

## **Educational Offering 2007- 2008**

**School of Nursing  
American University of Beirut  
In Collaboration with Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, USA**

### **Workshop on Proposal Writing**

**Coordinator:** Dr. Hani Dimassi, PhD  
School of Nursing, AUB

**Credit hours:** 1 credit

**Date:** to be determined

**Description:** The workshop will provide the participants, through interactive presentations, with possibilities for developing and receiving feedback on their own research proposals.

Topics covered are: Formulating research question(s)/hypotheses; developing proposal plan/outline to answer the above question(s) specifying the type of design, sample, and method of data collection; and Discussing the considerations and steps related to seeking ethics committee approval and funding.

### **Managing Clinical Outcomes**

**Coordinator:** Kathryn Paez, RN, MSN, MBA, PhD, John Hopkins University School of Nursing, USA

**Credit hours:** 1 credit

**Date:** to be determined

**Description:** This course focuses on development of skills in the analysis, management, and presentation of clinical outcomes information. Emphasis is placed on the ability to critically analyze information and develop appropriate managerial strategies to enhance clinical systems. Topics include: overview of patient outcomes, infrastructure for clinical outcomes, sources of outcome standards, and measuring outcomes.

### **Sample Size Calculation and Procedures**

**Coordinator:** Dr. Hani Dimassi, PhD School of Nursing, AUB

**Credit hours:** 1 credit

**Date:** to be determined

**Course Description:** This workshop is intended to introduce students as well as researchers to the concept of sample size determination. The workshop will cover issues related to power and its definition, effect size, and its definition as well as implications and method of sample size determination using various software. This workshop will address simple and complex scenarios encountered in the health and medical fields allowing more focus on the concepts and their application using relevant examples with direct applicability.

### **Stress Management: An Integrated Approach**

**Coordinator:** Mrs. Jouhayna Bejjani-Gebbara, RN, MSN, APRN, BC, School of Nursing, AUB

**Credit Hours:** 1 credit

**Date:** to be determined

**Description:** This course focuses on describing stress theories and the mind-body relationship. Participants/students will be exposed to cognitive and behavioral methods for the enhancement of personal functioning using case studies, role play and active participation. It is geared towards individuals who desire personal growth and are willing to enhance their functioning.

### **Health Care Ethics**

**Coordinator:** Dr. Keith Cash, RN, PhD School of Nursing, AUB

**Credit Hours:** 1 credit

**Date:** to be determined

**Description:** This course introduces ethical concepts and issues relevant to the practice of nursing and other health professions.

Areas of emphasis include the nature of clinical autonomy, investigating caring and compassion, the quality of life, and the foundations of codes of professional ethics. The course will be based on the use of case studies and class exercises. Assessment will be mainly by work-based applications of the ideas and approaches developed in class.

### **Improving Quality and Outcomes through Performance Management**

**Coordinator:** Janice J. Hoffman, PhD, RN, Johns Hopkins

University School of Nursing and Johns Hopkins Hospital, USA

**Credit hours:** 1 credit

**Date:** to be determined

**Description:** This course will focus on the relationships between staff performance, quality, and outcomes. Performance management, guided by clear role responsibilities, congruence between role expectations and role responsibilities, and comprehensive evaluation and feedback, will be explored. Case studies and current strategies used to facilitate performance management will be presented.

### **How to conduct surveys: Design, Sample, and Instrument**

**Coordinator:** Dr. Hani Dimassi, PhD School of Nursing, AUB

**Credit hours:** 1 credit

**Date:** to be determined

**Description:** This course will cover the methodologies of conducting surveys. Issues related to design, sample determination and selection, and instrument evaluation will be introduced. Mail and telephone survey methodologies will be addressed. Criteria to evaluate instruments and methods to reduce bias will be also covered.

## **Evidence-Based Practices in Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology**

**Coordinators:** Jason E. Farley, PhD MPH, NP, Johns Hopkins  
University School of Nursing, USA **and**  
Souha Kanj-Sharara, MD, FACP, Head, Division of Infectious  
Diseases, AUBMC

**Credit hours:** 1 credit

**Date:** to be determined

**Description:** This course will apply infection control and epidemiologic evidence-based principles to the prevention of nosocomial and community acquired infections. Case studies will illustrate epidemiologic investigations of nosocomial outbreaks. Various infectious disease topics of interest will be included for discussion.

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If interested and for more information

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