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**Roles and Activities** 



## **Background**

- Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) 8 times reprinted its popular Community Health ~ Public Health Nursing in Canada: Preparation & Practice(1990), known as the 'Green Book'
- Since that 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, professionals from across Canada have been working on further descriptions of public health/community health nursing practice.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Edition – 2010

#### Complements:

- Core Competencies for Public Health in Canada Release 1.0 (Public Health Agency of Canada, 2007)
- Canadian Community Health Nursing Standards of Practice (Community Health Nurses Association of Canada, 2008)
- Public Health Nursing Discipline Specific Competencies Version 1.0 (Community Health Nurses of Canada, 2009)
- Jointly released by CPHA and Community Health Nurses of Canada (CHNC).



#### Focuses on roles and activities

Reflects the practice of public health nursing which occurs in diverse settings and can be defined in terms of roles, activities, qualifications, standards, and competencies.

#### **Expert Group**

20 Canadian Public Health Nursing experts from:

- > academia,
- > management,
- > government
- > practice

## **Identifying the Literature**

A search for relevant literature was conducted

- Relevant sources from the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (plus those that had been updated)
- The Community Health Standards Committee and Board Members of the Community Health Nurses of Canada provided a preliminary list
- Expert Group augmented the list

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### **Development Process**

A modified Delphi process

"....an iterative process used to collect and distill the judgments of experts using a series of questionnaires interspersed with feedback"

(Skulmoski et al, p 2, 2007)

#### **Development Process**

#### Modified Delphi process

- Survey Round 1 achieved consensus > 80% on 9 of 43 items
- Survey Round 2 achieved consensus >80% on 39 of 43 items.
- At the conclusion of the last Expert group telephone conference meeting consensus on all items had been achieved.



3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition	4 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Definition of Community Health/Public Health Nursing	Foundations of Public Health Practice*
Goal - to promote and preserve health  Directed to communities, groups, families and individuals  Across their life span, in a continuous rather than episodic process.  Responding to the health needs of given populations.  Work in collaboration	<ul> <li>➤ Focuses on populations</li> <li>➤ Community Health Assessment</li> <li>➤ Broad determinants of health</li> <li>➤ Considers all levels of prevention, with a focus on primary prevention</li> <li>➤ Considers all levels of practice</li> </ul> *Enhanced articulation of the foundations

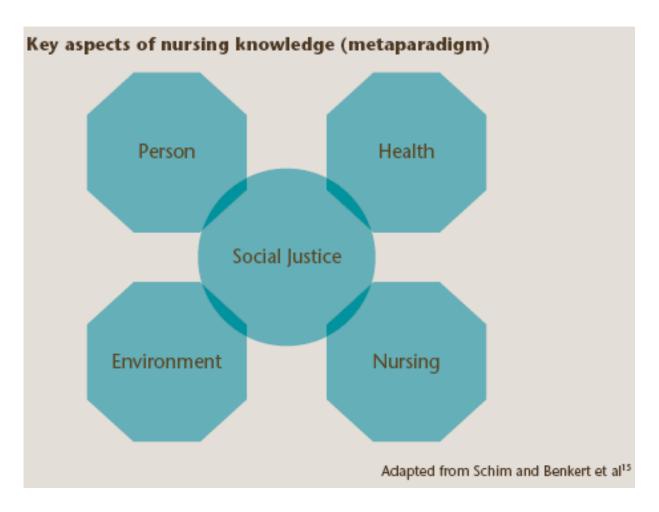


3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition	4 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Roles	Essential Functions
>Health Promotion	≻Public Health
≻Illness and Injury	>Health Promotion
Prevention	➤ Disease and Injury Prevention
	Health Protection
	≻Health Surveillance
	➤ Population Health Assessment
	>Emergency Preparedness and
	Response



3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition	4 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Philosophy	Guiding Principles, Beliefs and Values
Community health and public health nursing foundational theory, beliefs and assumptions are described.	Use the nursing knowledge metaparadigm to organize the guiding principles, beliefs and values.  > Nursing > Person > Health > Environment > Social Justice

# **Nursing Metaparadigm**





4<sup>th</sup> Edition – Activities
(better articulation of roles/activities)

- Advocacy
- Building Capacity
- Building Coalitions and Networks
- Care/Counselling
- Case Management (service provider 3<sup>rd</sup> edition)
- > Communication (social marketing 3<sup>rd</sup> edition)
- > Community Development
- Consultation
- Facilitation
- > Health Education

(Bold from 3<sup>rd</sup> edition)



4<sup>th</sup> Edition – Activities (better articulation of roles/activities)

- > Health Threat Response
- Leadership
- Outreach
- Policy Development and Implementation
- Referral and Follow-Up
- Research and Evaluation
- > Resource Management Planning, Coordination
- Screening
- > Surveillance
- > Team Building and Collaboration

(Bold from 3<sup>rd</sup> edition)

#### Public Health ~ Community Health Nursing Practice in Canada: Roles and Activities (2010)

#### A useful resource for:

- > Students
- Nurses
- Public Health Administrators



# Thank you

For more information:

**Canadian Public Health Association** 

www.cpha.ca

**Community Health Nurses of Canada** 

www.chnc.ca

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#### **Presentation References**

 Skulmoski, G, Hartman, FT, & Krahn, J (2007). The Delphi Method for Graduate Research, *Journal of Information Technology Education*, 6,p 1-21.