

Message from the Head of Community Health Nursing



Dr Waithira Mirie

Welcome to Community Health Nursing thematic web site. The thematic unit was created in 2006 and is among the four thematic areas that comprise the School of Nursing Sciences of the University of Nairobi. This thematic unit came into being when the former Department of Advanced Nursing which has been in existence for 38 years became the School of Nursing Sciences. We feel privileged to have been part of the evolving and expanding university of Nairobi education and management systems which has been well rolled out by the school.

The thematic unit currently has a modest staffing capacity of five (5) lecturers with diverse qualifications in community/public health at postgraduate level. These lecturers are responsible for the teaching and supervision of clinical in all Community Health course units and for coordinating social science, statistics and research courses for both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

The goal of the unit is to train public health nursing professionals who are competent to promote health and provide quality preventive and rehabilitation services to communities and carry out research in current and emerging issues in public health through the application of principles and theories related to public health care delivery and modern concepts in community health practice. Our aim is to develop students with competencies in critical thinking, creativity, clinical skills, good professional judgment and conduct in provision of quality public health care.

The graduates of our post graduate program have formed the pillars for training nurses at higher institutions of learning in Kenya and the region. These graduates also work in Maternal and Child Health Clinics and Family Planning (MCH/FP), District/County and in other national and global health management programs.

Teaching Staff

1. Mrs. Eunice E. Odhiambo
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4. Dr. Sabina N. Wakasiaka

Academic Programs and courses taught in the thematic unit **Undergraduate Degree Programs**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Module 1)

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Module 2)

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Module 3– Upgrading from Registered Nurse to BScN)

Post Graduate Degree Programs

Master of Science in Community Health Nursing

Doctor of Philosophy Community Health Nursing

Program Courses

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Module I & II)

HNS 104: Nutrition and Health

HNS 107: Community Health

CSO 101: Introduction to Sociology

CSO: 102: Introduction to Anthropology

HNS 208: Biostatistics

HNS 209: Family Health

HNS 304: Community Health Nursing I

HNS 405: Community Health Nursing II

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Module 3– Upgrading from Registered Nurse to BScN)

(This degree is offered in both E-learning Mode and Face to Face Mode)

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Projects, Community services and collaborations

The faculty from the thematic undertakes community service through research conduct, clinical service and community participation.

Current projects undertaken include;

- Afya Njema Project, in collaboration with University of Massachusetts Boston, United States of America (USA). The project is involved in screening non- communicable diseases among the rural and suburban population in Kenya communities and providing appropriate client intervention.
- Provide Technical expertise to the Ministry of Health Nursing and Nutrition Division in implementation of nursing and nutrition process as a framework of improving quality of care in Public health facilities in Kenya.

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