only, as it will appear in the syllabus:

Attach with upload.

8. Assessment Strategies (e.g. exams, projects, university rubric, etc.), as it will appear in the syllabus:

Attach with upload.

Course Numbers cannot be changed, only created.

	Exsisting	New/Proposed
Title:	Readings in Nursing	Readings in Nursing
Course Number:	NURS 580	NURS 580
Credits:	1-6	1-6
Grading System:	A-F, IN	A-F, IN
Pre/Co-Requisite(s):	None	None
Course Description:	A nursing elective. Directed individual reading in selected topics in nursing. Offered by appointment to registered nurses desiring to update and increase knowledge in specified areas and for generic students wishing additional elective credit in nursing. May be repeated if subject matter differs.	This course provides registered nurses and generic students with an opportunity for directed individual study in selected topics within the field of nursing. The course allows for flexibility, with content tailored to meet the individual learning needs and interests of each student. It is offered by appointment and can be repeated for additional elective credit if the subject matter differs from previous enrollments.

Authorization Sign-Off

Checklist: Check once verified.



- Required fields completed.
- Syllabus attached for new courses
- Assignment Strategies Attached

-Approved: Department Chair/Director

Date: 10/16/25 Signature, Chair/Director: *Amy Dute*

-Approved: College Curriculum Committee

Date: 1/14/26 Signature, Committee Chair: *Christopher Childers*

-Approved: Dean of College

Date: 1/14/26 Signature, Dean: *Christopher Childers*

-Approved: Council for Teacher Education (if applicable)

Date: _____ Signature, Council Chair: _____

-Approved: University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Date: _____ Signature, Committee Chair: _____

-Approved: Faculty Senate

Date: _____ Signature, Recorder Faculty Senate: _____

Originating Departments(s): After completing this form, please upload it to the SharePoint, within the appropriate College folder, "Preliminary Legislation", to allow for review and questions. Any modifications should be saved as "original file name.v2.docx" and uploaded as well.

Following final College Curriculum Committee approval, please apply the appropriate signatures, and send them to your College Administrator.

Course Name: Readings in Nursing

Course Number: NURS 580

Credit Hours: 1-6

Theory

Clinical

Clinical Experiences	Clock Hours
Direct Patient Care	
Observation	
Simulation	
Precepted	
Lab	

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Course Objectives

Course Objective	PSU SON Program Objectives	AACN Domain, Competency, & Sub-Competencies Alignment	Learning Activities	Behavior Indicators: Developing (1-2)	Behavior Indicators: Developed (1-2)
Develop Critical Appraisal Skills: Critically analyze nursing research for validity, reliability, and relevance, while understanding methodologies, study designs, and statistical analyses used in studies.	4	D: 4 C: 4.1 SC: 4.1f, h, i, j		TBD	
Evaluate the Quality of Evidence: Assess the strength and limitations of evidence in nursing articles, differentiating between various levels of evidence (e.g., systematic reviews, randomized controlled trials, cohort studies) to determine their reliability and applicability to clinical practice.	4	D: 4 C: 4.1 SC: 4.1f, h		TBD	
Enhance Professional Writing Skills: Develop the ability to write clear, concise, and well-structured reviews of nursing research articles, effectively communicating complex findings to both professional and non-professional audiences.	9	D: 9 C: 9.5 SC: 9.5f		TBD	
Foster Ethical Considerations in Research: Understand and analyze ethical issues in nursing research, including patient consent, confidentiality, researcher integrity, and the implications of research findings on nursing practice.	4	D: 4 C: 4.3 SC: 4.3 e, h, i			