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Principles and Practices of Community Organization And Community Development

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COURSE COMPETENICIES

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- 1. work through any fears of community involvement or fears of participating in behavior change constructs;
- 2. develop a program plan for study and budget time to cover the experience;
- 3. find and interview leaders as well as learn the kinds of questions to ask to gain relevant information regarding the related disciplines;
- 4. appreciate the value of organizational frameworks as they attend and participate in related agency activities and meetings;

- 5. appreciate the philosophy and have an understanding of principles and practices in community organization and community development and relate these to health education and other social science disciples;
- 6. gain an understanding of the role of the Health Education Specialist in different settings of the community;
- 7. increase in knowledge of voluntary and official health agencies—structure, functions, and methods and the role they play in the related disciplines;
- 8. have an understanding of interagency relationships; and
- 9. gain some idea of the importance of participation and involvement of volunteers in health programs.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1. Prepare a condition and people specific needs assessment for a group program plan focusing on a behavior change model.
- 2. Analyze a specific health problem for one target population in the state of Texas.
- 3. Develop a health program plan that utilizes the PRECEDE AND PROCEED framework.
- 4. Gain an understanding of the professional ethics required in the professions of Kinesiology, Victim Studies, and Health Education.
- 5. Prepare for the professional strategies required to be a Certified Health Education Specialist (C.H.E.S.).
- 6. Identify various professional health organizations in regard to their mission and contribution to the disciplines of Kinesiology, Victim Studies, and Health Education.
- 7. Participate in a major fund-raiser for a health agency.

COURSE CONTENT

UNIT 1- Program Planning in Community Health Education

- 1. Putting the Parts Together
- 2. Program Planning as a Process
- 3. Health Education and Changing National Health Policy

UNIT 2- Community Analysis

- 1. Understanding Communities
- 2. Where do We Begin?
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UNIT 3- Looking at Individuals through Community Health

- 1. Education Programs
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- 3. Establishing Program Goals
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UNIT 4- Developing a Program Plan

- 1. Formulating Educational Goals
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UNIT 5- Program Implementation

- 1. Gaining Acceptance from the Target Population
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- 1. Nature of Evaluation
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- 4. Each student will conduct an interview with a health professional with an advanced degree. Ideally, the individual will be involved in the student's internship site in some manner. Approval for the interview will be granted by the instructor. The interview is valued at 25 points.

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