

Community Health Nursing

4 Credits

Using an open systems framework, this course focuses on the theory and practice of community health nursing. Community health nursing is a blend of two components: public health science with its roots in epidemiology, and the art and science of nursing. While students may work with individuals and families, emphasis is on population-focused nursing with application to *Healthy People* to promote healthy communities. Students assess a community to identify a priority health need or risk and apply evidence-based interventions at the three levels of prevention. Application of the nursing process to address the specific needs identified in aggregates in the community. Using available community resources, students develop advanced communication skills in collaborating with the healthcare team to plan, implement, and evaluate interventions to improve the overall health of communities.