

# ***PACE at a Glance***

## ***What course am I taking?***

NURS 175 Special Topics, subtitled “Critical Thinking for Nurses,” is a one-credit undergraduate course that examines the concepts of critical thinking and clinical reasoning as applied to nursing practice. Case studies and scenarios are used to enhance the nurse’s critical thinking and clinical reasoning skills.

## ***What will I learn?***

As a nurse, you face countless situations each day that require the correct application of critical thinking skills to ensure patient safety and positive outcomes. In this course, you will learn both the characteristics of critical thinking and how to apply critical thinking skills through the analysis of various case studies and scenarios.

## ***What will I do?***

In this course, you will learn in a number of ways, such as reading articles, viewing narrated slide presentations, and studying case studies and scenarios.

All of these materials are in Blackboard and are easily accessible. The course is four weeks in length with a section for each week. You will also notice that there is a “Week 0: Getting Started” section; this section will help you become acquainted with online learning, Blackboard, and Regent-specific resources.

There are two basic types of graded assignments in this course: online group dialogue forums and a final paper. There are three online group dialogues in which you will be asked to answer questions and to share your responses with classmates. In addition, you will compose a brief 600-word final paper. As this is a one-credit course, you should be prepared to spend about 10-11 hours per week on reading, viewing, studying, and completing assignments.

## ***When will I do it?***

You will have something to do each week. Here is a brief overview (check the Syllabus and Blackboard for due dates and more details):

<b>Week</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>Activities/Assignments</b>	<b>Due</b>
0	Introduction to online learning at Regent University; participation is optional but recommended	Optional: Quiz	Check the syllabus
1	3 readings Watch 1 narrated slide presentation	Group Dialogue Week 1: Quiz	Check the syllabus
2	3 readings	Group Dialogue	Check the syllabus
3	2 readings View 1 recorded lecture	Group Dialogue	Check the syllabus
4	3 readings	Final Paper End of Course Survey	Check the syllabus