Course Description

This course incorporates culture, family and the community as a broad focus for health promotion and disease prevention. Includes interventions directed at the total population or at individuals, families, and groups in a multi-cultural society.

General Course Purpose

To prepare students to understand community-based nursing and the roles of the Associate Degree nurse in identifying the needs of clients, families, and community in a multicultural environment. Specific factors that influence individuals’ health and illness behaviors will be explored to provide culturally competent nursing interventions.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites

Pre-requisites: Eng 111, NAS 161, NAS 162, SDV Elective

Co-requisites: NUR 111 or NUR 115, NUR 180

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss ways nurses can contribute to reducing global health challenges and promoting the goal of “Health for All”.

2. Apply the principles of public health and community-based nursing as they relate to the health of the population focusing on Healthy People goals.

3. Analyze the historical and current United States health care system as it relates to community health.


5. Compare and contrast culturally competent care in population and community-based settings.

6. Compare and contrast the role of the nurse in diverse community and public health practice settings.
7. Recognize epidemiological principles of communicable diseases, surveillance, health promotion and disease prevention.

8. Analyze the role of public health and the nurse in bio-terrorism, disaster preparedness and response.

9. Analyze health data and statistics using evidence-based sources to assess and evaluate the health and wellness of selected vulnerable populations.

10. Analyze health care needs and major health problems of vulnerable populations with an emphasis on evidence based practice.

11. Assess and apply the nursing process to a select group of vulnerable individuals, families, communities, and or a population.

12. Design and develop a teaching and learning plan for a selected vulnerable population.

**Major Topics to be included**

Global Health  
Introduction to Community-based nursing  
Ethics in Community Nursing Practice  
Healthy People Goals  
Culturally Competent Care  
Environmental Health  
Epidemiological Principles  
Community Emergencies: Disasters and infectious disease  
Vulnerable populations  
Community Health Education