

Assessment: Care of People with HIV / AIDS: A course for Registered Nurses

Assignment	Assignment Type	Due Date	Weighting
One	Moderated discussion	02.08.09	20%
Two	Care plan	06.09.09	40%
Three	Poster	04.10.09	40%
			100%

ASSIGNMENT ONE - Due Date: 02.08.09

- Moderated discussion 20%

From your reading or practice experience in relation to HIV/AIDS, provide an example of a situation where stigma or a legal/ethical issue has arisen in the nursing context. Initiate a discussion on-line (using the forum provided) with your colleagues about any aspect of stigma or the legal/ethical issues related to HIV/AIDS. Explore the relevant Acts of Parliament/ ethical principles in order to be certain that your response is correct.

Participants are also expected to actively and critically participate and provide at least **three** responses to postings from other participants.

Each participant will reflect on their personal participation and write an A4 page summary of their discussion experience.

For example, if presented with the following scenario:

Student nurses currently have to provide laboratory evidence of their Hepatitis B, Varicella and Rubella status. They are also screened for Tuberculosis when they enter the program. It has been suggested that student nurses should also be screened for HIV before entry to the program.

(a) Ethics: You may choose to explain how each of the following ethical principles is relevant in this situation.

Autonomy, Beneficence, Non-maleficence, Justice.

If unfamiliar with the definitions of these terms please refer to:

Farrell, M. (2005). Smeltzer & Bare's medical-surgical nursing. NSW., Australia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (p.27).

or

Johnson, S. (2000). Health care and the law. Wellington, New Zealand: Printlink. (Chapter 19). or any ethics nursing text

(b) Health care law: The **Human Rights Act 1993** describes the 'areas' in which it is unlawful to discriminate against people.

Therefore you could pose the following questions in order to stimulate discussion;

- Would it be lawful to decline an application to nursing because the person was HIV positive?
- Would it be lawful for an employer to refuse the appointment of a registered nurse job applicant because of her/his HIV status?

Marking Criteria

Critical discussion includes reference to relevant Acts of Parliament and Codes of Nursing Ethics (7.5%)
 Critical response (7.5%)
 Reflection on own participation (5%)

ASSIGNMENT TWO - Due Date: 06.09.09

- Care plan 40%

Either

Create a care plan for David, a twenty-nine year old patient admitted acutely to your ward with Cryptococcosis. He is experiencing a persistent headache and fever, fatigue, neck stiffness, photophobia, nausea and vomiting. David's CD4 count is 72. He was diagnosed as HIV positive ten years ago.

Please provide five (5) prioritized NANDA nursing diagnoses with rationale for your choice, an objective for each diagnosis and prioritized interventions appropriate for each diagnosis.

Or

Create a plan of care for Debbie a twenty-nine year old woman with HIV who is a patient at the General Practice where you are a practice nurse. Debbie is seven months pregnant and experiencing severe side-effects (particularly diarrhoea), caused by anti-retroviral medication prescribed recently, in order to protect the baby from HIV. She and her husband, who is also HIV positive, are refugees who have recently shifted to your area. They have no family or friends.

Please provide five (5) prioritized NANDA diagnoses with rationale for your choice, an objective for each diagnosis and prioritized interventions appropriate for each diagnosis.

Marking Criteria

Diagnoses	8%
Rationale	8%
Objectives	8%
Interventions	8%
Presentation	8%

ASSIGNMENT THREE - Due Date: 04.10.09

- Poster
40%

Design a HIV/AIDS poster for nurses in either the community or an institutional setting who could be caring for people with HIV/AIDS.

Choose **three (3) peered reviewed, nursing journal research articles** which focus on the care of people with HIV or AIDS. Provide a summary of the content of the articles on your poster in order to educate a specific group of nurses about the latest research findings on a particular aspect of care. For example you may choose to design a poster that informs Public Health nurses working in Kindergartens or Schools about the issues for children/families living with HIV. Or you may choose to inform nurses, who work with elderly residents in hospital level care who are terminally ill with AIDS, on spiritual care.

Marking Criteria

- Content: 30%
 - Clear identification of target group (5%)
 - Currency (10%)
 - Accuracy (10%)
 - Relevance to nursing in NZ (5%)
- Professionalism/presentation, creativity, including ability to attract and use of colour: 10%
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Please attach a copy of each of the articles with your poster and ensure all work is referenced. Your student identification number must be clearly identifiable on both the back of the poster and each of the articles.