Introduction:

The course is designed to enable the student to review all the theories, its applications, philosophy of nursing science and current trends & issues in nursing. It is subjective in nature and undertakes the research work in depth.

Course objectives:

At the end of the course students will be able to:

- Learn the development of theories
- Apply nursing theories into practice
- Practice evidence based nursing
- Practice trans-cultural nursing
- Apply knowledge of geriatric nursing into practice
- Gain knowledge regarding independent midwifery practice
- Develop clinical pathways in nursing
- Utilize reflective thinking in nursing
- Practice problem based nursing
- Identifies strategies to maintain professional ethics
- Communicate effectively
- Know the standards of nursing practice
- Apply knowledge of informatics and technology in nursing practice
- Identify career opportunities in nursing
- Identify professional nursing implications for future nursing

I			**Development of theories**
		i	Epistemology Concept, Statement and Theories
		ii	Strategies for theory development
		iii	Evaluation of theories
		iv	Metatheory
II			**Nursing theories**
		i	Overview of theory
		ii	Importance of theory in Nursing
		iii	Historical Overview
		iv	Classification of theories in Nursing

		v	Issues of Theory Development in Nursing
		vi	Application in patient care
III	**Evidenced Based Nursing**		
		i	Evidenced based approach
		ii	Component of EBP
		iii	Steps of EBP
		iv	Process of EBP
		iv	Importance of EBP in Nursing
IV	**Trans-cultural nursing**		
		i	Concept of transcultural nursing
		ii	Models of Transcultural Nursing
		iii	Standards of Transcultural Nursing
		iv	Framework of delivering culturally competent Nursing services
V	**Geriatric Nursing**		
		i	Ageing and demography : Issues & Challenges
		ii	Ageing process
		iii	Morbidity and Mortality in old age
		iv	Role of Gerentological Nurse
VI	**Independent Midwifery Practices**		
		i	Concept
		ii	Requirement of standards
		iii	Issues & Challenges
VII	**Clinical Pathways in Nursing**		
		i	Concept of Clinical Pathway
		ii	Components of Clinical Pathway
		iii	Constituents of Clinical Pathway
		iii	Guideline & Strategies of Development and Implementation of Clinical Pathway
		iv	Benefits and Limitations
		v	Potential problems and Barriers
		vi	Challenges in implementation of CP
VIII	**Reflective Thinking**		
		i	Concept
		ii	Strategies of Reflective thinking
		iii	Process of reflective thinking
IX	**Problem based Nursing**		
		i	Problem Solving Approach
		ii	Component of Problem Solving

		iii	Steps of Problem Solving
		iv	Importance of Problem Solving in Nursing
XI	**Professional Ethics**		
		i	Code of Conduct
		ii	Ethical principles of Nursing Practice
		iii	Importance of ethics in Nursing
XII	**Communication**		
		i	Channels of Communication
		ii	Process of communication
		iii	Types of Communication
		iv	Barriers in Effective Communication
		v	Importance of Communication in Health care sector
XIII	**Standards of Nursing Practice**		
		i	Standards of Practice
		ii	Standards of Professional performance
		iii	Process of Nursing standards
		iv	Legal implication of the standards
XIV	**Nursing Informatics**		
		i	Overview of Computers and Nursing
		ii	Computer systems- Data Processing, the internet, Nursing resource
		iii	Nursing informatics & health care policy
		iv	Clinical information system
		v	The future of informatics
XV	**Carrier opportunities/Futuristic Nursing**		
		i	Scope of Nursing Practice
		ii	Current health, issues & challenges
		iii	Emerging trends in Nursing Practice