

WINTER EXAMINATION 2000
BACHELOR OF NURSING DEGREE
ADVANCED NURSING STUDIES II (NU412) (BND 5)
PROFESSIONAL ISSUES IN NURSING

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Please answer **THREE (3)** questions. All questions carry an equal mark.
Use a separate answer book for each question.
Please note you are expected to support all your answers by referring to relevant literature and where appropriate your clinical experience.

Time Allowed: **TWO (2) hours**

1. Debate the extent to which nursing and/or midwifery can be regarded as professions?
(100 marks)
2. In articulating the responsibilities of a nurse, the World Health Organization has stated that '*the nurse is an autonomous practitioner of nursing accountable for the care she or he provides*' (WHO 1991, p.3). Discuss this statement.
(100 marks)
3. Identify the barriers and possible solutions to the lack of nursing/midwifery systematic continuing professional education in Ireland.
(100 marks)
4. Power has been categorised by Hawks (1992) as "power over" and "power to". Drawing on the literature on power analyse what these types of power are and how these have influenced nursing/midwifery practice.
(100 marks)
5. Analyse the organisational factors that contribute to staff empowerment.
(100 marks)
6. Debate the usefulness of reflection as a means of learning from experience.
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