

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING EXPERIENCE

PURPOSES:

To provide the student with the opportunity to compare nursing roles, responsibilities and activities in community settings and acute care settings

To assess the need for patient/significant support person(s) teaching in a community setting.

PREPARATION:

Please read the article McCullagh, Marjorie C. (2006). "Home Modification." American Journal of Nursing 2006. (106)10 – pp. 54-63.

CRITERIA:

Using information obtained from this experience, respond to each criterion.

1. Describe the roles and responsibilities of the community health nurse as seen during your experience.
2. Describe the activities of your community health nurse in preparation for the patient visit. What other preparations might be needed that you did not observe?
3. Describe the actual and/or potential health problems of the patients seen. Assess the patient's ability to access available community resources. Include a brief summary of the actual patient visits with specifics on treatment issues.
4. Identify ways in which the community health nurse did/could promote the health of the patient and significant support person(s). Include discussion of how the nurse could serve as a positive role model within the community at large.
5. Describe how the physical and psychosocial environment of the community setting affects patient care. Identify the adaptation of equipment/procedures you encountered during the home visit.
6. Discuss how the community health nurse did/could serve as an advocate for patients' rights.
7. Describe what the responsibilities of significant support persons could be in the care of the patient.
8. Describe how third-party reimbursement did/could affect the care patients may receive.
9. Describe the information technology and the documentation system used to communicate and support the planning and provision of patient care and data.
10. Compare and contrast the use of the nursing process in the community setting with its use in an acute care setting.

ASSIGNMENT AND DUE DATE:

The student will submit a typed report to the clinical faculty member one week after the Community Health Nurse experience that will include response to above criteria.

