Auburn University School of Nursing  
NURS 3110 Professional Concepts I  
Professional Paper Assignment

The purpose of this paper is to:

- help you understand the importance of conducting a systematic review of professional literature, and
- organize concepts to create a relevant professional paper on a health promotion topic.
- aid you in development of your professional writing skills via feedback from faculty and utilizing the peer review process.
- Assist you with understanding the nursing process' relationship to clinical practice and written communication skills. In terms of the nursing process.

**ASSESSMENT**= getting the facts from the evidence-based sources of the literature review.

**DIAGNOSIS**= sorting the source information, clustering the data, precise statement of the problem/purpose statement construction. **PLANNING/OUTCOMES/GOALS**= establishing a standardized vocabulary of the APA formatting. **IMPLEMENTATION**= communicating with members of the healthcare team via a written format to the professional target audience.

**EVALUATION**= peer review, revisions, and making corrections via faculty feedback.

The paper assignment is broken down into small increments as per the syllabus. These include learning about APA formatting, plagiarism, information literacy (conducting a literature search), constructing an annotated bibliography, working to refine information, and construction of a professional paper.

**Overview of annotated bibliography assignment:**

1. Begin by watching the assigned tutorial module (see syllabus) for writing an annotated bibliography. You will use five (5) professional sources to research your topic. This topic will be assigned by Dr. McMillan at the beginning of the semester. See syllabus for dates that the annotated bib is due. This annotated bib is used to construct a paper.

**Overview of paper assignment:**

The professional paper is a 3 page paper (not including title page, abstract page, and references) that uses your annotated bibliography to explain:

Refer to Professional Paper Rubric for content.

YOU NEED A TITLE PAGE, AND AN ABSTRACT (WITH 3 KEYWORDS). **THIS MEANS YOUR PAPER WILL BE 6 PAGES IN LENGTH.**