



Unit I: Foundations of Community Health

Chapter 3

Roles and Settings for CHN



Objectives:

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

- Identify the three core public health functions basic to community among seven different roles of the community health nurse.
- Discuss the seven roles within the framework of public health nursing functions.
- Explain the importance of each role for influencing people's health.



Objectives:

- Identify and discuss factors that affect a nurse's selection and practice of each role.
- Describe seven settings in which community health nurses practice.
- Discuss the nature of community health nursing, and the common threads basic to its practice, woven throughout all roles and settings.
- Identify principles of sound nursing practice in the community.



Three Core PH Functions

✚ Assessment

- ✚ Regular collection, analysis and sharing of information about health conditions, risks and resources in a community

✚ Policy Development

- ✚ Use of assessment data to develop policy and direct resources toward those policies

✚ Assurance

- ✚ Availability of necessary services throughout the community



Seven Roles & Influence on People's Health

- ✚ Clinician: focus on holism, health promotion, & prevention while using expanded skills
- ✚ Educator: plan for community-wide impact
- ✚ Advocate: Support client self-determination and responsive systems



How Roles & Factors Influence People's Health

- ✚ Manager: Participative approach with community
- ✚ Collaborator: multidisciplinary collegiality and leadership
- ✚ Leadership: Change agent
- ✚ Researcher: Systematic investigation, collection, and analysis of data for solving problems and bring evidence-based findings to community settings



Seven PHN Settings

- ⊕ Homes
- ⊕ Ambulatory Service
- ⊕ Schools
- ⊕ Occupational Health
- ⊕ Residential Institutions
- ⊕ Parishes
- ⊕ Community at Large



Nature & Common Threads

Basic to Practice

- ✚ Many nursing roles
- ✚ Special skill sets
 - ▣ Assessment
 - ▣ Policy Development
 - ▣ Assurance
- ✚ Variety of clients in specific situations
- ✚ Collaboration with other institutions
 - ▣ Schools & Parishes
 - ▣ Occupational Health



Principles of Sound Community Nursing Practice

- ✚ Standards of practice
- ✚ Standards of care
- ✚ Management essential to all nursing roles
 - ✚ Community Nursing Process: assessment, planning, implementation, & evaluation
 - ✚ Case management
- ✚ Essential Behaviors
 - ✚ Decision-making
 - ✚ Transferring information
 - ✚ Relationship building



Case Study: Unit I #3

✚ <http://connection.lww.com/Products/allender6e/documents/CaseStudies/u1c3.asp>

- ✚ Identify how a community health nurse can demonstrate assessment, policy development, or assurance activities within Adams County. (For more information on these three core public health functions refer to pages 45 - 46 in the textbook.)



Internet Resources

- ✚ A Day in the Life of Public Health
 - ✚ <http://www.apha.org/career/dayinlife.htm>
- ✚ Public Health Nursing Section of APHA
 - ✚ <http://www.csuchico.edu/~horst/>
- ✚ Ten Essential Services of Public Health
 - ✚ <http://www.apha.org/ppp/science/10ES.htm>



Clinical Activities



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