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](http://www.apha.org/career/dayinlife.htm)

- Public Health Nursing Section of APHA
  - [http://www.csuchico.edu/~horst/](http://www.csuchico.edu/~horst/)

- Ten Essential Services of Public Health
  - [http://www.apha.org/ppp/science/10ES.htm](http://www.apha.org/ppp/science/10ES.htm)
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