

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY- BOZEMAN  
COLLEGE OF NURSING  
Master Resource Outline

N377: Introduction to Community Based Nursing  
Credits: 2 lecture  
Semesters Offered: F, Sp  
Prerequs: None

Course description: The focus of this course is to introduce the student to community based nursing practice for individuals, families, populations and communities. There is an emphasis on health promotion, disease prevention and health determinants in a variety of settings.

Course Objectives: The student will:

1. Apply the concepts of community based nursing in a variety of settings.
2. Discuss environmental health as a key concept in community based nursing.
3. Describe home visiting and other methods of delivering nursing care in the community.
4. Examine basic concepts of epidemiology.
5. Apply the basic principles of health promotion, disease prevention and risk reduction in nursing practice.
6. Discuss the effects of health determinants on the health behaviors of individuals, families and populations.
7. Utilize national health reports, benchmarks, and appropriate resources in planning health care.
8. Describe the role of nursing in developing partnerships in a variety of settings.
9. Demonstrate responsibility and accountability reflecting professional values.

Recommended Content:

Community based nursing concepts  
Family centered care  
Philosophy  
Settings for care- includes home visiting, rural settings  
Health promotion, risk reduction  
Wellness  
Prevention  
Health (continued)  
Health education  
Teaching/learning principles  
Basic epidemiology  
Triad model  
Use of rates  
Concepts - Levels of prevention, multiple causation, risk, trends & distribution of disease  
Current trends and issues  
Responsibilities in providing nursing care in the home and at other settings  
Self care

Family centered nursing care  
Interdisciplinary practice  
Environmental health- competencies for nurses  
Policy  
Economics  
Aging America  
Health determinants  
Biology  
Lifestyle  
Genetics  
Access to health care  
Policy  
Poverty  
Environment  
Parish nursing

Community based nursing models  
Definition of health, health continuum  
Health promotion, risk reduction, prevention and wellness  
Acute and chronic illness  
Impact of health care systems on health  
Community based nursing philosophy  
Basic epidemiology  
Rural health  
related evidence based work  
health education  
teaching/learning  
current trends and issues  
responsibilities in home visiting  
{safety and autonomy across the life span)  
(social & environmental influences on health)  
(aging America and affect on health care system)  
(environmental competencies for nurses)

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