

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING

Syllabus

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Principles, theories, and concepts of community health nursing are utilized to generate an understanding of the roles and functions of community health nurses. Therapeutic communication, group process theory and its application to practice are included. Special focus is given to the nursing process and nursing roles needed to promote system stability and maximum functional status of individuals across the lifespan, families, groups, aggregates, and community. This course is designed to encourage the critical thinking necessary to perform competently in community health nursing.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of the course, the student will:

1. Discuss the definitions, functions, history, ethics, legal issues & trends of Community health nursing.
2. Utilize the application of the nursing process to families, groups, aggregates and communities in a variety of settings.
3. Apply concepts of community, community health, environmental health, and epidemiology to community health nursing practice.
4. Apply concepts of health teaching and health promotion in the nursing care of individuals, families, groups, and aggregates across the lifespan.
5. Analyze the effects of internal and external environmental influences in the health of families, groups, aggregates and communities [physiological, sociocultural, and Psychological systems].
6. Compare the various roles, functions, and settings of community health nursing (public health nursing, school nursing, home health nursing, and rural health nursing).

7. Discuss the impact of global health care with consideration for the global ecology (environment) and epidemiology.
8. Evaluate the availability & accessibility of health care provided by public & private organizations.
9. Utilize research findings to improve nursing practice in the care of vulnerable Populations across the lifespan