

## NR 393 Week 8 Discussion; From the Past to the Future

What lessons from history have we learned as a profession that will take us into the next century? What can we do to help this happen? What should we avoid?

### **Answer**

In the past 8 weeks we have discussed the impact of the history of nursing in the nineteenth century to the present. Evidenced based practices in the nursing field continue to expand into different areas. Some of the history lessons from the nursing profession that we can carry over to the next century are that nurses will never stop learning and that new innovative programs and treatments are always evolving. Another lesson is that nursing is now recognized and respected as a profession. Even though Florence Nightingale paved the foundation in modern nursing, other nurses like Lillian Wald also contributed to the nursing profession. Mrs. Wald was known as a public health advocate and a nurse who played a role in developing community-based health