NRSG 477: Population Based Nursing Care in the Community
Credits: 6 (3 lecture, 3 clinical laboratory)
Semesters Offered: F, Sp
Prerequisites: NRSG 437, NRSG 454

Course Description: The focus of this course is the health and well-being of diverse communities. 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, genetics, 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. Collaborates and communicates effectively with clients, families and interdisciplinary professionals. (T3)
10. Students will demonstrate behaviors that are congruent with the ANA Code of Ethics, Scope and Standards of Practice, and Social Policy Statements in all class related interactions.

Recommended Content and Concepts:

1. Intro to population based nursing
   History
   Roles - professional behavior and accountability
   Standards of practice
   Theory - B Neuman, E Hanchett
2. Public Health
   Epidemiology - causality, rates, populations at risk, concepts
   Environmental health
   Global health - patterns of health, organizations
   Nursing roles and partnerships

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

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

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

6. Selected at risk/vulnerable populations
   Migrants
   Poverty
   Geriatric
   Gay/Lesbian
   Teen Pregnancy
   Ethnic groups/cultural diversity
   Rural

Suggested Student 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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