JBI-SUMARI Package Validity Checklist

Critical Appraisal Checklist for Systematic Reviews

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Data Extraction Forms

Quantitative Data Extraction Form

Author	Record No
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Other Outcome Measures

Outcome Description	Scale/Measure

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Dichotomous Data

Outcome	Control Group number/total number	Treatment Group number/total number

Continuous Data

Outcome	Control Group mean & SD (number)	Treatment Group mean & SD (number)

Authors' Conclusions:

Comments:

Qualitative Data Extraction Form

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Reviewer's conclusion

Degrees of Credibility

Unequivocal [E]: evidence beyond reasonable doubt, which may include findings that are matter of fact, directly reported/observed and not open to challenge;

Credible [C]: evidence that is, albeit an interpretation, plausible in light of the data and theoretical framework. The interpretations can be logically inferred from the data but, because the findings are essentially interpretive, they can be challenged;

Unsupported [S]: when none of the other level descriptors apply and when, most notably, findings are not supported by the data.

(These three levels of evidence are incorporated into the JBI-SUMARI (System for the Unified Management of the Assessment and Review of Information) software, The Joanna Briggs Institute, Adelaide, 2003.)

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Discussion Guide

The Development of an Evidence-Based Conceptual Framework for Undergraduate Nursing Curricula in Sri Lanka



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Discussion Guide

Focus Group Discussion Process

- 1. Participants are welcomed
- 2. Introduction of the purpose
- 3. Consent and demographic data collection

4. Presentation of the initial conceptual framework

5. Discussion

General Question:

"How is this concept meaningful, appropriate and feasible in relation to Sri Lanka".

Concepts:

Professional Nursing Theory, practice and research Evidence-based practice Legal and ethical conduct Professional roles

Skills

Technical Communication Critical thinking Leadership Information Literacy

Values & Beliefs

Client: Physical/Psychological/ Spiritual/Socio-cultural Student: Self-directed/self-motivated/Critical thinking Health: Primary Health Care/ Holism Environment: Consumer demands/Technology/Medical Sciences/Effectiveness and efficiency of intervention

Knowledge

Physiological Psychological Environmental Socio-cultural Politico-economic

Discussion Guide

Teaching & Learning Student-centred education

Inter-disciplinary education Discovery learning Life long learning Flexible learning Educational technology

Final question:

"Is there anything that we have not asked that you would like to tell us?"

6. Seeking validation of information

7. Debriefing & feedback

Thanks

Remarks:

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Information sheet for Participants

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Information Sheet for Participants (Focus Group Interviews)

Focus Group Interviews for Evaluating the Meaningfulness and Appropriateness of an Initial Conceptual Framework for an Undergraduate Nursing Curriculum in Sri Lanka

Purpose:	To receive feedback on an initial conceptual framework that has been developed for undergraduate nursing curricula in Sri Lanka
Procedure:	You will first receive a short (10-15 min) presentation of an initial conceptual framework, and asked to take some time to fill out a Consent Form, a short demographic questionnaire and read through some background information. Then you will be encouraged to explore the initial conceptual framework through focus groups and structured discussion. I am interested in such things as to whether the initial framework is meaningful and appropriate in relation to Sri Lanka, and whether anything is missing or ambiguous or inadequately addressed. Lastly, you will be asked to debrief and fill out an evaluation form that will be used to record any viewpoints that are not expressed during the discussion.
	The interview will last about 90-120 minutes. You may refuse to answer any specific questions. The interview will be recorded on an audiotape so that I can analyse the group's responses and prepare a report. I ask you to refrain from photocopying these materials at any time and to return them to the facilitator at the end of the session.
Confidentiality:	All information will be kept confidential. All identifying information will be removed from the written transcripts. Any reports of this research will not identify you or anyone whose name you mention.
Benefits/Risks:	There are no direct benefits or risks to you in participating in this focus group, except that you may appreciate being given the opportunity to express your views. In so doing, you will help me to develop an appropriate conceptual framework for undergraduate nursing curriculum in Sri Lanka.
Payments:	Although there is no payment for your involvement in the study, I would like to acknowledge your contribution via a small gift pack including a pen and file folder.

If you wish to speak someone not directly involved in the study about your rights as a volunteer, or about the conduct of the study, you may also contact the Chairman, Research Ethics Committee, Royal Adelaide Hospital on +61 8 8222 4139.

Rasika S. Jayasekara Investigator Tel: 037 2266858 E-mail: *rasika.jayasekara@adelaide.edu.au*

Details information for participants

The Development of an Evidence-Based Conceptual Framework for Undergraduate Nursing Curricula in Sri Lanka



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Study Information for Participants

Investigator:

Rasika Sirilal Jayasekara RN, BA, BScN (Hons), PG Ed, MNSc (Adelaide) PhD Candidate, Discipline of Nursing, Faculty of Health Science The University of Adelaide, South Australia

Supervisors:

Prof. Alan Pearson RN, PhD, FRCNA, FRCN, FAAG Dr Tim Schultz BA, BSc (Hons), PhD

Background

It has been long realised in many countries around the world, that nursing education should be based in the higher education sector, and Sri Lanka is now moving in this direction. In this transitional stage, the development of a conceptual framework that is underpinned by evidence for undergraduate nursing curricula is a crucially important step to improve nursing education and nursing service in Sri Lanka.

Purpose

The purpose of this study is to develop an evidence based conceptual framework for undergraduate nursing curricula in Sri Lanka.

Conceptual Framework

The conceptual framework is considered as the keystone and the constitution of the curriculum, and provides guidelines and fundamental rules for making all curriculum decisions related to teaching and learning.

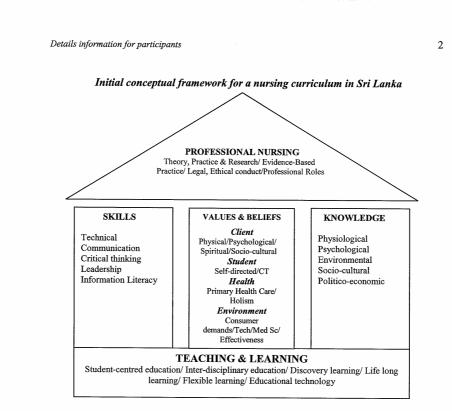
The Process of Developing the Conceptual Framework

- The process of developing the conceptual framework involves five steps:
- 01. Analysing nursing theories and educational theories
- 02. Synthesising the evidence on effectiveness, appropriateness and feasibility of current curriculum models/ conceptual frameworks, and potential applicability in Sri Lanka
- 03. Analysing current trends and issues in global, regional (South-East Asia) and local (Sri Lanka) healthcare, and nursing education
- 04. Developing an initial conceptual framework
- 05. Evaluating the appropriateness and feasibility of initial framework in Sri Lanka, getting key stakeholders opinions.

Initial Conceptual Framework

This initial framework was guided by the results of the first three steps and resulted in following publications. (App. A)





Professional nursing integrates theory, practice and research of the discipline, and responds to the constantly changing healthcare environment through professional roles, incorporating evidence based practice with the legal and ethical framework of the profession.

Nursing education (teaching and learning) is the foundation of professional nursing and the process of acquiring knowledge, skills, and attitudes (values and beliefs) that are essential to the goals of professional nursing. Teaching and learning should comply with student-centred and inter-disciplinary education, and promote students to acquire discovery learning and life-long learning through flexible delivery with incorporating educational technology.

(For some definitions please see App. B)

Focus Group Interviews

Aims

- Evaluating the appropriateness and feasibility of initial framework in Sri Lanka
- Exploring new concepts to the initial conceptual framework

Details information for p	articipants
Structure of a Focu	s Group
Number of participat	nts: 6- 10
Target participants	: Nursing Educators/Lecturers, Nursing Managers/Administrators Clinical Instructors, Registered Nurses, Official/members of Professional Associations and Trade Unions
Time duration	: 90-120 minutes
Recording	: Audio

- Introduction of the purpose
- Consent and demographic data collection
- Presentation of the initial conceptual framework
- Discussion
- Seeking validation of information
- Thanks

Appendix A

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Appendix B

Definitions

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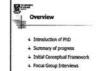
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(ICN http://www.icn.ch/definition.htm)

Evidence Based Practice

Evidence based practice incorporates the conscientious, explicit, and judicious use of current best evidence from well designed systematic research, a clinician's expertise, and patient values for making decisions about the care of individual patients (Sackett et al. 1996; Sackett et al. 2000)









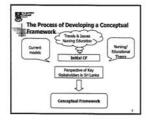




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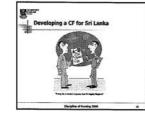
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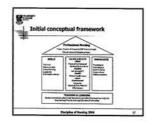
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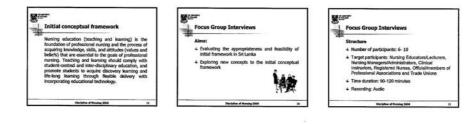
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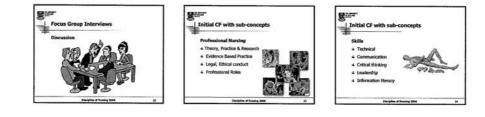
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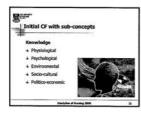
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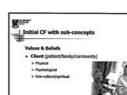
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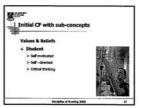
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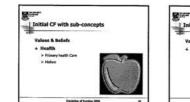


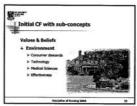


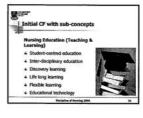




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Government of South Australia Central Northern Adelaide Health Service

16 August 2006

Rasika Sirilal Jayasekara RN (Sri Lanka) C/- Dept of Clinical Nursing ROYAL ADELAIDE HOSPITAL

Dear Rasika,

 Re: "The development of an evidence based conceptual framework for Undergraduate Nursing Curriculum in Sri Lanka."
 Amendment to Protocol – Focus Groups (8 August 2006). Participant Information Sheet – Focus Group Interviews. Participant Information Sheet – Individual Interviews. Consent Form. Study Information for Participants. Demographic Information of Participants.

RAH PROTOCOL No: 050302a

Approval is granted for the above project.

This project meets the ethical requirements of the Royal Adelaide Hospital Research Ethics Committee (RAH, REC).

However, due to location of the study, the RAH REC:

- (a) does not provide assurance that the study conforms with the cultural and ethical values at the study site, and
- (b) takes no responsibility for the conduct of the study.

Yours sincerely,

Dr M James Chairman <u>RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE</u> ROYAL ADELAIDE HOSPITAL

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02nd October 2006

Dr J G A Rasika Sirilal Jayasekara Athuruwela Giriulla

Dear Dr Jayasekera,

ERC/06-011

The development of an evidence based conceptual framework for undergraduate nursing curricula in Sri Lanka

The above research proposal submitted by you was considered by the Ethical Review Committee at its meeting held on 22nd September 2006 and approval was given.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Anoja Fernando Chairperson Ethical Review Committee

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My No. ETR/G/2006/34 Office of the DDG (ET&R) Ministry of Health "Suwasiripaya" 385, Deans Road Colombo 10

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13th October 2006

Mr. R.S Jayasekara, Athuruwela, Giriulla

Sub: Request for permission to conduct focus group interviews

Title: The development of an Evidence Based Conceptual Framework for Undergraduate Nursing Curricula in Sri Lanka

This has reference to your letter dated 07.09.2006 on the above subject.

I wish to inform you that the National Health Research Council has granted permission to conduct your above titled research project in the following institutions.

- 1. Post Basic School of Nursing, Colombo
- 2. School of Nursing, Colombo
- 3. School of Nursing, Sri Jayawardenepura
- 4. School of Nursing, Kandy
- 5. School of Nursing, Kurunegala
- 6. School of Nursing, Rathnapura

Dr. Stanley do Silva Deputy Director General (Education, Training & Research) Secretary to the NHRC Dr. Stanley de Silva Deputy Director General (Education, Training & Research) Ministry of Health Colombo 10

cc 1. Director/ Nursing Education -f.i.
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3. Principal/ School of Nursing, Colombo/ Sri J'pura/ Kandy/ Kurunegala/ Rathnapura - f.i

ROYAL ADELAIDE HOSPITAL

CONSENT FORM

TITLE:

The Development of an Evidence Based Conceptual Framework for Undergraduate Nursing Curricula in Sri Lanka

INVESTIGATORS:

Rasika Sirilal Jayasekara RN, BA, BScN(Hons), PG Ed, MNSc (Adelaide), PhD Candidate Prof. Alan Pearson RN, PhD, FRCNA, FRCN, FAAG, Professor of Nursing Dr Tim Schultz BA, BSc (Hons), PhD, Team Leader (Research and Innovation)

Discipline of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences The University of Adelaide, South Australia

- 1. The nature and purpose of the research project has been explained to me. I understand it, and agree to take part.
- 2. I understand that I may not directly benefit from taking part in the study
- 3. I understand that, while information gained during the study may be published, I will not be identified and my personal results will remain confidential.
- 4. I understand that I can withdraw from the study at any stage and that this will not affect me.
- 5. I understand the statement concerning payment to me for taking part in this study, which is contained in the Information Sheet.

Name of the participant:	
Signed:	-
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I certify that I have explained the study to the participants and consider that he/she understands what is involved.

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Appendix 13

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07.08.2006

Director General of Health Services Department of Health Services "Suwasiripaya" Colombo 10, Sri Lanka

Dear Sir, <u>RE: Permission to conduct focus group interviews</u>

Title: The Development of an Evidence Based Conceptual Framework for Undergraduate Nursing Curricula in Sri Lanka

I am a Sri Lankan Nursing Tutor, and currently enrolled as a PhD candidate of The Discipline of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Adelaide, South Australia. My study is supported by a full International Scholarship from the University of Adelaide. The title of my study is The Development of an Evidence Based Conceptual Framework for Undergraduate Nursing Curricula in Sri Lanka

The purpose of my PhD research is to develop an evidence based conceptual framework for undergraduate nursing curricula in Sri Lanka. As part of the study, I would like to conduct focus group interviews with key stakeholders of nursing education in Sri Lanka for evaluation of my initial conceptual framework. The initial conceptual framework was developed using several scholarly inquiries and has already resulted in several publications. After obtaining key stakeholders' views of the initial framework, I expect to finalise a meaningful and appropriate conceptual framework for nursing curricula in Sri Lanka.

The focus group participants would be nursing educators, managers, administrators and registered nurses. The interview will last about 1-2 hours. I would like to assure you that this study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through the Research Ethics Committee of the Royal Adelaide Hospital, South Australia. However, a detailed information sheet and consent form for participants is herewith enclosed.

Please be kind enough to give permission to conduct focus group interviews of following institutions, and allow selected participants from these institutions and relevant hospitals to attend.

- 1. Post Basic School of Nursing, Colombo
- 2. Schools of Nursing, Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura/ Kandy/ Kurunegala/ Ratnapura

Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest opportunity. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

Ratika S Jayasekara

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Please be kind enough to give permission to conduct focus group interviews with lecturers in nursing of the Department of Health Sciences.

Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest opportunity. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

Rasika S Jayasekara

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I am pleased to inform you that your school has been selected to conduct a focus group interview with key stakeholders in nursing education. Please be kind enough to give permission to conduct a focus group interview in your school, and seek your kind cooperation to select participants from your school. I will be also inviting a Nurse Administrator/Manager, a Registered Nurse from the General Hospital of Kandy to participate in the focus group interview.

Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest opportunity. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you require further information.

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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Permission to invite a Nursing Manager/Administrator and a Registered Nurse to participate a focus group interview

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I am pleased to inform you that two focus group interviews are scheduled to conduct at the School of Nursing, Kandy. Please be kind enough to give permission for a nursing manager and a registered nurse to participate in this interview. I would also seek your kind cooperation to select these participants from your hospital.

Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest opportunity. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you require further information.

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Demographic Information of Participants

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Demographic Information of Participants

Please note that your responses are optional and will not be shared with anyone.

Please tick the relevant box(es).

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Designation

Director	Lecturer/Tutor	Manager/Administrator	RN	
Officials (A	Association/Union)			

Other (specify).....

Qualifications

Doctorate		Postgraduate		Graduate		Diploma		

Service in Nursing (Years)

Above 30	30-20	20-10	Below 10		

Evaluation Sheet

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Evaluation Sheet

Please note that your responses are optional and will not be shared with anyone.

Please write down **summaries** of any ideas, perspectives or your comments regarding the initial conceptual framework and sub-concepts that you have not previously expressed, or that you would like to further clarify.

01. **Professional Nursing** (Theory, practice and research/Evidence-based practice/ Legal and ethical conduct/professional roles etc.)

02. **Skills** (Technical/Communication/Critical thinking/Leadership/Information Literacy etc.)

Evaluation Sheet

03. Values & Beliefs

Client (Physical/Psychological/ Spiritual/Socio-cultural etc.)

Student (Self-directed/self-motivated/Critical thinking etc.)

Health (Primary Health Care/ Holism etc.)

Environment (Consumer demands/Technology/Medical Sciences/Effectiveness and efficiency of intervention etc)

04. Knowledge (Physiological/Psychological/Environmental/Socio-cultural/Politico-economic etc.)

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05. Teaching & Learning (Student-centred education/ Inter-disciplinary education/ Discovery learning/ Life long learning/ Flexible learning/ Educational technology etc.)

Any other suggestion or comments:

Thank you for filling out this Evaluation Sheet.

Rasika Jayasekara Investigator

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Appendix I

SUMARY Package Validity Checklist

Checklist for Assessing the Validity of Descriptive/Correlational Studies

Reviewer: Author:	Date: Year:	Re	cord No	
Observational Studies	1000.	Yes	No	Unclear
Is the study based on a random or pseudo-random sample? Is the sample of adequate size and representative of the popul Are the criteria for inclusion in the sample clearly defined? Were hypotheses linked to explicit theoretical framework? Did measures have acceptable reliability and validity? If comparisons are being made, was there sufficient description Was an appropriate statistical analysis used? Were the findings statistically or clinically significant? Were findings linked to theoretical framework?				
Are the findings generalisable?				
TOTAL				

Reviewers Comments:

From: The JBI-Meta Analysis of Statistics Assessment and Review Instrument (JBI-MAStARI), The Joanna Briggs Institute, Adelaide, 2003.

Narrative, Opinion and Textual Critical Information Instrument

Reviewer: Author:	Date: Year:	Red	cord No	
Criteria		Yes	No	Unclear
 Is the source of the opinion clearly identified? Does the source of the opinion have standing in the field of edge Are the interests of patients the central focus of the opinion? Is the opinion's basis in logic/experience clearly argued? Is there reference to the extant literature/evidence and any in Is the opinion supported by peers? 	, -			
TOTAL				

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Appendix II

Quantitative Data Extraction Form Author	Record No				
Journal					
Year					
Reviewer					
Method					
Setting					
Participants					
Number of Participants					
Group A	Group B		Group C		
Interventions					
Group A					
Control					
Group B					
Intervention 1					
Group C					
Intervention 2					
Outcome Measures Definition					
Other Outcome Measures					
Outcome Description			Scale/Measure		
Results					
Dichotomous Data					
Outcome	Control Group number/total number		Treatment Group number/total number		
Continuous Data	1				
Outcome	Control Group me	an & SD (number)	Treatment Group mean & SD (number)		

Authors Conclusions:

Comments:

Qualitative Data Extraction Form

Author	Record No
Journal	
Year	
Reviewer	
Method	
Methodology	
Data Analysis	
Setting & Context	
Geographical Context	
Cultural Context	
Participants:	
Number:	
Description:	

Intervention

Findings	Narrative Description	Quality of Evidence Rating 1,2,3

Authors' conclusion

Reviewer's conclusion

Appendix III

Degrees of credibility

Unequivocal [E]: evidence beyond reasonable doubt, which may include findings that are matter of fact, directly reported/observed and not open to challenge

Credible [C]: evidence that is, although an interpretation, plausible in light of the data and theoretical framework. The interpretations can be logically inferred from the data but, because the findings are essentially interpretive, they can be challenged **Unsupported [S]:** when none of the other level descriptors apply and when, most notably, findings are not supported by the data

These three levels of evidence are incorporated into the Joanna Briggs Institute System for the Unified Management of the Assessment and Review of Information (JBI-SUMARI) software, The Joanna Briggs Institute, Adelaide, 2003.

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