Nursing 320
Community Health Nursing
Doane College

Spring Session
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course emphasizes the health of communities and populations and the professional nursing role in health promotion and disease prevention. Topics include population-based health issues such as environmental health, epidemiology, and communicable disease. In a clinical setting, students will work with persons in a variety of community settings and learn how to assess and screen individuals and families within communities, address identified needs, educate people across the lifespan, collaborate with other health care professionals, make referrals, and participate in health promotion clinics. Students will gain an understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of public health and the overall effects on health in the US and abroad.

Credit Hours: 3 credit hours.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Explore and develop an understanding of “upstream thinking” and the rational for a population-based approach to community health nursing.
2. Apply the nursing process of assessment, planning, intervention, and evaluation to aggregates in the community using selected theory bases.
3. Define vulnerable populations and identify appropriate and potentially effective health promotion strategies.
4. Identify and explore key health issues that affect large aggregates and appropriate strategies for mitigation.
5. Identify, compare, and contrast the role of the BSN in community health practice in: public health; school nursing; home health; occupational health; faith; and volunteer.
6. Recognize cultural competence and demonstrate the skill to care for the community.
7. Select, critique, and report on a policy option using data and information to identify and evaluate intended and unintended impact on the health of the community or specific sub-population.

**TEXT:**  
*Community/Public Health Nursing* (Optional: Purchase not suggested by instructor)  
Author: Nies, M.A., McEwen, M.  
Publisher: Elsevier (Saunders)  
ISBN: 978-1-4377-0860-8

**COURSE ACTIVITIES:**  
This course requires the students to read text and web assignments and participate in classroom discussions. Students will submit written assignments and participate/lead small group discussions designed to internalize the concepts and applications of public health. The reading assignments combined with class discussion assists the student to learn the role of a public health nurse. Students have the opportunity to experience the nurses’ role in the community.

**GRADING**

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89-87 = B+   
86-84 = B    
83-80 = B-   
79-77 = C+   
78-74 = C    
73-70 = C-   
69-67 = D+   
66-64 = D    
63-60 = F

**Class Participation**  
Total points possible/week = 10  
The combined score of class participation represents 25% of your final grade.  
**You may miss one class without it adversely affecting your grade.** If you miss more than one class, you will need to make arrangements with the instructor for makeup work, which will include an additional paper or class presentation.
Six Written Assignments
Points awarded as follows: Total points possible/paper = 15
The combined score of the 6 papers represents 25% of your final grade.

Final paper
Total points possible = 15
The score of the final paper represents 25% of your final grade.

Late papers
Papers will be accepted up to one week after the class meets, by 6pm on the evening of the next class. Late papers will be accepted if received by 5pm on the Friday of the week they are due. There will be a 50% markdown for late papers.

Final Presentation
Points possible = 24
The score of the final presentation represents 25% of your final grade.
Final presentations will take place on the last class meeting date. Presentation should be approximately 25 minutes including 5 minutes of Q&A. Presentations can be either group or individual per student choice.

March 19, 2014
Activity: Lecture, Q&A
Assignment #1 Paper (Due Next Week) Windshield Survey
Define your community geographically and conduct the windshield survey. Windshield survey guidelines to be found at KU Community Tool Box. http://ctb.ku.edu/en/tablecontents/chapter3-section21-main.aspx

March 26, 2014
Activity Computer Lab
Assignment #2 Paper (Due Next Week): Data Spreadsheet
Using at least 5 data sources, describe your community in metrics.
April 2, 2014
Activity: Lecture, Group Discussion
Assignment #3 Paper (Due Next Week): Identification of Priority issue with supporting data
Identify your key issue and support rationale for addressing it
   Include: Current status and history if applicable
   Resources presently being utilized (by whom and how)
   Potential resources
   Potential partners

April 9, 2014
Activity: Computer Lab, Lecture, Discussion
Assignment #4 Paper (Due Next Week): Identify at least three best practices and provide rationale for the one you plan to use.
   Include: History of the practice (who is using it, where, success, etc)
   Why it would work here
   Why it would work with this population
   Where you would get the resources
   How does it fit a public health/community health model?

April 16, 2014
Activity: Group Discussion
Assignment #5 Paper (Due Next Week): Provide first draft of program/service plan
   Include: Target population description; Document need for program; Describe program; Identify goal and objectives; Develop workplan; Budget;
   Evaluation- How will you know you are successful- include both process and outcome measures.

April 23, 2014
Activity: Lecture, Group and Individual Discussion

April 30, 2014
Activity: Lecture, Group and Individual Discussion
Assignment #6 Paper (Due Next Week: Second draft)

May 7, 2014
Final Paper and Group Presentations

May 14, 2014
Final Paper and Group Presentations

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