Capstone Project Overview:

The objective of the Capstone Project is to design a Quality and Safety Initiative based on a concern you identified in practice. You will design a plan for implementation and evaluation but you **WILL NOT IMPLEMENT** the Capstone Project.

Examples of possible topics include:
- Revised or new education for a target population such as nurses working in a particular area or new hires in an orientation process.
- Suggested revisions to an existing policy or a new policy or procedure to fix an identified area of need such as increased falls, medication errors, or decreased patient satisfaction.

The entire Capstone Project will be developed in the Capstone Project Template. You will submit the entire Template each week and the faculty member will grade the appropriate section of the Template. *The Capstone Project Template* and *The Capstone Project Template with Instructions* are located in the online course shell under the left navigation link titled *Capstone Project and Practice Experience*.

**Timeline:**

**Module 01:** Identify a focus topic for the Capstone Project.
- Library Resources:
  - School of Nursing Guide, NUR4909 Nursing Capstone, Picking a Topic;
  - How can I make Research Appointment with a Rasmussen College Librarian;
  - Writing Help: How do I access writing support;
  - APA Guide;
  - Writing Guide

  Course Project: 2 hours
  Practicum Experience: 1-2 hours

**Module 02:** Preceptor Authorization Forms submitted along with description of the healthcare setting.
- Library Resources:
  - APA Guide;
  - Writing Guide;
  - Writing Help: How do I access writing support?

  Course Project: 2 hours
  Practicum Experience: 1-2 hours

**Module 03:** Four SMART Goals
- Library Resources:
  - How do I set realistic goals? What is the SMART method;
  - APA Guide;
  - Writing Guide;
  - Writing Help: How do I access writing support?

  Course Project: 2 hours
  Practicum Experience: 1-2 hours

**Module 04:** Annotated Bibliography including five scholarly peer-reviewed resources
- Library Resources:
Capstone Project Overview:

- How can I make Research Appointment with a Rasmussen College Librarian?
- What is a scholarly or peer reviewed article?
- School of Nursing Guide, NUR4909 Nursing Capstone, Getting Started, Differentiating research vs EBP Articles, EBP vs Scholarly Research Article Comparison Chart;
- I need help finding articles for my Nursing Capstone;
- APA Guide;
- Writing Guide;
- Writing Help: How do I access writing support?

Course Project: 2 hours
Practicum Experience: 1-2 hours

Module 05: Change Process for Implementing the Capstone Project:
Library Resources:

- APA Guide;
- Writing Guide;
- Writing Help: How do I access writing support?

Course Project: 3 hours
Practicum Experience: 1-2 hours

Module 06: Evaluation Plan
Library Resources:

- APA Guide;
- Writing Guide;
- Writing Help: How do I access writing support?

Course Project: 3 hours
Practicum Experience: 1-2 hours

Module 07: Draft of Capstone Project
Library Resources:

- APA Guide;
- Writing Guide;
- Writing Help: How do I access writing support?

Course Project: 3 hours
Practicum Experience: 1-2 hours

Module 09: Final Capstone Project
Library Resource:

- APA Guide;
- Writing Guide;
- Writing Help: How do I access writing support?

Course Project: 3 hours
Practicum Experience: 1-2 hours