NRS 321: Chronic 2 and End of Life
CBLA Dementia Assignment and Grading Guidelines

Assignment Grade: 25 points (15% of the clinical grade)

Due date: Part 1: Group C: Tuesday, January 18th by midnight on Sakai
Group B: Thursday, January 20th by midnight on Sakai
Group A: Tuesday, February 22nd by midnight on Sakai
Group D: Thursday, February 24th by midnight on Sakai

Due Date: Part 2: Group C: Tuesday, February 1st by midnight on Sakai
Group B: Thursday, February 3rd by midnight on Sakai
Group A: Tuesday, March 15th by midnight on Sakai
Group D: Thursday, March 17th by midnight on Sakai

CBLA Written Criteria:
Part 1 (worth 10 points)
• Journal: (1.5 points for each journal). Two journals, week 1 and week 2 will be turned in. The journals will be typed, single spaced and no more than 1 page each and contain the following:
  o Date and times of visit.
  o How was your resident functioning-physically, socially and behaviorally this week?
  o Any changes from the last visit and potential reasons why.
  o The reactions and responses of the resident to you and your visit.
  o What activities/assessments was done this week and any significant results?
  o Staff updates on the resident.
• Attach all the completed assessments from Week 1 and 2 (3 points)
• Write a paper of no more than 3 pages covering the following questions: (4 points)
  o What did you find out about the resident from the Personal History and staff?
  o What is the status of the resident’s cognitive function? Remember to consider your observations from the first 15-30 minutes that you did on the first clinical visit.
  o How effective or not effective are the staff’s techniques/interventions used to enhance the resident’s cognitive function, behavior and social engagement?
  o How well is the resident meeting functional capacity in their activities of daily living and mobility?
  o How safe and therapeutic is the resident’s environment? What was the data that supported your conclusions?

Part 2 (worth 15 points)
• Journal: (1.5 points each). Two journals one for week 3 and one for week 4 will be turned in. The journals will be typed, single spaced and no more than 1 page each and contain the following:
  o Date and times of visit.
  o How was your resident functioning-physically, socially and behaviorally this week?
  o Any changes from the last visit and potential reasons why.
  o The reactions and responses of the resident to you and your visit.
  o What activities/assessments was done this week and any significant results?
  o Staff updates on the resident.
• Attach all the Assessments from Week 3. (2 points)
• Write a paper of no more than 3 pages covering the following questions: (4 points)
  o How effective is the residents medication regimen for:
    ▪ Improvement of cognitive function
    ▪ Delay of cognitive decline
    ▪ Control of side effects of the above medications
    ▪ Control of co-morbidities and chronic conditions
    ▪ The results of the Beer’s Tool and any recommendations
  o Comparison of medication regimen with Beer's criteria and any recommendations.: 
    ▪ Nutrition
    ▪ Pain Control
    ▪ Elimination
    ▪ Hydration
  o What are the main problems addressed in the facilities plan of care? Would you agree with this plan? If yes why, if no why not. Did you identify additional issues and concerns that were not noted? If so what were they and what lead you to your conclusion? Do you identify resident strengths and capacities that were not noted?
  o What have you learned from this experience over the last 4 weeks? How has this experience changed your thinking about dementia and caring for persons with dementia?
• Plan of Care: One page only for the plan of care with an additional reference page. (6 points)
  o Identify one major problem that is essential to the safety and/or quality of life for the resident. Indicate the data that supported the problem and the rationale as to why it is such a “high priority” problem. Why did you choose it for your resident?
  o Indicate the patient outcomes and very individualized nursing interventions that are evidenced based.
  o Support each nursing intervention with a rationale that is referenced in APA format.
  o Indicate the criteria that would be used to evaluate that the problem has been eliminated, reduced, and/or minimized etc.

Evaluation Criteria of the CBLA
• Points are weighted and assigned for each criterion as listed above.
• Points will be given as a result of the following:
  o All criteria completed and thorough.
  o Thoughtful analysis and reflection given to the questions posed in the papers and journal.
  o Assignment shows evidence of learning and application in the area of dementia care.
  o Thorough assessments that resulted in identifying one very significant or high priority problem for the resident.
  o Comprehensive search in order to provide best practices and relevant evidence for the nursing interventions necessary to work with the selected problem.
  o Turned in on time. (1 point off for each day late, will not accept after the 3rd day)
  o References in APA format. (1 point off for inappropriate format)