Open educational resources (OER) are digitized resources for the education community, utilized to enhance teaching, learning, and research opportunities. The OER is a free resource and is designed for the community to use without receiving special copyright permissions.

**PURPOSE/AIMS**
- This purpose of the OER is to free the textbook. By minimizing the cost of books for students, there is a significant decrease in student debt.
- The OER may increase the students utilization of resources by taking away the inhibiting factor of cost.
- The OER program is also a repository for the educational profession to create books and documents to be utilized by others openly.

**Cost of Textbooks**
- Textbook prices have rocketed since 1978, rising almost 7 percent a year, compared to 4 percent annually for all goods and services. College tuition has increased faster, at almost 8 percent a year, but textbook prices have risen quicker than costs of medical care and new homes.

**Pitfalls of OER**
- Finding a suitable resource for the specific information related to the individual professions.
- Nursing is not a profession that has specific information within the repository.

**Implementation of OER**
- OER will be trialed in Nursing 495 Fall 2017. This is a capstone course for the RN to BSN cohorts.

**OER’s to be utilized**
- YouTube videos
- Leadership and Management Books and Journals
- Leadership Research Articles
- Quality Management Articles
- Project Management Articles

**Project Evaluation**
- The final OER project evaluation will occur after each the fall and winter semesters of school year 2017-2018. The IDEA evaluations for the course will serve as the measuring tool after each semester.