

MODULE V

SYNTHESIS: PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PRACTICE

OVERVIEW: This module will introduce the concept of vulnerability and discuss the impact of this growing population on communities. Key principles of public health and public health nursing practice presented in this course will be summarized and applied through the use of a real world example.

PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

Knowledge of public health and public health nursing practice as presented in course prerequisites and previous modules as well as personal experience in nursing practice.

OBJECTIVES: Upon successful completion of this module, the participant will be able to:

1. Define what is meant by vulnerable population groups.
2. Describe the relationship between vulnerable populations and health disparities.
3. Discuss appropriate roles of the public health nurse in working with these groups.
4. Identify the importance of incorporating health literacy concepts in the development of effective nursing care plans.
5. Through discussion of real world scenarios, construct appropriate nursing care interventions to address complex public health nursing practice issues.

KEY TERMS:

Health disparities

Low literacy

Health literacy

Risk

Healthy People 2010

Vulnerable population groups

READING ASSIGNMENT: You may choose to read from the 7th or 8th edition of Stanhope and Lancaster.

Stanhope and Lancaster, 7th Edition (2008). Chapter 30 and 31.

Stanhope and Lancaster, 8th Edition (2012). Chapter 6, pages 125-140; Chapter 16, pages 359-362; Chapters 32 and 33.