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Occupational & Environmental Health & Safety (OEHS) Education & Clinical Experiences for Undergraduate Community Health Nursing Students

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Pilot Program Objectives

- To prepare the new nursing workforce to meet the special healthcare needs of a vulnerable working population
- To provide primary care through worksite wellness programs
- To build capacity among occupational health nurses and community health nursing faculty

Build Capacity among OHNs as Preceptors

- Mentoring/Precepting Seminar
  - 1 contact hour CE
- Identify the role and describe the function and responsibilities of an OEHN mentor/preceptor.
- Identify the role and functions of a nursing student being mentored or precepted.

Secure OEHS Clinical Sites

- Contacted 26 OEHNs.
- Met onsite.
- Secured 6 clinical placements in occupational/environmental health settings.
- Maintained weekly contact with preceptors.
Update Community Health Nursing Curriculum

- Updated community health curriculum to include elements of OEHS
- The Workplace, The Work, and The Worker
  - promote health/wellness
  - occupational health history
  - worksite assessment

Conduct Faculty Orientation

- Conduct full day orientation for URI community health faculty.
  - presentation and discussion
  - walkthrough manufacturing facility to conduct an OEHS assessment

Coordinate OEHS Experience with HEALTH

- Coordinate a one day experience in OEHS for all community health undergraduate nursing students in Rhode Island at the RI Department of Health.
Bonus Activity

- One-day onsite experience performing health screenings for 1,000 employees & their families at a major company event.

Pilot Project Evaluations

- Faculty
  - objectives (4.5-5)
  - walkthrough (5)
  - strategies (4.75)
- Liked the Most
  - walkthrough
  - CD: curriculum, forms, and workbook
  - instructor’s enthusiasm
- Liked the Least (0)

- Students
  - objectives (4.5-5)
  - clinical experience (4.5)
  - strategies (4.5)
- Liked the Most
  - projects
  - different practice setting
- Liked the Least
  - projects

Five Year Update

- Continue to provide support to faculty, preceptors and students in OHS settings.
- Conduct program evaluations at end of each semester.
- Foster new and existing partnerships.
Five Year Update

• Expanded community health projects at other sites to encompass OEHS-related topics.
• Expanded other nursing curricula to address
• Environmental Health Projects

Conclusions

• This pilot project fostered academic, educational and community collaborations that ultimately benefits working populations and the community.
• Increased awareness of OEHS among faculty, students and community partners.
• Provided additional opportunities for addressing broader issues in environmental and public health.

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