



NRSE 341 Syllabus

Course Description

NRSE 341 – Community Health Nursing focuses on community health nursing roles and basic concepts of community health. Implementation of population-focused care through the nursing process, collaboration, and interdisciplinary skills.

Prerequisites:

The student must:

1. have completed and/or be enrolled concurrently in NRSE 300; and
2. hold a current license to practice as a registered nurse (RN).

Textbooks, Reading Materials, and Resources

Nies, M.A., & McEwen, M. (2007). *Community/Public health nursing: Promoting the health of populations* (4th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Saunders Elsevier. ISBN: 9781416028871.

Textbooks available from ED MAP Online Bookstore: <http://www.shop-edmap.biz/oub/>

Credit Hours: 4 lecture; 1 clinical

Note: The clinical component in this course consists of students completing 30 hours of application-based assignments such as public health observations, assessments, and data analysis that are completed in the community or public health care settings. Assignments are specifically designed to ensure students have the opportunity to link theory with practice at a time and location that is convenient for them.

Note to Healthcare Providers: Clinical requirements are satisfied outside of and independently from the hospital or acute care setting.

Course Goals

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- identify the historical context of the nurse in the community.
- differentiate among various models and definitions of community and public health nursing.
- apply the nursing process to populations using a systems framework.
- use epidemiological methods to describe the state of a specific health problem of a community population.
- apply nursing knowledge to primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention to priority community or population health problems.
- apply *Healthy People* goals and objectives to population-based problems.
- demonstrate ways nurses can use political action to affect the health policies of their communities and nation.

Course Organization

There are five (5) modules in this course. Each module represents one week of activity.

1. Perspectives in Community and Public Health Nursing
2. Approaches to Community Health
3. Population Health Concerns I
4. Population Health Concerns II
5. Community Health Concerns for the 21st Century