

Mississippi College School of Nursing
NUR 413
Community Health Nursing

Course: NUR 413, Community Health Nursing

Credit: 2 semester hours (30 Contact Hours)

Placement in curriculum: Semester III

Prerequisite: Completion of all Semester II courses

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Catalog Description: Focuses on the concepts, process, and skills of community health nursing practice.

Course Description: Community Health Nursing focuses in the synthesis of concepts, processes and skills necessary to promote health and prevent illness in populations groups. Emphasis will be placed on managing care for the community as a client/patient rather than on individual health care. The three levels of prevention used in strategic planning for community health will be emphasized.

Course objectives:

At the completion of this course the student will be expected to:

1. Analyze the scope of community health nursing practices.
2. Synthesize concepts from nursing, the humanities and the natural and behavioral sciences in providing nursing care to families in the home and community.
3. Analyze the professional nursing role necessary to assist the client/patient/community to maintain and regain health.
4. Incorporate the knowledge of human diversity in the provision of nursing care to diverse and vulnerable population groups.
5. Incorporate strategies for health promotion, risk reduction and disease prevention in the provision for nursing care for families, groups and communities.
6. Analyze the epidemiological process and its influence on the provision for nursing care.
7. Utilize information technology to examine the effects of global health care on disease transmission, health policy and health care economics and the impact of those effects have on community health nursing practice.

Content outline:

- I. Introduction to course
- II. Scope of practice/defining Community Health Nursing
- III. Community and its influences on community health
 - A. Definition of community
 - B. Health care delivery, economics, technology and change
 - C. Legal and ethical perspectives

- D. Social and cultural diversity
- E. Environmental health, safety and bioterrorism/disaster preparation
- IV. Foundation for community health nursing practice
 - A. Epidemiology, research and the nursing process
 - B. Tools for practice
 - 1. Community assessment, diagnosis and interventions
 - 2. Health promotion, risk reduction and disease prevention strategies
 - 3. Screening
- V. Contemporary issues and concerns
 - A. Communicable Diseases and their effect on the global community
 - B. Vulnerable populations groups
 - C. Rural Populations

Teaching strategies:

Lecture
 Small group discussion
 Written assignments
 Audio-visual presentations
 Guest speakers

Evaluations Methods:

See grade sheet

Required textbook:

Stanhope, M. and Lancaster, J. (2004 or latest edition) Community & public health nursing . Mosby: St. Louis

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