



Unit I: Foundations of Community Health

Chapter 2

Evolution of Community Health Nursing

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Objectives:

Upon mastery of this chapter, you should be able to:

- ⊗ Describe the **four stages** of community health nursing's development.
- ⊗ Analyze the **impact of societal influences** on the development and practice of community health nursing.
- ⊗ Recognize the contributions of selected nursing leaders throughout history to the advancement of community health nursing.
- ⊗ Explore the academic and advanced **professional preparation** of community health nurses.



Introduction:

- ⊕ Community health nursing development, which has been influenced by **changes in nursing, public health, and society**, can be traced through *four stages*.
- ⊕ Through this stages community health nurse developed from **leys women** driven by religious believes push her to serve poor people and wounded solders.
- ⊕ Into **specialized nurse** play active role in shaping health policies and apply health education program and research's.



Describe the four stages of community health development

- ✚ Early Home Care (before Mid-1800s).
- ✚ District Nursing (Mid-1800s to 1900).
- ✚ Public Health Nursing (1900 – 1970).
- ✚ Community Health Nursing (1970 – present).



Early home care (before Mid-1800s):

- ⊕ **Community based nursing**: term to describe the setting for nurse care delivery.
- ⊕ The **focus** of this care was to reduce suffering and promote healing.

- ⊕ Religious and charitable groups

Example: Knights hospitallers . They protected and cared for pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem.

- ⊕ Sisters of Charity laid (1617); a foundation for modern community health nursing, an organization composed of nuns and lay women dedicated to serving the poor and needy



- ⊕ From the late 1600s to the mid-1800s, a decline in the number of religious orders, with subsequent curtailing of nursing care for the sick poor.
- ⊕ The **Industrial Revolution** created additional problems; in both Europe and America.
- ⊕ Modern community health nursing practice was laid through **Florence Nightingale's (1820)** remarkable accomplishments.



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- ✿ She work during Crimean war (1854-1856).
- ✿ Organized competent nursing care and established kitchens and laundries that resulted in hundreds of lives being saved.
- ✿ Work as reformer, a reactionary, and a researcher also she use principles of biostatistics.
- ✿ Book notes of **nursing what it is & what it is not** Publishes in England in 1859.
- ✿ 1860 establish non religious school for nursing



District Nursing (Mid-1800s to 1900):

- ✚ Visiting Nursing (district nursing) were assigned to the areas of the city.

William Rathbone. 1859:

- ✚ Care of individuals
- ✚ Religious to private philanthropy
- ✚ Health visitors backbone of primary health care system



Public Health Nursing (1900 – 1970):

- ⊕ Expansion to health & welfare of the general public
- ⊕ Specialized programs
- ⊕ Lillian Wald: Public Health Nursing
 - ⊞ Teachers College
 - ⊞ National Organization for Public Health Nursing
 - ⊞ Henry Street Settlement
- ⊕ National League of Nursing Education



Community Health Nursing (1970 – present):

- ⊕ Community Health Nursing
 - ⊞ Public Health Nursing (Epidemiology)
 - ⊞ Community-based clinics
 - ⊞ Work Sites
 - ⊞ Schools

- ⊕ Collaboration and interdisciplinary teamwork



TABLE 2-1

Development of Community Health Nursing

Stages	Focus	Nursing Orientation	Service Emphasis	Institutional Base (Agencies)
Early home care (Before mid-1800s)	Sick poor	Individuals	Curative	Lay and religious orders
District nursing (1860-1900)	Sick poor	Individuals	Curative; beginning of preventive	Voluntary; some government
Public health nursing (1900-1970)	Needy public	Families	Curative; preventive	Government; some voluntary
Emergence of community health nursing (1970-present)	Total community	Populations	Health promotion; illness prevention	Many kinds; some independent practice



Analyze the impact of societal influences on CHN

- ⊕ Advanced technology
- ⊕ Causal thinking



- ⊕ Educational changes:
- ⊕ Ex.
- ⊕ Role changes for women



- ⊕ Consumer movement & changing demographics
- ⊕ Economic forces



Identify five characteristics shared by all cultures:

- ⊕ Learned
- ⊕ Integrated
- ⊕ Shared
- ⊕ Mostly tacit
- ⊕ Dynamic



Case Study: p. 41 #3

- ⊕ Assume that you have been asked to make a home visit to a 75-year-old man living alone whose wife recently died.
- ⊞ Besides assessing his individual needs, what additional factors should you consider for assessment and intervention that would indicate an aggregate or population-focused approach?
- ⊞ What self-care practices might you encourage or teach?