

# King Saud University College of Nursing

## Course Syllabus

**Course Code** : **NUR 420**

**Course Title** : **Independent Nursing Studies**

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

**Pre-requisite** : **NUR 324**

**Co-requisite** : **None**

**Study Level** : **level 8**

**Course coordinator**: Dr.Olfat Salem

**Course Description** :

Students in Independent Studies engage in-depth exploration of an independent learning experience. Students, in consultation with the course faculty member, choose a specific topic of their interest to investigate, develop a Learning Contract, outlining learning objectives, a learning action plan, teaching strategies, and an evaluation plan. The nature and amount of time and guidance to be provided by the faculty member are also determined. Independent study is intended to develop autonomous, independently competencies in the student, under the overall supervision of the faculty member.

Course outcome:

The following outcomes should be met depending on the project

* Develop critical thinking skills by reading, searching and writing.
* Expand current knowledge in a specific area of interest related to nursing
* Use library to search for existing Information of research relevant to their topic
* Develop or enhance skills in analyzing, synthesizing, and integrating nursing related information or experiences;
* Develop or enhance skills in project identification, development, management, implementation, evaluation, communication, and/or dissemination

***A timeline for completion of the project within one semester;***

***The number of meetings between the faculty and students for evaluation and discussion of the project and their approximate dates is determined between the students and the instructor***

***in the contract form***

*This outline and accompanying form serve as* ***the formal contract for the independent study***

***project.***

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| **Week** | Topics | Activities |
| 1 &  2 | Overview syllabus & introduction  Explaining course description |  |
| 3 | Selecting topics | Students will select one of the following:  Research project or  Teaching project |
| 4 | Self - Directed –using LIBARERY |  |
| 5 | Develop the learning contract | A short description of the project, including a project title and out line |
| 6 to 10 | Independent work for develop the student project | Students will be outside  the class |
| 11 | **Project submission** | Evaluation of the project by the faculty member |
| 12 | **Peer evaluation** | Each student will evaluate his/her colleague individually and confidentially |
| 13 | **Submit the reflecting report** |  |
| 14 | **Project presentation** | Course instructor and External evaluator will evaluate the project |

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| **Evaluation methods** | |
| Contract | 10 |
| Content | 10 |
| Project | 30 |
| Presentation | 20 |
| Reflecting report | 10 |
| Peer evaluation | 10 |
| External evaluator | 10 |
| Total | 100 |