Script NUR 446 Nursing of Women and the Childbearing Family

I am Mrs. Hilary Gersbach and I will be your instructor for NUR 446 Nursing of Women and the Childbearing Family. I would like to welcome each of you to the course. Prerequisites for this course require that you successfully completed NUR 300, 301,302, 304, 322, 324, 326, 332, 342/L 344, 346, 360/L, and 461 or by special permission of the Department head. This is a 2 credit hour course with an associated clinical laboratory.

The purpose of this course is to focus on the care of women, neonates and their families in a variety of settings and life experiences. Normal pregnancy and childbirth will be addressed, as well as identification and management of high risk childbearing situations among diverse populations. Selected topics in health care of women across the lifespan is also included.

By the end of this course you will be able to:

1. Competently engage in interpersonal relationships with the childbearing family

2. Use clinical decision making to evaluate the interrelationships among physiological, psychological, social, spiritual, ethical and cultural factors and their impact on the normal and at risk childbearing experience.

3. Demonstrate competency in the nursing process to facilitate and optimum health of the contemporary childbearing family.

4. Utilize concepts of health promotion and risk reduction in providing a family-centered approach in caring for clients and their families.

5. Apply theories and principles in coordinating the care necessary for the management of complicated, complex childbearing process.

6. Formulate professional leadership approaches to promote optimal health outcomes for the childbearing family in varied care settings.

7. Define ethical, social and health care policy issues that impact the health care of the childbearing family.

8. Critically evaluate concepts from theory and research when providing care for the childbearing family.

9. Analyze the influence of diversity culture and ethnicity of clients’/families’ perspective of the childbearing experience and how this affects nursing interventions with these clients and their families.

After carefully reading the syllabus, you will be required to sign the syllabus agreement form and return it to me no later than the second week of class. I look forward to working with each of you this semester.