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The challenges and successes associated with the first attempt facilitating a nursing education community placement on the campus of the University of Regina

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The Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (SCBScN) Program is the newest nursing program delivered in Canada. It is the most unique nursing education program delivered through a partnership with two education institutions located in Regina, Swift Current, and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The two-institution education delivery module includes both Saskpolytechnic and the University of Regina. The nursing education community based course CNUR 401: Population Health Community Partnerships focuses on community and population health. The course provides an opportunity for the learners to explore nursing roles and to integrate primary health care and nursing theory in conjunction with practice related to community health and development. CNUR 401 is delivered weekly with 2 hours of online theory, participation and the facilitation of 14 hours of practice education on site. There were many challenges and successes associated with the first attempt facilitating a nursing education community on the campus of the University of Regina. The most crucial process involved implementing a clinical education group of fourth year nursing students and their faculty advisor to establish partnerships with the students enrolled at the University of Regina, living in residence, requiring Counselling Services and attending mandatory Academic Recovery Programs. Through research and assessment of the University campus community, the nursing students successfully identified the vulnerable populations, planned nursing strategies to optimize the wellness of the University community and implemented health promotion and education initiatives with the goal of promoting a positive nursing presence.

Biography

Cindy Kuster Orban currently Teaches for CNUR 401: Population Health and Community Partnerships. The fourth-year nursing students have provided community partnerships and positive health promotion and innovations in the North Central Community and with University Students on Campus. Working with nursing students is the highlight of her thirty-five-year nursing career. Volunteering with vulnerable populations in the inner-city communities has become a passion for Cindy. The genuineness, compassion, and love from the community members has greatly impacted Cindy's renewed passion for community nursing. She is committed to demystifying and celebrating the strengths and assets of the community and supporting the existing resources.

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