

NR 601 Week 6 Discussion

Mental health care is often initiated in the primary care setting. Screenings are a critical part of identifying clients who may require psychiatric care. Carefully read the questions below and address each in your initial post.

I. Application of Course Knowledge

- Identify your clinical practicum setting (primary care office, urgent care, etc.) and a population that you typically see (i.e., adolescents, women, older adults).
- Discuss mental health screening tools used at your clinical site. If no screening tools are currently used, which ones would you recommend?
- Describe the quality of the mental health care you have observed. Discuss disparities or biases, if any, in the care provided to different members of the population.
- Screening opportunities are often missed in vulnerable populations and those with limited access to care. Describe at least TWO changes you recommend in your practice setting and community to increase the frequency of mental health screenings within vulnerable populations.

II. Integration of Evidence: Integrate relevant scholarly sources as defined by program expectations. Links to an external site.

- a. Cite a scholarly source in the initial post.
- b. Cite a scholarly source in one faculty response post.
- c. Cite a scholarly source in one peer post.
- d. Accurately analyze, synthesize, and/or apply principles from evidence with no more than one short quote (15 words or less) for the week.
- e. Include a minimum of two different scholarly sources per week. Cite all references and provide references for all citations.

III. Engagement in Meaningful Dialogue: Engage peers and faculty by asking questions, and offering new insights, applications, perspectives, information, or implications for practice.

- a. Peer Response: Respond to at least one peer.
- b. Faculty Response: Respond to at least one faculty post.
- c. Communicate using respectful, collegial language and terminology appropriate to advanced nursing practice.

IV. Professionalism in Communication: Communicate with minimal errors in English grammar, spelling, syntax, and punctuation.

V. Reference Citation: Use current APA format to format citations and references and is free of errors.

VI. Wednesday Participation Requirement: Provide a substantive response to the graded discussion topic (not a response to a peer or faculty), by Wednesday, 11:59 p.m. MT of each week.

VII. Total Participation Requirement: Provide at least three substantive posts (one to the initial question or topic, one to a student peer, and one to a faculty question) on two different days during the week.

**To view the grading criteria/rubric, please click on the three (3) dots in the upper in the box at the end of the solid gray bar, above the discussion board title, and then Show Rubric.

Screening Tools Available

- Client Health Questionnaire- PHQ
- Cornell Scale for Depression in Dementia
- Geriatric Depression Scale