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.
2. Utilizes evidence based nursing practice in the community setting with the management of complex health needs of clients.
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.
5. Integrates public health concepts into community health practice: epidemiology, health planning, health education, environmental health and global health
6. Analyzes environmental risks and discusses appropriate health policy.
7. Demonstrates role development as a community health nurse
8. Demonstrates professional behavior when providing nursing care.
9. Identifies researchable problems that emerge from population based clinical experiences.
10. Communicates effectively with clients, families and professionals.
11. Demonstrates 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

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