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NUR 485: Community Population Based Nursing

Course Welcome

Welcome to the Community Population Based Nursing course. I am excited to explore with you the principles of community/public health nursing. I believe you will be able to expand upon your current knowledge and experience base to impact an aggregate population in a positive way in your community. I look forward to some excellent discussions on the various topics we will explore in this class.

Instructor Contact Information

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Instructor Email Response Policy

Any course related email sent to the instructor will have a response either by email, phone, or through the LMS within 48 hours.

Course Description and Credit Hours

(4 credit hours) This course emphasizes community-based and population-centered approaches to health promotion, disease and injury prevention. Community health nursing and public health concepts are integrated to provide holistic population-based care. This course has four hours of class for seven weeks and completion of a 1 credit hour practice experience.

Pre-Requisite: NUR 381

Course Objectives

At the conclusion of the course, students should be able to:

1. Describe community health nursing as the synthesis of public health science and professional nursing practice.
2. Utilize epidemiologic and population level data to understand the impact of communicable disease, chronic disease and social behaviors on the health and safety of the community.

3. Utilize the nursing process, evidenced-based practice guidelines, and principles of primary, secondary and tertiary prevention while providing care to populations in the community, with emphasis on those who are vulnerable and may differ in terms of health beliefs, values, faith and practices.
4. Demonstrate nursing judgment and effective decision making during natural and man-made disasters in terms of emergency preparedness and responses.
5. Analyze the impact of culture on health beliefs and behaviors to facilitate optimal functioning of patients, families and populations.
6. Describe environmental health concerns external to individual persons that impact the health and safety of populations.
7. Apply critical thinking and decision making to community contexts in relation to assessment, resource utilization, program development, policy formation and interventions with individuals, families and populations to promote the health of the public.

Program Core Competencies

At the completion of the program, the student should:

1. Demonstrate nursing judgment when making effective decisions while coordinating patient/family/population-centered care.
2. Employ effective communication and collaboration with patients, families, populations, and members of the health care team in the delivery/management of nursing care.
3. Apply the nursing process to deliver safe, quality care to facilitate optimal functioning of patients/families/populations on the health-illness continuum throughout the lifespan.
4. Demonstrate respect and support for diversity and spiritual dimensions of self and others through compassionate holistic nursing care.
5. Integrate evidence-based practice/research when making nursing judgments regarding patient/family/population-centered care.
6. Apply nursing informatics to support quality improvement, enhance communication, and inform nursing judgment.
7. Model nursing behaviors of leadership and professionalism consistent with legal and ethical standards.

Required Textbook / Materials

Title: Community/public health nursing: Promoting the health of populations (7th ed.)
Author(s): Nies, M., & McEwen, M. (2019)
Publisher: Philadelphia, PA: Saunders
Published ISBN: 978-0-323-52894-8

Sentinel City 3.0 Interactive Web Portal **accessible at**
<https://sentinelworld.healthcarelearninginnovations.com?Tenant=Bethel> (cut and paste in your browser).

Textbooks and other required course materials can be purchased from the [online campus bookstore](#).

Course Requirements

Any online course activities assigned to the course are performed within Canvas.

Additional web sites and related web-based activities, if assigned, will be accessed through the course or through web links provided for web sites located outside the course.

Final Grade Calculation

Grade Distribution

| Assignment | Point Value |
|--|-------------|
| Levels of Prevention Worksheet, Module 1 | 22 |
| Healthy People 2020 Assignment, Module 2 | 30 |
| Windshield Survey, Module 2 | 30 |
| Community Action Article Assignment, Module 3 | 15 |
| Health & Social Services Subsystem, Module 4 | 15 |
| Culturological Assessment Assignment, Module 5 | 6 |
| Communication as a Subsystem, Module 5 | 20 |
| Emergency Preparedness Assignment, Module 6 | 15 |

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| Tornado Emergency Response Planning Assignment, Module 6 | 15 |
| Community Health Agency PowerPoint Presentation, Module 7 | 45 |
| Community Agency Personal Reflection, Module 7 | 5 |
| Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Activity Project Presentation, Module 7 | 40 |
| Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Project Personal Reflection, Module 7 | 5 |
| Discussion Forums (10 @ 12points) | 120 |
| Total Points | 383 |

Grading Scale

| Letter Grade | Percent |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| A | 100% - 95% |
| A- | < 94.9% - 92% |
| B+ | < 91.9-89% |
| B | < 88.9-86% |
| B- | < 85.9-83% |
| C+ | < 82.9-80% |
| C | < 79.9-78% |
| C- | < 77.9-75% |
| D+ | < 74.9-72% |
| D | < 71.9-69% |
| D- | < 68.9-66% |
| F | < 65.9% and below |

Netiquette Policy

In an online course, almost all your interactions with other people will be through the internet. This netiquette policy applies to all your interactions with the instructor and your fellow students, and you are expected to follow the guidelines outlined below.

Respect other people and be willing to share your ideas and thoughts in a respectful way. Simply, respect others' views. You may disagree with someone, but do so graciously and constructively. Pause before writing emails or posts when you are angry, and reread what you wrote carefully before clicking 'send.' Treat others the way you wish to be treated—with respect.

Do not post or communicate offensive or hateful content. Bethel University does not permit discussions that are obscene, harassing, sexually explicit, or derogatory toward individuals or groups. These will be deleted, and repeat offenders may be barred from future participation.

Do not post or share personal information. Do not post or share information such as addresses, telephone numbers, etc., and do not post or share someone else's personal information.

Learning Activities and Tests

Online Discussion

Class Participation

In the event of classroom meeting cancelation due to a campus scheduled holiday or severe weather, the scheduled class session will continue online. The following requirements are for online discussions:

The student will submit an initial discussion post per discussion topic. This initial discussion is a minimum of 250 words. This initial discussion post must include a level of detail, analysis and reflection related to the discussion topic. The student is expected to cite references to support their opinion. Any use of references must be properly cited using APA format.

Each student is required to reply to a minimum of two student initial posts. The reply post is a minimum of 100 to 150 words. This post must include a level of detail, analysis and reflection.

To receive the minimum points possible for a weekly discussion requires each student to post their initial discussion response on the regular night of the class session and two student reply posts by day four of the session – unless otherwise directed by the professor.

Post / Response Guidelines

In an online classroom the majority of discussion among class members will take place in the discussion forum. Online discussion forums are designed to allow the class to engage in a healthy dialog on the lesson topic or question being presented. However, for the dialog to remain productive Bethel University requires each person to conduct themselves in a responsible manner by following the simple guidelines below. These help to maintain a collaborative and congenial environment by reminding us all that, when we communicate online, we are still engaging real people.

Stay on the discussion topic. Be respectful of participants and their time by staying on-topic and not commandeering a discussion with vague or unrelated comments. Contribute productive information when participating in a discussion by stating a complete and logical idea or concept. The goal in the discussion is to delve into a topic and “learn,” so when you post a comment stay on topic and explain your point of view.

Access the discussions several times in the weekly sessions to remain current and active in the discussion.

Do not post copyrighted material without the expressed, documented permission of the copyright holder or following proper source citation of the information, just as you would when writing an essay or term paper. Cite a source if you use it.

Contact your instructor if you have any questions.

Major Assignments

- Individual Assignments
- Reading Assignments
- Presentations
- Papers
- Case Studies
- Lecture Facilitated Learning
- Discussion Questions
- Online Discussion Boards and Forums
- Sentinel City Assignments

Course Schedule

| Week # | Required Reading | Assignment / Activity |
|--------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Nies & McEwen: Chapters 1, 2, 3, & 6 | |
| 2 | Nies & McEwen: Chapters 4 & 5. | |
| 3 | Nies & McEwen: Chapter 7 & 8. | |
| 4 | Nies & McEwen: Chapters 11, 22 & 23 | |
| 5 | Nies & McEwen: Chapters 13 & 32 | |
| 6 | Nies & McEwen: Chapters 10, 14 & 28 | |
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Bethel University Policies and Resources

To view all Bethel University policies and information, please review the [Student Handbook](#).

Online Attendance

Online attendance is recorded each time that you log into the learning management system. The academic week is seven days for an online session and is based on the night the class normally meets (i.e. if the class meets on Monday night then the online session will be from Monday night through Sunday night of the following week). To receive full credit for attending online, you must login AND one of the following items must be completed as directed by the instructor:

- Submit an academic assignment.
- Submit a quiz or exam.
- Participate in a posted online academic discussion.

Note that the following actions will not count as attendance:

- Logging into class without active participation does not constitute attendance.
- Work done in a lab or other outside environment will not count toward online attendance.
- Assignments completed the week after the online assignment is due will not count toward attendance for the previous week.

Students are strongly encouraged to log into the course a minimum of three days during the week the course is “online” in order to understand the subject fully and to be successful in class.

An online absence is counted the same as an in-class absence.

Late or Make Up Work

It is important for students to submit work on time as scheduled in the class. This allows the instructor time to grade the material and provide feedback if necessary. Circumstances may interfere with the ability to submit an assignment on time. However, as a student you agree to take the class and therefore agree to submit work on time.

Students are encouraged to work ahead to avoid late assignments. Please communicate with your professor promptly if you have extenuating circumstances that may contribute to a late assignment.

Assignments (excluding discussion questions) will be accepted late, subject to a 10% deduction off the earned grade per day late (24-hour period), for up to 3 days. No assignments will be accepted after 3 days. Discussion posts and responses that are not posted by the due date will receive 0 points and are not accepted past the due date.

All work must be completed and submitted by the end of Week 7 of the course. No work will be accepted after the last day of the course.

Class Cancellation / Weather Policy for Online Courses

In the advent of in-classroom meeting cancellation due to a campus scheduled holiday or severe weather, the online course schedule will be maintained. Campus closures do not affect the online course schedule.

Plagiarism

Any act of deceit, falsehood or stealing by unethically copying or using someone else's work in an academic situation is prohibited. A student found guilty of plagiarism will receive an "F" for that paper, assignment or exam. The professor will have an interview with the student and submit a written report to the Program Director or Coordinator for the area in which the student is enrolled. If a second offense should occur, the student will be required to appear before the professor, the director and the vice president for adult and graduate studies. At this point the student's continuation in the course and academic career are in jeopardy. Students are encouraged to refer to the Bethel Library's [online help for proper citation](#).

Disability Services

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a law that provides civil rights protection for people with disabilities. Bethel University is compliant with equal access laws and requests students with disabilities The Center for Academic Success (CAS) is located in the lower level of the Miller/Moore Academic Center.

If you have a disability, or think you have a disability, please make an appointment by calling Disability Services at the Center for Academic Success at (574) 807-7460 or (574) 807-7462 or email academicsuccess@betheluniversity.edu.

Bethel's website offers more detailed information under CAS. Please check out the [Student Guide for Disability Services](#).

Information Technology Help Desk

The Help Desk is open Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., during the fall and spring semesters, and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. during the summer (starting May 1). Hours may vary on holidays and breaks.

Contact the Help Desk at helpdesk@betheluniversity.edu or by calling (574) 807-7777.

Library

Bethel's Bowen Library offers a range of resources and services, both online and physical, to all students enrolled at Bethel University. All online resources are available at the [library website](#).

Almost all periodicals and journals are available online, and there is a wide selection of e-books available as well. Off-campus access to these resources requires an active Bethel login account. For assistance in locating information, librarians are available to answer questions via email ([Ask a Librarian](#)), phone, or in person during regular business hours. For physical resources, students are able to use the [library catalog](#) to locate books and resources that are

held either by Bethel or any other library. Students may use the catalog to request books from another library and have them delivered to the Bowen Library.

Students may also go to any [PALNI](#) library or to Notre Dame or Holy Cross and check material out in person with a valid student ID. PALNI is a consortium of several academic libraries in Indiana of which Bethel is a member; some nearby member libraries include Saint Mary's, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Goshen, and Grace. In addition, physical books and journals, the Bowen Library provides study spaces, computers, and printers (included a web print station) to all students.

Syllabus Acknowledgment

Enrollment in this course is considered an acknowledgment that the student will review and follow the course syllabus and additional college policies as stated within the student handbook, college catalog and student information provided by the college through the campus website.

This syllabus is not a legal contract, but serves as a general outline for the semester. The professor reserves the right to make adjustments to the course as the need arises.