

NUR 202 - Journal Response Guidelines
(See Sample available on my faculty website)

Purpose: This assignment is intended to encourage a sense of professional inquiry and promote the future practice of continuing education. I believe that the real value of your reading is realized when you reflect on the information and apply it to yourself and your developing practice of nursing. My hope is that you will find this assignment personally and professionally stimulating and rewarding.

1. Choose a full length journal article of interest to you that is also related to a topic covered on the corresponding exam. Nursing journals are preferable but you are not limited to nursing journals. You may find an interesting and pertinent article in a psychology or medical journal. The article must be from a professional journal, full length and, not a brief bulletin or news update. Check with me if you have questions.
2. The article must convey information that is not outdated. There are some 'older' read through the article and summarize the author's message and important points. Your summary should be a minimum of one half page and no longer than your first type written page.
3. Spend time reflecting on how the information and author's message relates to you and your developing practice of nursing. Your reflections should be one to two paragraphs and no longer than one type written page.
4. Cite the article, author, journal, etc at the top of page one using same format as sample on my website.
5. **Total length:** 1½ pages minimum to 2 pages maximum, double spaced, Times New Roman font size 12. Margins should be similar to those shown in sample. Excessive spacing will be subtracted from length requirement. Responses that do not meet these requirements will **not** be accepted and will result in a zero grade.
6. Use quotations when taking information directly from the article. You are expected to uphold the CCC Academic Honesty Policy as stated in the college catalog.
7. See a **sample J**. Response on my website. This article can not be used to fulfill the assignment.

Grading Guidelines

Spelling and Grammar	0.5
Summary of Article	0.75
Self Reflection	0.75
Total	2.0%

** J. Response #1, #2 & #3 = 6% of course grade*