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1 Original submission

4 comments · 29 Mar 2020 – 5 Apr 2020

Referee 1 Reviewer

MINOR REVISION 29 Mar 2020

Dear AE,
I think the article is interesting, but in its main context, disorganization can be seen.
the discussion uses the human caring theory and the Palliative Care model. My suggestion is to arrange the following in the discussion.
1- Please Described Philosophy, worldview, and the value of the human caring theory and the Palliative Care model and linked both of them.
2- Please Described Key meta paradigms of interest in nursing (person, health, environment, nursing) in the human caring theory and Palliative Care.
3- Please Described a non-relational and existential proposition or statement that describes and defines concepts in the human caring theory and Palliative Care.
4- Please Described relational propositions or statements in the human caring theory and Palliative Care.
5- Please Described Combining two models together and outlining and organizing.
6- What suggestions to facilitate the application of human caring theory and Palliative care in various settings such as clinical practice?
Thanks.

Referee 2 Reviewer

MINOR REVISION 31 Mar 2020

Dear AE,
1- The manuscript is long and boring for the readers.
2- Please write a brief introduction.
3- Explain the basis of your category for discussion.
4- Explain why you chose these concepts for discussion. Are the selected concepts more relevant to palliative care? Why?
5- First, briefly explain Watson's theory, assumptions, values, and concepts. Second, briefly describe the concept of palliative care. Then contact them.
6- The content is very abstract and long, please be short, categorical and tangible.
7- Content should be tangible, not abstract. You can use the example.
8- Maintain a logical connection between the different parts.
9- Re-emphasizing the shortening.
Thanks.

Associate Editor

MINOR REVISION 4 Apr 2020

Dear EIC,
Thanks for submitting the manuscript to this journal. The manuscript topic is an interesting one. However, there are some comments which should be considered as follows:
Introduction
- At the beginning of this section, line 1, please delete “medical” and change the term “health system.”
- The main part of this section focused on nursing as a profession, knowledge development, and the

advantages of using theories. It is suggested to pay attention to the core concept, which is palliative care. Furthermore, given that palliative care is, by nature, a teamwork, it's better to generalize Watson's theory for all aspects of palliative care instead of focusing on nursing. This kind of care can not be separated according to professions.
- The aim is not in line with the content of the manuscript. According to the content, the aim is something beyond the relationship between the theory and palliative care, so it is recommended to choose a more specific, relevant aim for the paper.
- It is suggested to describe the differences between applying Watson's theory in palliative care with other care settings. It seems that the theory is applicable in all care settings, just like what has been mentioned in this manuscript. For example, concepts like communication, spirituality, and many other concepts are the same in paragraphs that are too long. There is just one reference for a long paragraph, which should be paid attention to in some cases.
- Since the theory is abstract, it is recommended to reword and define it as a practical model for applying palliative care settings.
- Conclusion is too long, and some parts are not relevant to whatever is mentioned in the manuscript's body.
Please consider reviewers' comments as well as associate editors and submit the revised manuscript within 2 weeks.
Thanks.

Editor-in-Chief MINOR REVISION 5 Apr 2020

Dear Author,
Please consider the comments of the associate editor in your manuscript and resubmit. In addition, Please add the ORCID id of at least the first and corresponding authors in the authors section when submitting the revised manuscript. You can get an ORCID id from the ORCID website at https://orcid.org.
Thank you

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Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

Dear Associate Editor

Reviewers' Comments have been answered in this file, which is also highlighted in the article file.

Thanks for reviewing this article.

Reviewers' Comments:

Reviewer 1:

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Your discussion uses the human caring theory and the Palliative Care model. My suggestion is to arrange the following in the discussion.

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4- Please Described relational proposition or statement in the human caring theory and Palliative Care.

For comments 1-4 Paragraphs on page 2 with the title “Background in Human Caring Theory and palliative care” were added

5- Please Described Combining two models together and outlining and organizing.

In page 2 of the first part of the argument, sentences were added and during the argument, the paragraphs were organized.

6- What suggestions to facilitate the application of human caring theory and Palliative care in various settings such as clinical practice?

On page 6, lines 2 - 7 were added, and on page 10, lines 6 - 9 were added

Reviewer 2:

1- The manuscript is long and boring for the readers.

Shortening was done by removing some of the sentences in parts of introduction, argument and conclusion.

2- Please write a brief introduction.

Shortening was done by removing some of the sentences.

3- Explain the basis of your category for discussion.

Paragraphs on page 2 with the title “Background in Human Caring Theory and palliative care” were added

4- Explain why you chose these concepts for discussion. Are the selected concepts more relevant to palliative care? Why?

Paragraphs on page 2 with the title “Background in Human Caring Theory and palliative care” were added

5- First, briefly explain Watson's theory, assumptions, values, and concepts. Second, briefly describe the concept of palliative care. Then contact them.

Paragraphs on page 2 with the title “Background in Human Caring Theory and palliative care” were added

6- The content is very abstract and long, please be short, categorical and tangible.

In the argument, the paragraphs were organized (removed some sentences and added other sentences and Movements were made between paragraphs(

7- Content should be tangible, not abstract. You can use the example.

Removed some sentences and added other sentences and Movements were made between paragraphs. And 4 lines were added at the end of page 7.

8- Maintain a logical connection between the different parts.

Movements were made between paragraphs

9- Re-emphasizing the shortening.

Shortening was done by removing some of the sentences in parts of introduction, argument and conclusion. But in addition to other comments, paragraphs were added, which prevented a lot of shortening.

Associate Editor's Comments:

Associate Editor 1:

Dear authors

Thanks for submitting the manuscript in this journal. The manuscript topic is an interesting one however there are some comments which should be considered as follows:

Introduction

At the beginning of this section, line 1, please delete “medical” and change the term into “health system”.

Was done.

The main part of this section focused on nursing as a profession, knowledge development, and advantages of using theories. It is suggested to pay attention to the core concept which is palliative care. Furthermore, given that the palliative care is by nature a teamwork, it’s better to generalize Watson’s theory for all aspects of palliative care instead of focusing on nursing. This kind of care cannot be separated according to professions.

In the entire text of the article Instead of focusing on nursing as a profession and nursing care field, focused on all care providers and clinical palliative care.

The aim is not in line with the content of the manuscript. According to the content, the aim is something beyond the relationship between the theory and palliative care so it is recommended to choose a more specific, relevant aim for the paper.

The aim is modified in abstract and introduction.

It is suggested to describe what the differences between applying Watson’s theory in the field of palliative care with other care settings are. It seems that the theory is applicable in all care settings just like what has been mentioned in this manuscript. For example concepts like communication, spirituality, and many other concepts are the same in

Paragraphs on page 2 with the title “Background in Human Caring Theory and palliative care” were added and conclusion modified.

Paragraphs are too long and in some cases, there is just one reference for a long paragraph, which should be paid attention.

Removed some sentences in the argument.

Since the theory is abstract, it is recommended to reword and define it as a practical model for applying in palliative care settings.

On page 6, lines 2 - 7 were added, and on page 10, lines 6 - 9 were added

Conclusion is too long and some parts are not relevant to whatever mentioned in the body of manuscript.

Removed some sentences in the Conclusion. And Sentences added in addition to other comments

Please consider reviewers' comments as well as associate editors and submit the revised manuscript within 2 weeks.

Was done

2 Revision 1

3 comments · 22 Apr 2020 – 2 May 2020

Referee 1 Reviewer

ACCEPT 22 Apr 2020

Dear AE,
Reforms have been made and the article is acceptable.
Thanks.

Associate Editor

ACCEPT 25 Apr 2020

Dear EIC,
Thanks to the author for considering the reviewer's comments. It would be my pleasure to announce that the manuscript now is accepted for publication in this journal. The authors will be informed regarding the next steps soon.
Thanks.

Editor-in-Chief

ACCEPT 2 May 2020

Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.