

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF NURSING  
Master Resource Outline**

**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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