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Concept Map

A conceptual framework is a guideline, ideology, and what you should expect to act like in your profession. In nursing there are conceptual frameworks for how a nurse should expect to act, whether you are in school to become one or working as one. In Alliance University there are rules and guidelines in what they expect in you, which is in the nursing handbook. In this reflection paper I will be talking about what is in the guideline, my opinion, and what I learned from this framework.

The Alliance University's conceptual framework states that it is our Godly duty to help individuals in need, who are sick, and so on. As a soon to be nurse we should learn and prepare on advocating for the patient's care whether the care is: direct, support, researching, etcetera. We will also learn about holistic healing, relieving the pain, and other interventions. While we are learning and studying to become good nurses we will also strengthen our relationship with God. In which we will pray, have faith, and understand the word of God. This way we can deliver care from a Christian nursing perspective. "Persons are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) for the purpose of having a relationship with God (Deuteronomy 6:4-6), through the person of Jesus Christ (Matthew 22:37-39). Each person can choose to reject or accept this relationship." (Student Of Nursing handbook, page 8). In this quote it explains that though we are allowed to accept Christ, this is the ideal expectation they have on us. To summarize the conceptual framework, Alliance University wants us to first build a relationship with God so therefore we can develop into a devotee and a good Christian. Then we can use the understanding that God

wants us to do and apply it to our care in nursing. We will not only help them back to their health but can potentially strengthen their faith in God.

Subsequently, I agree with the conceptual framework because I think this is a good way of being a good nurse. Not saying that if you are not a Christian then you won't be a good nurse, because there are good nurses from different religions and cultures. But to be a good Christian you have to be committed to your faith in Christ. That means to put God first, then family, then your friends, etc. You have to be passionate, a leader, spread love, understanding, compassion, and try to do things that Jesus Christ would have done. It's like once you have a close relationship with God we can become a very good human being. When applying that to nursing you can help spread love and joy to those who need it, those who are at their weakest moment can strengthen their faith or seek God with our help, relate to our patient and help rehabilitate the individuals. All while respecting their religion and culture if it is different to yours. "We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves." (Romans 15:1). I believe that even if you aren't a Christian you can still apply this to your nursing career because you are nursing a sick individual back to health. When someone is at their weakest and vulnerable moment you don't want to be rude, disrespectful, and judge them. You have to treat them how you would want to be treated. And in order to gain a trusting relationship with the patient so therefore they can tell you how they feel in order for you to help them heal.

Next, I believe that this framework will help me apply this to my professional nursing career and that is because I am a Christian. From what I have read and understand from the framework I will be able to use my faith to be part of my motivations to continue on. I feel like the experiences that I have learned and will continue to learn from the lectures, lab, and clinicals. Will help me apply a Christian nursing perspective on some of my patient's cases. In which I

think I could benefit from. I know that in the medical field many nurses have experienced being burned out, stress, lack of self care, anxiety, etc. When things like this happen I will go to God and help me handle the situation, because with God all things are possible. By putting God first he will help me with my journey as a professional RN and what is in store for me.

In the event that I had the opportunity to change the concept of the framework I would include other ways to achieve good nursing practices to those that aren't Christian. So they can have an opportunity to use what they know and apply it to their nursing career. I say this because there are quite a few people who are in this program but are not a Christian. So maybe they can get a good chance to not only learn how to apply their religious background in nursing but also get to know Christianity and how to use it in their practices in nursing as well. Another thing I would add is some theorists who are Christian nurses or are in the medical field. There are many theorists in different fields, like psychology, sociology, and even nursing. But I think it would be cool if they used some theorists that have the similar ideology that the school has for the Student of Nursing. For example, a person they could potentially use is Florence Nightingale.

Nightingale is the founder of nursing and helped prevent the spread of infections due to her practices (and among others things). And when researching her I saw that she was also a Christian, I think it would be cool if there was a way to add her or other significant and impactful Christian nursing theorists into the conceptual framework.

Lastly, I wouldn't remove anything in the conceptual framework because I agree with what it says. I think it's a good opportunity for nursing students to get the best of both worlds. What I mean is that they can get the chance of learning to become nurses and learning about God (along with Jesus Christ). I think that is interesting because there could be people who want to learn about Christianity but don't have the chance to learn about it outside of school, with the

school's program they can get too. For example, the classes we as students of nursing have to take (Intro to Spiritual formation, Old Testament Literature, Worldview Perspectives: The Christian Nurse, etc) have talks about faith and/or how to apply it in our field.

In conclusion, I believe that the conceptual framework of Alliance University is a good one because of the school's integrity, principles and values. Their expectation is for us to become a good christian nurse who will be able to have a strong relationship with God. They understand that many people have other beliefs and practices, and allow the student to have an option if they want to accept it or not. In which I think gives a chance to those who want to learn about God while studying their major, an advantage to do it at the same time. Though there are different types of conceptual framework for not only nursing but for different fields, I think that this framework is open and welcoming.

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