NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Health Professions

Course Number and Title
NURS 2301 Nursing Trends and Issues I

Catalog Description
Trends and issues related to contemporary nursing are explored. Social concerns, including economic, legal, bioethical/ethical and political points of view having an impact on nursing and health care are examined.

Prerequisites
NURS 9108 Fundamentals of Nursing
NURS 9203 Nursing Care of Older Adults
NURS 9206 Nursing Care of Adults I

Co-requisites
NURS 9305 Nursing Care of Adults II
NURS 9306 Nursing Care of Childbearing/Childrearing Families

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours
Credit hours: 1
Contact hours: 15 classroom
Load hours: 1

Target Audience/Transferability
Students apply for and are selected for admission into the Nursing Program. While licensure as a Registered Nurse is an end-goal for some individuals, all AAS nursing graduates are eligible to seek advanced placement toward a BSN degree at most colleges and universities. This course is intended for Traditional Track students in the 3rd semester of the Nursing Program.

Student Learning Outcomes
Following completion of this course, the student will:

1. Articulate the history of current trends in professional nursing
2. Critically analyze the current major issues impacting/confronting the nursing profession
3. Articulate and defend rationale for personal position related to specific issues in nursing and health care
4. Explore the contemporary image of professional nursing
5. Evaluate and compare current proposed solutions and initiatives for resolution of the most pressing health care problems in our nation and world.
6. Investigate and evaluate the influence of political action in nursing

Topics
History of current trends in professional nursing

Current major issues impacting/confronting the nursing profession
Personal views/opinions related to specific issues in nursing and healthcare
The contemporary image of professional nursing
Initiatives/solutions for resolving healthcare problems in the nation and world
Political action in nursing

Forms of Assessment

To earn an "**A**", the student will:

1. Attend every class session
2. Participate in class discussions/debates
3. Submit a written paper on a current issue in nursing and do an oral presentation on the same issue to the class*
4. Interview a state/national legislator, chief officer (operations, executive, etc.) or chief nursing administrator of a local health care institution**

To earn a "**B**", the student will:

1. Miss no more than one class session
2. Participate in class discussions/debates
3. Submit a written paper on a current issue in nursing*
4. Interview a state/national legislator, chief officer (operations, executive, etc.) or chief nursing administrator of a local health care institution**

To earn a "**C**", the student will:

1. Miss no more than two class sessions
2. Participate in class discussions/debates
3. Submit a written report on a current issue in nursing*
4. Interview a state/national legislator, chief officer (operations, executive, etc.) or chief nursing administrator of a local health care institution**

* Oral presentation and submitted reports will follow instructor's guidelines
** Interviews will be conducted utilizing instructor's suggested guidelines