NUR 114
Concept: Violence
Exemplar: Suicide

Description: This module describes the concept of violence as it relates to suicide. Emphasis is placed on assessment, safety and legal and ethical considerations. The module is for first level NUR 114 nursing students as their first exposure to the concept of violence.

Learning Outcomes:
Upon completion of this module the student will be able to:
- Identify the warning signs of suicidal ideation or intent.
- Assess for risk of lethality and suicidal ideation.
- Discuss legal and ethical considerations of involuntary admission for safety and assisted suicide.
- Identify epidemiology and characteristics of those groups with increased rates of suicide.
- Describe nursing interventions for creating safe environments, safety contracts and follow-up care.
- Describe nursing interventions for families and friends of suicide victims.

Learning Resources:

Text

Articles
3. Suicide (Journal of American Medical Association)  
   http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/reprint/293/20/2558.pdf
4. Understanding Suicidal Thinking (Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance)  
   http://www.dbsalliance.org/site/PageServer?pagename=about_publications_suicideprev
5. Suicide in the U.S.: Statistics and Prevention (National Institute of Mental Health)  

Websites
1. American Association of Suicidology  
   www.suicidology.org

Guest speaker
1. Crisis intervention hotline counselor from local area
Learning Activities:

Case studies
1. Depressive mood disorder patient who attempts suicide
2. Bipolar disorder patient, known to be non-compliant with medications, found unresponsive after drug overdose.

Class role play for therapeutic interventions with suicidal patients and families

Documentation exercises

Worksheets
1. Suicide facts and fables (T/F worksheet)

Evaluation:

Summative testing

Clinical performance evaluation

Reflective journaling