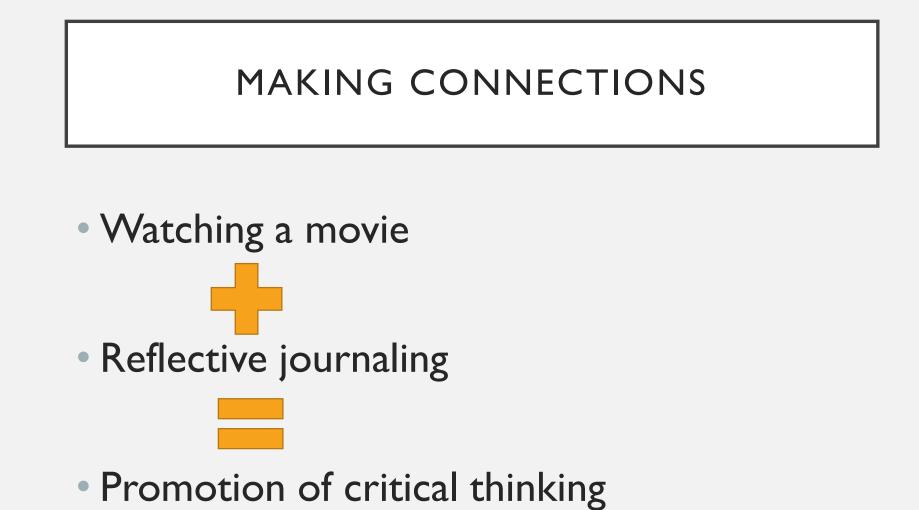
# STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON THE CRITICAL THINKING ATTRIBUTES OF AN EXPERT NURSE

Brenda Wiles, DNP, RN

Terri Enslein, MSN, EdD, RNC-OB



# THE ASSIGNMENT



# THEMES

- Knowledge
- Decision-making
- The expert

# THEMES: KNOWLEDGE

- Learn from mistakes
- Be a lifelong learner
- Use knowledge to guide decision-making
- Student quote: "Sully is inspiring and encourages me to never lose my desire to learn more and seek the most out of every clinical experience a employment opportunity I can get my hands on from this day forward as a nurse".



# THEMES: DECISION-MAKING

- Not always relying on technology
- Knowing when to break protocol
- Appropriate use of intuition

### DECISION-MAKING: NOT ALWAYS RELYING ON TECHNOLOGY

- The computer
- Air traffic control
- The plane's A-card
- FAA's simulation findings



# DECISION MAKING: KNOWING WHEN TO BREAK PROTOCOL

- By-passing standard steps
- Drawing the line
- Going against orders
- Going against protocol

# DECISION MAKING: APPROPRIATE USE OF INTUITION

- Automatic response
- Trusting instincts
- Student quote: "It is critical that [public] professionals in these fields can give evidence to support their intuition and not simply rely on baseless gut reactions".

#### THEMES: THE EXPERT

- Experience is key
- Student quote: "Experts are able to combine intuition, experience, skills, and critical thinking to make appropriate decisions in any situation, especially in high stress ones".
- Student quote: "Being an expert nurse in today's complex healthcare system does not happen over just a couple years, but over decades of experience".

# FINAL THOUGHTS

 Student quote: "Watching this film was an excellent exercise in observing the importance of expertise, experience, and valuing others, which will always be highly relevant to nursing".