Hi students, my name is Dr. Susan Thomas, course leader for NR439 and I would like to welcome you to a short tutorial reviewing your week five assignment.

Your week 5 assignment is located in your week 5 module. If you scroll down to week 5 you will be able to click on your assignment here. The purpose for completing this assignment is to help you demonstrate your understanding of the different ways that we can conduct research to study our nursing problems, the many types of designs, and some various ways we can choose our samples, as well as how research helps to contribute to a credible nursing profession. This information will help you locate, find, read, and understand research studies that are available in our nursing literature. It will also help you be able to utilize findings to your particular nursing practice areas.

During our week 4 and 5, we have learned there are two types of research which we can choose to use either a quantitative approach to study a problem or a qualitative approach. These are two ways we can study our nursing problems and once we have chosen our type of research, then we can select differing designs. We are learning during our week 5 about samples which we use to specifically select who will participate in a study. We learned there are differing sampling strategies which we can use with either the quantitative or qualitative type of research. I want you to know I designed this learning activity using our AACN standards of professional practice which requires a BSN to value evidenced-base practice and have knowledge of the fundamental elements of research, process, and design.

The assignment directions and rubric are located under your week five assignment. It is essential that you read over the directions as these have key instructions and helpful hints to complete the scholarly worksheet. The week 5 worksheet is located here. Use the worksheet that is assigned in your session you are taking the course; assignment worksheets can change from session to session. I encourage you to read all the directions first, and then read over your grading rubric which is located beneath the assignment. Be sure that you are using your grading rubric to complete the required assignment. Your instructor will use the grading rubric to evaluate each of the criteria you will be completing. Try to use the first column which will help you capture all available points for that criteria. Using your own words demonstrates your individual learning and knowledge. Be sure you are using your own words to write about each element of the grading criteria. The grading criteria elements should be used as you prepare and write about each criteria again using your own words.

Be sure you pay attention to instruction or direction #5; you are only to use or you can use two or more scholarly resources. Textbooks are not allowed. You cannot use any kind of textbook. Use your Chamberlain Library to locate current evidence to support your knowledge of each elements to help you write about your learning. Also, no more than two direct quotes, short direct quotes can be used; this is a scholarly worksheet which should consist of your words that demonstrates your knowledge of what you have learned about the content. If you use a resource, you must use an in-text citation indicating the sentence that you used. Be sure you are fully citing the resource in the references list at the end of your worksheet; otherwise, it will not be considered a scholarly source if your instructor can not determine the source.

The assignment is worth 225 points. I want to point out that you need to use scholarly writing, spelling, grammar, and complete sentences. To help with formatting or APA, you can find resources as well as writing assistance within your resources tab.  
  
I hope you enjoy this extremely valuable learning activity! It was created to help support your knowledge of how to utilize and value an evidence-based practice as a BSN. As always, please contact your NR439 instructor if you have any questions. Thank you for reviewing the short tutorial.