

VRP324

Nursing Practical: Wound Care Projects

Brief description

This module is a wound care project where students care for patients with chronic wounds in the community for a period of six weeks.

Community partners

Patients with chronic wounds at, among others:

- Small-holdings around Bloemfontein
- Private homes
- Old-Age Homes
- Universitas Hospital
- Wound Care Clinics

Managers of

- Old age homes
- Universitas Hospital
- Wound Care Clinics
- Primary Health Clinics

Representatives

- Wound Care Companies
- Wound Care Specialists

Outcomes for students

Students learn how to do research work in a team, but also how to work independently. They, furthermore, also learn how to identify and solve problems, collect and analyse information and communicate effectively.

Service learning component

Students form groups of six and each group identifies a patient with a chronic wound. They visit the patient at least two times a week and take care of the whole patient and implement nursing care according to the factors they have assessed. They treat patients holistically and teach them how to care for their own wound(s). At the conclusion of the project, students are expected to arrange and participate in a wound care day to present their projects.

Impact on community

The patients learn more about basic wound care and wound care products. They are educated with regard to, among others, a hygienic environment, aseptic procedures and a diet rich in proteins. The wounds of many patients show considerable improvement, and in some cases the wounds are healed completely. Some of the patients have struggled with wounds for more than 20 or 30 years. Students not only educate community members, but also involve staff members at hospitals and old-age homes in their wound care projects. Staff members have the opportunity to continue using the wound care products and ensuring that chemists provide it.



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Other departments involved:

- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacology
- Social Work
- Physiotherapy

Study year of students

Third year

Credits: 16

Module offered during

Second semester

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