

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND ALLIED HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING  
NURSING 202  
OBJECTIVES FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH EXPERIENCE

During the community health observation experience the student will achieve the following objectives. The student will report what was learned to the clinical instructor by reviewing the clinical objectives in conference at the next clinical day.

The student will:

1. Identify the types of patients seen by a community health nurse
2. Identify the role of the community health nurse
3. Give examples of teaching that the community health nurse does in the home
4. Describe how the community health nurse develops a relationship with the client
5. Explain how the community health nurse applies the nursing process with clients
6. Review the types of documentation required of the community health nurse
7. Identify the kinds of assessments done in the home by the community health nurse
8. Explain how provisions by Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance effect the care provided patients
9. Describe how the community health nurse involves the entire family on a home health visit
10. Describe which approaches used by the community health nurse promote consumer relationships
11. Explain how the community health nurse determines how much time to spend with each patient
12. Identify what the community health nurse's role is with medication administration
13. Identify what type of person chooses community health nursing
14. Describe how the nurse prepares the client for discharge from community health nursing support
15. Give an example of how the community health nurse is a patient advocate through resource support and referrals?
16. Give examples of situations which necessitate a phone call by the nurse to the MD, nutritionist, social worker, physical therapist, etc.

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH EXPERIENCE GUIDELINES:

The Community Health experience is a one day observation buddying experience in which the student accompanies the visiting nurse on a community health visit.

#### ORGANIZATION:

Visiting Nurse Association: Home Care of Mercer County  
171 Jersey Street, Suite 201, PO Box 441, Trenton, NJ 08603  
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#### FOR EMERGENCY CHANGES IN COMMUNITY SCHEDULE:

1. Debbie Lunde, Secretary: 609-695-3461
2. If you are absent this will be counted as an absence in clinical. You need to report your absence to your clinical instructor.

#### CLINICAL DAY:

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This time frame may be shorter based on the case load of the nurse. The nurse may arrive later than 9:00 AM as well. In that case ask to review charts of clients while you are waiting for the nurse's arrival. If the nurse is more than 30 minutes late ask for assistance the secretary.

#### DRESS CODE:

No jeans, no sweatpants, professional looking street clothes with comfortable shoes (sneakers). Use your lab coat with an ID.

#### DIRECTIONS:

When coming from 295, take 129 and a right onto Laylor, left onto Jersey Avenue. Go 2 blocks down on left. Look for blue canopy. No sign. Go to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. There are residential houses on the right and state buildings on the left. If you reach Tremont you have gone too far. Park in fence enclosed parking lot

#### TRANSPORTATION:

Plan on driving your own car unless the nurse indicates otherwise. Most of the nurses will ask you to follow them in your own car.

#### LUNCH:

Bring a bag lunch to be eaten in the car with a drink. Do not expect to stop. You may see up to 6 patients.

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