Public Health Assessment
Module Code NUR321

Credits / Level of Study 15 credits / Level 6

Module Aims
The aims of the module are to:

- Explore and evaluate approaches to assessing public health and critique the underpinning information systems and data bases.
- Gain and exercise higher levels of judgement, decision making and discretion in public health practice, programme management and service development.

Module Content

- The structure and nature of public health within the social and political context.
- Processes of health surveillance and assessment of a population's health and well-being.
- Resources needed to implement public health initiatives and support public health practice at local, national and international levels.
- Validity and reliability of tools for assessment in public health practice.
- Causation and evaluation of selected therapeutic and preventative interventions.
- Theories and concepts underpinning public health practice.
- Collaborative working with individuals, groups and communities to enhance health and well-being.
- Exploration of the wider determinants of health and the use of advocacy to promote client perspective in the assessment process.
- Appraising the quality of communication with individuals, groups and communities in assessment processes.
- Identifying, collating, analysing and interpreting data relating to health and well-being of an identified population and using this to make recommendations for service development.
- The bio-psychosocial aspects of group and community assessment.
- Legal and ethical issues relating to public health.
- Contemporary issues in public health or social care.

Assessment
Drawing on and interpreting varying levels and sources of data, perform a health needs assessment of a defined population. Select a health need and identify a strategy to address this need. Using the data you have collated, provide a rationale for your strategy that could be used to influence potential funders.

2500 words (100% of the module marks).

Key Information

Study Dates
October 2016: 7, 12, 13, 19, 20
November 2015: 1, 2

*Please check our website to ensure that there have been no revisions to the course dates listed

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