Community Health and Population-Focused Nursing – C228

Overview
Community Health and Population-Focused Nursing will assist students in becoming familiar with foundational theories and models of health promotion applicable to the community health nursing environment. Students will develop an understanding of how policies and resources influence the health of populations. Focus is concentrated on learning the importance of a community assessment to improve or resolve a community health issue. Students will be introduced to the relationships between cultures and communities and the steps necessary to create community collaboration with the goal to improve or resolve community health issues in a variety of settings. Students will gain a greater understanding of health systems in the United States, global health issues, quality-of-life issues, cultural influences, community collaboration, and emergency preparedness.

Competencies
- **Epidemiology**
  The graduate applies principles of epidemiology to the assessment of the healthcare needs of communities.
- **Community Care and Collaboration**
  The graduate plans and coordinates community care in collaboration with community partners.
- **Community Advocacy**
  The graduate develops culturally sensitive and relevant strategies to advocate for populations, based on knowledge of community health systems.
- **Community Health Promotion**
  The graduate proposes health promotion initiatives and services to promote disease and injury prevention.
- **Global Health**
  The graduate analyzes past and present initiatives meant to improve the health of the global community.
- **Emergency Response**
  The graduate plans for the preparation, response, and recovery of communities from natural and human-caused emergencies and disasters.
- **Cultural Competency**
  The graduate analyzes social and cultural factors that affect the care of diverse populations.
- **Communicable Disease**
  The graduate analyzes the impact of communicable diseases on the health of individuals, families, and communities in a global environment.

Learning
Getting Started
Community Health and Population-Focused Nursing is a three-section course introducing you to a variety of critical topics in community health and the various implementation strategies you need to know for an effective nursing practice. This course will prepare you for the field experience course later in the series. The three sections in this course include: Foundations of Nursing in Community: Epidemiology and Environmental Health, Community Advocacy and Disaster Preparedness. This course is delivered on the platform uCertify and provides opportunities for learning in a variety of ways including VitalSource e-texts, YouTube videos, and Sentinel City and MuzzyLane's Bentonville. Full instructions are provided as you encounter each of these resources in the learning platform. You are encouraged to participate in the Interactive Practice sessions at the end of each unit to test your competency on key topics. Support is provided with a Pacing Guide giving you recommendations for time management and a course mentor to assist you. We recommend keeping a personal learning journal while taking this course to increase your retention of the material and to assist with the transfer of knowledge to your future clinical setting. Competencies for this course will be assessed by a performance assessment. Plan on spending approximately 1-2 hours on the content in each course page and several additional hours each week in the simulations.

Cohort Sign-up
Cohorts provide additional structure and support for challenging aspects of this course. In a cohort you receive specific homework assignments and meet online with mentors and students regularly to discuss the challenging topics.

Assessments
- **Performance Assessment: Community Health and Population-Focused Nursing**
  Status: Not Attempted
  Code: KLP1

Course Information
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