

ENG-W 221: Writing in Nursing and the Healthcare Professions
Fall 2020, MW 11:30am to 12:45pm in KO 200 (#31083)

Nurses and healthcare professionals must be able to communicate clearly and effectively in a variety of academic, professional, and workplace situations. This course will teach you to write like a nurse. You will learn how to

- Write in the common genres you will encounter in your academic and professional career (e.g., case studies, reflective writing, advocacy writing, research critiques, literature reviews, and clinical practice guidelines);
- Identify a clinical problem and evaluate the research literature surrounding it;
- Write and analyze clinical case studies and develop a review of the literature;
- Develop effective and situation-appropriate presentations, slides, and posters; and
- Copyedit, proofread, and revise your work and the work of your colleagues in a supportive, caring environment.

There are only two required texts for this course and they are both inexpensive:

- *How to Treat People* (Norton, 2020) by Molly Case. This is a nonfiction nursing memoir written about the body and its care in a professional context. *From the publisher:* “Weaving together medical history, art, memoir, and science, *How to Treat People* beautifully explores the oscillating rhythms of life and death in a tender reminder that we can all find meaning in being, even for a moment, part of the lives of others.”
- *Writing in Nursing: A Brief Guide* (Oxford UP, 2017) by Thomas Lawrence Long and Cheryl Tatano Beck. This brief guide to nursing begins by discussing credibility, care, and competence in nursing and the healthcare professions. Each genre—from reflective writing and case studies to research critiques and literature reviews—is fully explored and explained in a clear, straightforward manner. This is a text you will want to keep in your desk library for years to come as a valuable reference.

Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact Dr. Paul Cook (paulcook@iuk.edu). Prerequisite: ENG-W 131 with a grade of C or better.