

Annotated Bibliography

NURS 412– Ethics, Law, Economics, and Health Policy

Purpose of Assignment

The purpose of the assignment is to increase the student's knowledge and awareness of patient safety through the review and analysis of professional nursing literature.

Student Approach to Assignment

I wanted to find an article for this assignment that expressed a common concern among nurses. Fall prevention is a serious concern in health care. This assignment reflects my values and interests in patient safety. I learned that the tools we use to assess fall risks are not as accurate as a nurse's own intuition.

Reason for Inclusion of this Assignment in the Portfolio

I included this assignment into my portfolio because I believe it is an important and relevant topic in the health care field. This assignment represents me as a nurse because I care for patient safety.

• Professionalism

o Differentiates between general, institutional, and specialty-specific standards of practice to guide nursing care.

Throughout this assignment I evaluate and discuss the topic of using fall assessment tools to determine if patients are at risk for falling. The practices related to fall preventions differ among the environments that are practiced in. Different units are discussed based on their fall prevention techniques.

• Research

o Evaluates research that focuses on the effectiveness of nursing interventions.

The article being evaluated discusses multiple research studies on fall prevention tools and assessments. Comparing the tools and their effectiveness was the main point of evaluation.