



EFFECTIVE: JANUARY 2002

CURRICULUM GUIDELINES

A: Division: **Instruction** Date: **August 27, 2001**
B: Department/ **Psychiatric Nursing** New Course Revision
 Program Area: **Advanced Diploma Program**
 If Revision, Section(s) Revised: **H, I and J**
 Date Last Revised: **April 23, 1998**

C: PNUR 702 D: Community Concepts For Psychiatric Nursing Practice E: 3

Subject & Course No. Descriptive Title Semester Credits

F: Calendar Description:
 This distance learning course explores the context in which psychiatric nurses practice by offering an understanding of community and community mental health from a systems perspective. The course includes examination of various definitions of community; social and cultural considerations; the evolution of community mental health services; community assessment within a system model; and community interventions focussing on levels of prevention and health promotion strategies. The learners will apply the concepts and approaches to conduct a community assessment with attention to a specific aggregate. The Neuman System's Model will guide the nursing analysis.

G: Allocation of Contact Hours to Types of Instruction/Learning Settings:
 Primary Methods of Instructional Delivery and/or Learning Settings:
Student Directed Learning
 Number of Contact Hours: (per week / semester for each descriptor):
10 hours
 Number of Weeks per Semester:
14 weeks

H: Course Prerequisites:
PNUR 700
I: Course Corequisites:
or PNUR 700 concurrently
J: Course for which this Course is a Prerequisite:
PNUR 720 and PNUR 730
K: Maximum Class Size:
25

L: PLEASE INDICATE:
 Non-Credit
 College Credit Non-Transfer
 College Credit Transfer: Requested Granted

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M: Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes:

PART I

1. Apply systems theory to community

- 1.1 define community
- 1.2 define community mental health
- 1.3 identify variables that influence the health of a community
- 1.4 describe systems theory
- 1.5 identify community concepts
- 1.6 describe the relationship between systems theory and community

PART II

2. Apply community concepts to client populations

- 2.1 describe approaches to community assessment
- 2.2 identify approaches to community intervention

N: Course Content:

PART I

1. Introduction to community theory
 - 1.1 rationale for systems theory perspective
 - 1.2 rationale for theory on community
2. Community defined
 - 2.1 different approaches to defining community
 - 2.2 components of a community
3. Community mental health defined
 - 3.1 mental health defined
 - 3.2 community mental health defined
4. History of mental health services
 - 4.1 North America
 - 4.2 British Columbia
5. Variables that influence the health of a community
 - 5.1 biologic
 - 5.2 sociocultural
 - 5.3 political
 - 5.4 spatial
 - 5.5 economic
6. Systems theory described
 - 6.1 concepts
 - 6.2 interrelationship of concepts
7. Community concepts
 - 7.1 delivery system
 - 7.2 comprehensive care
 - 7.3 coordination
 - 7.4 consultation
 - 7.5 collaboration
 - 7.6 continuity of care
 - 7.7 linking technology
8. Relationship between systems theory and community
 - 8.1 systems theory related to definitions of community

PART II

9. Approaches to community assessment
 - 9.1 community assessment models
 - 9.2 data collection methods
 - 9.3 components of mental health assessment
10. Approaches to community interventions
 - 10.1 groups of aggregates
 - 10.2 community as client
 - 10.3 levels of prevention
 - 10.4 models of community living
 - 10.5 role options for psychiatric nursing

O: Methods of Instruction:

1. Self-study Print Materials
2. Reading Assignments
3. Tutor support
4. Teleconferencing

P: Textbooks and Materials to be Purchased by Students:

Selected articles and reading list distributed with PNUR 702 course manual.

Q: Means of Assessment:

Evidence of learning is demonstrated through:

- (a) application of concepts to self;
- (b) application of concepts to clinical practice or field work; and
- (c) application of concepts to others.

The selection of evaluation tools for this course is based on:

1. Adherence to college evaluation policy regarding number and weighting of evaluations, for example a course of three credits or more should have at least five separate evaluations.
2. A developmental approach to evaluation that is sequenced and progressive.
3. Evaluation is used as a teaching tool for both students and instructors.
4. Commitment to student participation in evaluation through such processes as self and peer evaluation, and program/instructor evaluation.

R: Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition: specify whether course is open for PLAR:

Course Designer(s)

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