

Nursing 415CP

Community Health Nursing

Course Description:

Exploration of topics encountered in community health nursing, such as public health principles, epidemiology, ethics, and vulnerable populations. Utilizing public/community health theory, students complete 75 practicum hours of experiential learning through community service, community health assessment, and development/implementation of a community health project. Restricted to Nursing majors.

Course Credit Hours:

4 semester credit hours, 16 Week course.

Course Placement:

BSN: Mastery Level Undergraduate course

Course Learning Objectives:

1. Verify major concepts relevant to community health nursing, including community-as-client, vulnerable aggregates, and epidemiology through reading and virtual (DCE) community activities.
2. Integrate nursing theory, principles of evidence-based nursing practice, and the nursing process into discussions and assignments as they relate to community and public health nursing situations.
3. Establish and document the community's health needs and strengths, including barriers to care, through collaboration with key members of their community and DCE virtual experiences.
4. Evaluate a community through a community assessment, volunteering, and the development of a community needs survey.

5. Assess community needs for nursing interventions using scientific inquiry, nursing theories, evidence-based practice, collaboration, and cultural competencies.
6. Develop a formal project proposal addressing a community need identified by community assessment, the needs survey, and collaboration with community stakeholders.
7. Implement the faculty-approved community project.

Teaching Methods:

Reading of textbook and articles

Literature review

Collaboration with key stakeholders

Sentinel City Simulation exploration

Guidance and feedback during the practicum activities

Evaluation Methods:

Graded Assignment/Activities- Weighted Percentage of Course Grade

This course uses weighted grading.

Course activities are divided into categories, with some categories being more valuable to the final grade than others, as seen in the table below.

Each category represents a percentage of the final grade.

Category	Percentage of Final Grade
Discussion activities and responses over simulation activities	20%
Blogs	10%
Communication	5%
Practicum Activities	
Volunteering (25 hours) and activities	20%
Community Assessment (20 hours) and activities	20%
Project Proposal Presentation & Project Planning and Implementation (30 hours	25%

Required Text and Program

Text:

Seabert, D. M., McKenzie, J. F., & Pinger, R. R. (2022). *McKenzie's: An introduction to community & public health (10th ed.)*. Jones & Bartlett Learning

Required Program:

Sentinel City is a virtual community that is used for simulation experience and education.

Resources:

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Concise guide to APA style: The official APA style guide for students (7th ed.)*. American Psychological Association.

Pope, B., Hough, M. C., & Chase, S. (2016). Ethics in community nursing. *Online Journal of Health Ethics*, 12(2). <http://dx.doi.org/10.18785/ojhe.1202.03> (Links to an external site.)

Healthy People 2030, U.S. (n.d.) Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. <https://health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data/social-determinants-health> (Links to an external site.)

[5-Minute Summary: The ANA Nursing Code of Ethics \(Links to an external site.\)](#)
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[Code of Ethics for Nurses With Interpretive Statements \(View Only for Members and Non-Members\) \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

Wayne, G. (2021). *Nursing theories and theorists*. <https://nurseslabs.com/nursing-theories/>

Topical Outline by Module:

Module	Title
Module 1	Theories, Ethics, and Nursing Process
Module 2	Vulnerable Aggregates
Module 3	Epidemiology & Determinants of Health
Module 4	The Education System & Health Care
Module 5	Physical Environment
Module 6	Resource Availability
Module 7	Population Focused Interventions
Module 8	Community Assessment
Module 9	Community Needs Survey
Module 10	Project Thoughts & Timeline
Module 11	Presentation Development
Module 12	Project Proposal Presentation
Module 13	Formal Project Proposal Presentation
Module 14	Project Implementation
Module 15	Project After Action Report
Module 16	Practicum Hours Log