



Extreme Measures to Reveal Standards of Practice in CHN Curriculum

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Setting the Scene



CHN Curriculum

- Curriculum involves 4 integrated courses that unfold from September to April. 2 Theory + 2 Practicum courses
- CHN Practicum courses =
 - I day per week (7 hours) PHC placement with a nurse preceptor
 - I day per week 'CHN Learning Activities'
- Codes focus exclusively on CHN learning activities
 - Fall session students learned how to use the CHN Log
- Winter 'advanced' session is context for this data collection
 Total CHN time in winter session = ~4500 hours (52 students)

CHN Learning Objectives

The student will be able to:

- I. Explain how their CHN actions link to integrative socio-ecological approach to health across the lifespan; relate all CHN learning activities to relevant Standards via selection/entry of appropriate CHN Log codes.
- 2. Build and nurture collaborative partnerships for the purpose of contributing to community capacity; to promote authentic public participation of people/families/ groups or populations.
- 3. Connect community-based experiences to course theory; to improve depth of insight and to advance personal/ professional development.
- 4. Demonstrate effective application of multiple dimensions of communication.
- 5. Consistently demonstrate Professionalism and Accountability within all CHN contexts.

CHN Log Design & Implementation



- Excel (common software) practical necessity but not ideal
- Template with drop down lists for the pre-defined time log scheme
 - One worksheet for each month
- Template stored on Learning Management System
 - Students downloaded the template, entered their time and submitted to faculty
- Faculty collated data in a database (Microsoft Access) and decoded
- Reporting and analysis carried out using Excel pivot tables and charts

The CHN Log Template

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Action Codes Snapshot

Action 1						
_1000	Coordination (4;3;7)					
_1100	Conference (7)					
_1200	Faculty consultation (7)					
_2000	431/432 Partnership(s) (4)					
_2100	420/421 Project Partnership(s) (4)					
_3000	431/432 Independent learning activity (1;6)					
_4000	420 EHA Project/team (1, 7)					
_4100	421 HP Project/team (1, 2, 7)					
_3100	Special context					
_5000	Health education, prevention & protection (2)					
_6000	Health promotion (1)					
_7000	Political Action/ Advocacy (5; 6;7)					
_8000	Health Communication Campaign (1)					

What We Discovered



CHN Day: % Time Devoted to Purpose



CHN Day: % Time Devoted to Partners



CHN Day: % Time Devoted to Action 1 Including 421 Project



CHN Day: % Time Devoted to Action 1 Excluding 421 Project



CHN Day: % Time Devoted to Each Standard



CHN Day: Hours Devoted to Each Standard



CHN Day: % Time Devoted to Each Standard Excluding 421 Project



Key Elements of the Health Promotion Project Process



Student "Voice": CHNC Standards





Their View

Determinants of health & root causes Collaboration & readiness Strategies for change & advocacy Community Resources Teamwork Shift societal norms & apply community development Legislation & Professional boundaries Health Maintenance Research & systems gaps

Findings Suggest:

Time is an important factor

 Anecdotally: maturity and evolution of choice of CHN codes in Winter compared to Fall

CHN Log helped students co-create learning experiences

- Translated to 'advanced' CHN learning/evolving vision including community engaged learning
- Exposure to front line determinants are reflected in "Dotmocracy" feedback
- Diversity in engagement and accessing opportunity is a part of their/our reality
 - Includes non-conventional partners & contexts

Diversity of Vision & Experience



So What?

Standards

- Health Promotion, (nurturing) Professional Partnerships and Access & Equity are valued, feasible and deserving of undergraduate curriculum
- It's hard to tease out Capacity Building from Access & Equity
- Multiple elements within some Standards make it challenging to prioritize actions

Curriculum and technology

- Students value community engaged learning (with non-conventional partners)
- Faculty need to embrace diversity & offer flexibility in learning activities
- Technology revealed student progress towards professional competencies
- ▶ IT skills take time and (unexpected) external partners

Research

- Emerging technologies, standards & nomenclature to measure/capture practice
- Students like to contribute when they feel they are contributing to innovation and practice development

Suggestions

CHNC

- Lead partnership to research application of Standards in undergraduate curriculum including student response over time
- Prioritize elements within each Standard for undergraduate level
- Break those elements into concrete, paced, plain language steps for faculty and students
- Create student handbook with natural practice examples
- Cross reference with the Blueprint for Action for shared language and vision
 Explicate non-conventional
- Rename "Professional Relationships"? Consider Relationships and Partnerships

Faculty

Create CHN (project) paths to integrate learning activities

Require students to have the Standards 'in-hand' (living document)

Partner, partner, partner with IT (intersectoral) - see Standard 73

Take Home Messages



- Technology is here to stay so might as well have it work for us
- Using the CHN Log raised visibility of CHN and education with all partners/contexts
- Using the CHN Log helped students cocreate learning experiences & shape vision
- Potential to generate evidence accreditation and regulatory bodies
 - Integrating technology resonates with youth (bridge a connection)
- Leadership continuing this work can influence and inspire CHN practice, education and research



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