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- Journal articles

##### Up to 6 authors

Elham H1, Hazrati M, Momennasab M, Sareh K. The effect of need-based spiritual/religious intervention on spiritual well-being and anxiety of elderly people. *Holistic Nursing Practice*. 2015;29(3):136-43.

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Bang KS, Kang JH, Jun MH, Kim HS, Son HM, Yu SJ, et al. Professional values in Korean undergraduate nursing students. *Nurse Education Today*. 2011;31(1):72-5. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nedt.2010.03.01>

- Books

Peate I. The student's guide to becoming a nurse. 2nd ed. Chichester WS: John Wiley & Sons; 2012. 660 p.

- Technical and research report

Perio MA, Brueck SE, Mueller CA. Evaluation of 2009 pandemic influenza A (H1N1) virus exposure among internal medicine housestaff and fellows. *Health Hazard Evaluation Report*. Salt Lake City, Utah: University of Utah School of Medicine; 2010 October. Report No. HETA 2009-0206- 3117.

- Electronic Media

Wilcox LS. 2010 life tables for Korea. *Biological Procedures Online* [Internet]. 2005 Nov [updated 2005 Sep 12; cited 2007 Jan 5]; 8(1):194-215. Available from: [http://kostat.go.kr/portal/korea/kor\\_nw/3/](http://kostat.go.kr/portal/korea/kor_nw/3/)

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