Nursology: Evolution of Philosophic, Conceptual, Theoretical, and Empirical Challenges:

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Evolution and Challenge: Definitions

Evolution

Transitions over time, a process of gradual change in the development of a subject, typically from relatively simple to a more complex subject matter.

Challenge

Questioning or disputing current thinking about subject matter

(Oxford English Dictionary Online)

Nursology: The Name of our Discipline

Nursology

"The study of nursing aimed towards the development of nursing theory" (Patterson, 1971, p. 143).

Nursologists

Members of the discipline of nursology

Clinicians

Researchers

Educators

Administrators

Evolution of Nursologists

From

Primitive mothers and Wise women

To

Advanced practice nurses

Doctor of Nursing Practice degree (DNP)

And

Research nurses

Doctor of Philosophy degree (PhD)

From

Positivism

To

Postpositivism

To

Interpretive

To

Critical social theory

To

Pragmatism

Positivism

Postpositivism

Interpretive research paradigm

-Associated research paradigms

- *Constructivsm
- *Critical realism
- *Dialectics

Critical social theory

-Associated research paradigms

*Feminism

*Transformative-emancipation

Pragmatism

Évolution of Conceptual Models of Nursology as Conceptual Challenges

From

Florence Nightingale

To

Private images of nursing

To

Development of explicit conceptual models of nursology

To

Acceptance of the conceptual models

To

Use of the conceptual models

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Evolution of Nursological Theories as Theoretical Challenges

From
"Atheoretical" work
To
Borrowed theories
To
Shared theories
To

Generation and testing of distinctive nursological theories

Derived from conceptual models of nursology

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From
Quantitative methods
To
Quantitative vs Qualitative methods
To
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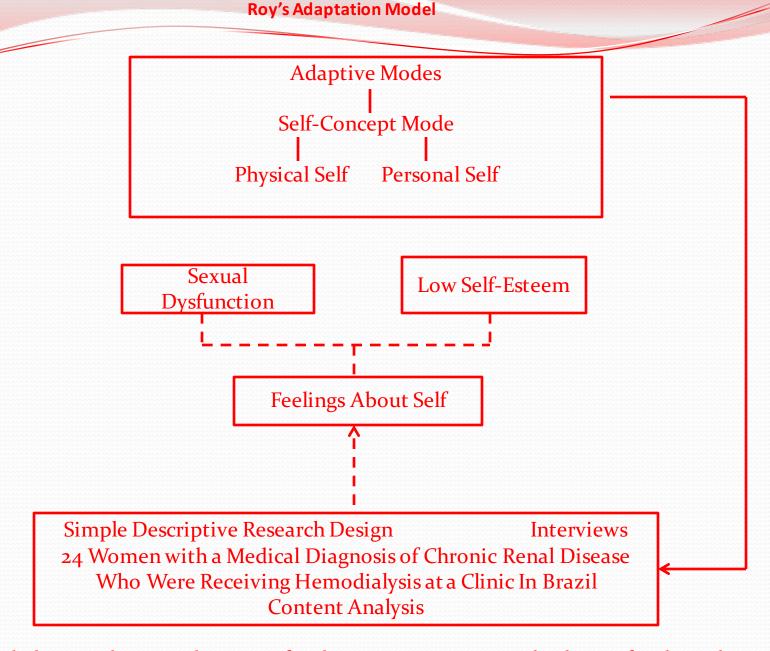
Creating Conceptual-Theoretical-Empirical Structures: Theory-Generating Research—Qualitative Methods

Identify the conceptual model

Identify the relevant conceptual model concept(s)

Link the conceptual model concepts with the empirical research methods

Link the empirical research methods with the themes or categories that emerge from the data



Conceptual-Theoretical-Empirical Structure for Theory-Generating Research: Theory of Feelings Abot Self Derived from Roy's Adaptation Model

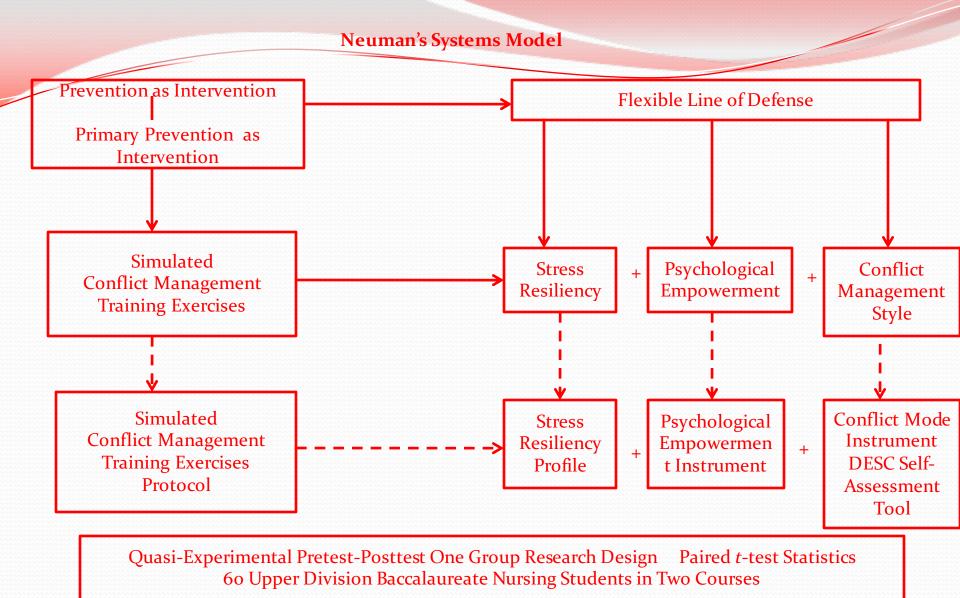
Creating Conceptual-Theoretical-Empirical Structures: Theory-Testing Research—Quantitative Methods

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Identify the relevant conceptual model concept(s)

Link the conceptual model concepts with the theory concepts

Link the theory concepts with the empirical research methods



Conceptual-Theoretical-Empirical Structure for Theory-Testing Research: Theory of the Effects of Simulated Conflict Management Training Exercises on Stress Resiliency, Psychological Empowerment, and Conflict Management Style Derived from Neuman's Systems Model

To

Recognition that

Research = Theory Development

And

Research findings = Theory

And

Theory = Evidence

• Thank you

• Your questions?

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