N477: Population Based Nursing Care in the Community
Credits: 6 (3 lecture, 3 clinical)
Semesters Offered: F, Sp
Prerequisites: N437, 454

Course Description: The focus of this course is the health and well-being of the community. Global and national health problems are examined from a public health perspective. Community assessment and epidemiologic methods are used to identify populations at risk and potential areas for intervention.

Course Objectives: The student will:
1. Utilizes primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention strategies to enable clients to achieve optimal levels of functioning. (T1, 2, 3)
2. Utilizes evidence based nursing practice in the community setting with the management of complex health needs of clients. (T4, 5, 7, 8)
3. Utilizes case management principles and knowledge of resources and subsystems within the health care delivery system to promote continuing and comprehensive community health care.
4. Plans for the health of selected groups using population assessment outcomes. (T1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9)
5. Integrates public health concepts into community health practice: epidemiology, health planning, health education, environmental health, global health and disaster management. (T3, 6, 10)
6. Analyzes environmental risks and discusses appropriate health policy. (T2, 3, 6, 9, 10)
7. Demonstrates role development as a community health nurse (T1, 5, 11)
8. Identifies researchable problems that emerge from population based clinical experiences. (T1, 5, 11)
9. Communicates effectively with clients, families and professionals. (T3)
10. Demonstrate responsibility and accountability reflecting professional values.

Recommended Content:

Intro to population based nursing
   History
   Roles - professional behavior and accountability
   Standards of practice
   Theory - B Neuman, E Hanchett

Public Health
   Epidemiology - causality, rates, populations at risk, concepts
   Environmental health
   Global health - patterns of health, organizations
Nursing roles and partnerships

Community health
  Rural, urban
  Political structure
  Leadership
  Community development
  Settings for care

Case Management
  Models
  Resource allocation
  Interdisciplinary team collaboration
  Family as unit of service

Trends and Issues
  Social, political, ethical issues
  Economics of public health
  Population distribution
  Bioterrorism
  Current news

Recommended Learning Activities:

  Planning and providing health screening activities
  Web-based discussion of local disaster plans
  Analysis of a Public Health policy meeting
  Home visiting
  Functional assessments
  Small group community assessments
  Community group health education
  Bioterrorism/emergency preparedness modules
  Community clinic simulations
  Emergency preparedness simulations
  In-class group exercises
  Community needs assessments
  Clinical conference discussion of case management of home visit clients
  Care plans and weekly logs identifying client problems and nursing interventions
  WebCT modules with survey questions

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