



**King Saud University  
College of Nursing  
1438 -1439**

**Course title: Decision Making in Clinical Practice**

**Code: NUR 425**

**Credit unit/hours: 2 (2+0+0)**

**Pre-requisite: NUR 324**

**Co-requisite: none**

**Study Level: 8**

**Course Instructors:**

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**Course Description:**

This course introduces the student to clinical decision-making in nursing. The nursing process is presented, with the focus on making nursing diagnoses and identifying outcome criteria. The social, legal, ethical and cultural context of decision making in nursing is explored. Research is introduced as a method of inquiry and as a foundation for evidence based clinical decisions. Clinical decision-making to promote patient adaptation is emphasized. Students have the opportunity to practice decision making skills in simulated and actual patient settings.

**Course Objectives:**

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

1. Distinguish between terms concepts of clinical decision making and clinical judgment.
2. Compare and contrast between decision making techniques and method.
3. Understand facts for effective decision making
4. Analyze nature of nurse relationship with patient and co-worker.
5. Understand relation of legal and ethical to decision making.

**Teaching strategies:**

Course will be conducted as following

- Interactive lectures
- Small group discussion
- Scenarios
- Situation analysis

## Time table

Weeks	Date	Topic	Exercise
1	27-12	Introduction of course	
2	5-1	Brain storming about how student perceive decision making	Group discussion
3	12-1	Clinical judgment and decision making in nursing. part#1	
4	19-1	Clinical judgment and decision making in nursing. part#2	Scenario
5	26-1	Factors effecting decision making	
6	3-2	<b>Quiz #1</b> Decision making techniques.	
7	10-2	Decision making method. part#1	
8	17-2	<b>Midterm</b>	
9	24-2	Decision making method. part#2	Scenario
10	2-3	legal and ethical issues in clinical decision making	Situation analysis
11	9-3	<b>Quiz # 2</b> Decision making and Nurse patient relationship	
12	16-3	Decision making and Nurse co-worker relationship	Scenario
13	23-3	Scenario in class	
14	30-3	Sum-up of the course and feedback	

<b>Assessment task</b>	<b>Formative (60)</b>
<b>Quiz 1&amp;2</b>	20%
<b>Midterm Examination</b>	15%
<b>Scenarios</b>	20%
<b>Class activity</b>	5%
<b>Term-Work Marks</b>	<b>Total of 60</b>
<b>Final Semester Exam</b>	40 %

### **Course Policies:**

Students and faculty in The College of Nursing each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Student demonstrate academic integrity and honesty, attend and participate in classes, complete the assigned work in a timely manner with attention to quality of work , respectful manner with professors and peers, utilize college resources and respect various ideas and opinions.

### **References:**

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3. Thompson, C. Dowding, D. Clinical Decision-Making and Judgement in Nursing. (2001). Churchill Livingstone.