

University Learning Outcome #4 – Individuals, Communities and Cultures

Graduates will demonstrate awareness and sensitivity to the cultural and health practices of individuals and communities. Graduates will be able to identify appropriate resources available to meet health related needs.

Criteria for Assessment:

1. Awareness

- a. The graduate will be able to identify their personal cultural perspectives and the impact on their professional values and attitudes towards health and disease.
- b. The graduate will be able to appropriately obtain information regarding the patient/client's cultural perspectives, health practices and lifestyle.
- c. The graduate will be able to identify potential cultural differences between the patient/client and practitioner which may facilitate or hinder an effective practitioner – patient/client relationship.

2. Sensitivity

- a. The graduate will be able to demonstrate respect for individual's social and cultural framework through nonjudgmental language, attitudes and behaviors for all patients and clients.
- b. The graduate will be able to appropriately adapt behaviors and treatment to the cultural needs of patients and clients.
- c. The graduate will be able to demonstrate the skills necessary to create a culturally sensitive healthcare practice environment.

3. Identification of appropriate resources

- a. The graduate will be able to demonstrate familiarity with the available community resources and services that provide support for enhancing health, wellness and social connectedness.
- b. The graduate will be able to communicate about, refer to and utilize appropriate community resources with patients/clients.