

Innovative Community Placements for Third Year Nursing Students

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Objectives

- Communicate how the Université de Saint Boniface continues to ensure a rich educational community placement experience for students
- Share the experience of innovative partnerships that can be built with grass roots and community agencies



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Challenges:

- Increased number of students → need for more placements
- Finding community placements
 - ‘francophone’ community placements
- Human resources
 - Clinical facilitators have varying degrees of work experience in the community

Innovation :

- New collaborations
- Networking
- Community outreach
- ‘Offre de services en français’



Traditional community health agencies

- Centre de santé
- Centre Youville
- WRHA – Good Neighbors Active living center
- Klinik

Non-traditional, Grass-roots community agencies

- Siloam mission
- New Directions
- Pregnancy and support services
- Barbara Mitchell Family resources center
- Spence Neighborhood Association
- Université de St. Boniface
- Plurielles

Who is involved?

- Community agency
 - Needs to be ‘buy in’
 - Benefit vs drain on human resources
- Community resource person
 - May or may not be a nurse



- Course leader
- Clinical facilitator
 - **Must be a nurse**
- Student group
 - Ideally 3 students per group (2-4 students)

OBJECTIVES of the projects beyond the community nursing process

- Getting to know the :
 - agency
 - target population
 - **community (windshield survey)**
- Developing partnerships with the target population and agency staff
- Ensuring a useful and appropriate intervention
- **Sustainability**
- **Empowerment** (population and students)



Projects

- Diverse (population & focus)
- Evidence based
- Students are able to put theory into practice
- Develop research skills
- Provide a bilingual service and resources (when possible)

Catégorie	Expert	Moyenne	Total
Communication	30	10	40
Hygiène	10	5	15
Activité physique	10	5	15
Soins aux pieds	10	5	15
Sexe sûr / STIs	10	5	15
Sommeil sain	10	5	15
Maladies saisonnières	10	5	15
Maladie cardiaque	10	5	15

Promotion & Prevention :

- Healthy Development
- Nutrition
- Hand Hygiene
- Physical Activity
- Foot Care
- Safer Sex / STIs
- Healthy Sleep
- Bed Bugs
- Mental health issues
- Seasonal health issues
- Heart disease

Activities

- Presentations
- Health Fairs
- Community cupboards

- Resource development
 - Tool kits
 - Pamphlets
- Advocacy

Student feedback

- « Aimé l'expérience en tant qu'infirmière : Faire la connaissance de la population, la recherche, la collecte de données, et de trouver des besoins à adresser »
- « Mon expérience m'a ouvert les yeux sur une souffrance et sur la condition des gens les plus pauvres de Winnipeg. Je pense que grâce à cela je suis devenu un meilleur avocat de cette population »
- « Le projet de stage en santé communautaire était long et dure. Cependant, j'étais incroyablement fière de ce que notre groupe avons pu accomplir »
- Sense of personal accomplishment

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