

Service Learning Homeland Security Program Supporting Actions for Engagement (SAFE)

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Course: Trends in Nursing

Course Description: The course is a 3-credit required course for all graduating RVCC nursing students. Trends in Nursing is offered in the last year of the nursing curriculum. The course is designed to examine historical, philosophical, ethical and legal aspects of nursing practice; and to study contemporary issues facing nursing such as the influence of societal trends on nursing practice and the health care delivery system. A requirement of this course is the creation of a Service Learning Project.

Number of Students: 70

Student Profile: The Service-learning project is worth 60% of the students' grade.

Project Title:

Project Description: The three-year grant for homeland security and emergency preparedness that was awarded RVCC through the Community College National Center for Community Engagement, all Service-Learning projects will address the area of homeland security and emergency preparedness. The students will study the impact and problems associated with 911 and its aftermath with a focus on health care and nursing. Trends in Nursing students will form groups of 5 and select an area of interest. Through multiple sources, the students will conduct a comprehensive search in this area. Through these searches, a problem is identified and a project idea is developed. The students are required to disseminate their projects to the community through workshops, brochures, training sessions or public service.