

## Welcome Letter for Cultural Foundations of Nursing

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### **Hello and welcome to Cultural Foundations of Nursing !**

I look forward to an exciting semester with you. This course will be taught completely online so will require more self-initiative and discipline than a traditional classroom course. The blackboard will be our classroom for the semester so it is important that you are comfortable using blackboard to review course materials, assignments, and participate in discussions. Discussions are a key aspect of the course and the more you put in to them, the more you will get out of the course. Since we will be learning about culture and healthcare, there is a lot of opportunity for self-reflection of your own beliefs/ideals.

The course itself will not be available until the first day of the semester, Thursday, September 1st.

### **Expectations**

-Weekly participation to all online discussions is required. LATE DISCUSSION BOARD PARTICIPATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Discussion questions will be posted on Thursday or Friday every week with the expectation that you post your responses (as well as responses to at least one of your peers' posts) before the following Friday. -Assignments (papers/presentations) received after scheduled due dates will lose 5 points per day on final grade. -No assignments will be accepted 2 weeks past due date. -Students are expected to be on campus to complete the final quiz with a date TBA during common hours prior to finals week -Students are required to be professional and respectful to the views, beliefs and practices of their classmates.

### **Texts**

Geiger, J. and Davidhizar, R. (2008). Transcultural Nursing: Assessment and intervention. (5th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Mosby.

Riso, D.R. and Hudson, R. (1999). The wisdom of the enneagram: The complete guide to psychological and spiritual growth for the nine personality types. New York: Bantam Books.

## **Grading**

- Self-Assessment Inventory Paper (15%) - Analysis of the Acculturation of my Extended Family (15%) - Cultural Illustration Slideshow Presentation (30%) - Blackboard Participation in Discussion Board (25%) - Final Quiz (15%)

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## **How to Access Blackboard:**

To log on to Bb point your web browser to <http://bb.wpunj.edu> and click the Login button in the upper left. Then enter your username and password in the spaces provided and click login again -- you'll find your course Bb sites listed on the right.

Some things to be aware of as you work with Blackboard:

1. You probably won't find all your courses listed; the only ones that will appear are those that have been activated by the professor teaching the course. Professors who don't use Blackboard will not activate their courses.
2. Your username is comprised of your lastname and firstinitial, usually appended with a numeral. If you don't know your WPUNJ system username password you can use the Username lookup link at <http://bb.wpunj.edu> , or go to it directly at: <http://www.wpunj.edu/username>
3. If you are already logged in to the WPUNJ system through WPCconnect you won't have to re-enter your username and password -- just click the first login button.
4. Blackboard documentation can be found in two places: at Bb Home, <http://bb.wpunj.edu>, before one logs in, and in the Blackboard Support tab after one has logged on.
5. You can always obtain Bb help by using the Problem Report form at <http://bb.wpunj.edu> , or by going to it directly at: <https://liberty.wpunj.edu/bb/support-center/> .

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**Good luck and have fun in the course! Jill Nocella**

