Overview

Advanced Health Assessment of Patients and Populations builds on prior physical health assessment knowledge and skills acquired during undergraduate studies by focusing on the advanced assessment of biopsychosocial and sociocultural contexts in patients and populations across the life span. This course emphasizes the use of a comprehensive health promotion, disease prevention, and health restoration model to address health concerns in patients and communities. Students will acquire advanced assessment knowledge and skills for clinical interviewing, focused history taking, critical diagnostic reasoning, and clinical decision-making using a problem-focused framework that integrates authentic experiences with practical knowledge of health patterns in patients and communities.

Competencies

- **Health Assessment Factors**
  The graduate assesses the physical, biopsychosocial, cultural, spiritual, and environmental elements to improve health in patients and populations.

- **Comprehensive Assessment**
  The graduate distinguishes comprehensive assessment strategies appropriate to evaluating the health of diverse patients across the life span.

- **Data Collection and Analysis**
  The graduate analyzes assessment data to create health promotion plans for patients and communities.

- **Focused Physical Exams**
  The graduate performs a focused physical examination to identify applicable differential diagnoses based on evidence from the collected data.

- **Population Health Assessment**
  The graduate analyzes epidemiologic methods to assess the health of communities and populations.

- **Disease Prevention and Control**
Learning

Getting Started

Welcome to Advanced Health Assessment of Patients and Population! This course integrates comprehensive health assessment factors, assessment approaches, population health assessment strategies, and the systems for disease prevention to affect quality patient care and populations. The learner will use textbook chapters, journal readings, Shadow Health simulations, an ethics game, and CPE activities as resources to advance essential competencies necessary to meet the health needs of individuals, families, and populations.

You are encouraged to engage in the learning checks and case studies throughout the modules to help build the knowledge and skills to practice what you are learning. Competencies in this course will be demonstrated by the successful completion of a performance assessment.

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COURSE INSTRUCTOR

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Course Instructor Responsibility

How to Work with Course Instructors