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- 1) Title of the Practice: ACE (Active Community Engagement)
- 2) Objectives of the Practice:
 1. To ensure practical and problem based learning in the community.
 2. To sharpen the basic skills of students and the community.
 3. To provide quality standard care for the community.
 4. To bridge the gap between client and family and to provide family oriented health care in the community .
 5. To encourage and motivate research through evidence based practice.
 6. To counsel, educate individuals ,family and community.
 7. To maintain Record and Report and participate in National Health program
 8. To sensitize the students in identification of the needs of the community and to create awareness regarding the issues, challenges faced by the rural community.
 9. To provide comprehensive health care to families in rural areas.
 10. Create a social bonding with the families and colleagues through community involvement.




The Context:

Rural posting is mandatory for the students as part of the curriculum. The posting is intended to identify the needs of the community and provide healthcare to the family. Initially, the students used to travel and return the same day. The following observations were made:

1. The students spent long hours in travel which resulted in exhaustion, tiredness and in turn increased absenteeism.
2. The actual community exposure time was very less and the student's lacked an in-depth understanding of the community.
3. It was difficult for the teachers to complete and check the assignments and also the time spent for individual supervision was insufficient.
4. Students were unable to submit the assignments on time.



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To tackle the above issues and to facilitate better learning about rural community; it was felt to initiate a compulsory residential rural posting. This would not only resolve the issues but will yield a better outcome. Residential posting will facilitate better team building among the students and teachers. It will inculcate values of sharing, accountability, responsibility, adaptability and teach them to be contented and be happy in conditions with minimal resources.

The Practice:

The institute has made the rural posting residential and it is mandatory for students and the faculty. The institute has adopted an area in rural areas for providing their services. The second year B.Sc and 1st yr GNM students are posted for 2 weeks in Nareshwadi; while 4th Yr basic B.Sc nursing and 3rd yr GNM are posted for 2 weeks each in Sakharwadi and Nareshwadi.


Limitations:

1. Had to identify lodging and mess facilities.
2. The Identified residential place was in poor condition.
3. Lack of community cooperation.
4. Lack of transportation
5. No nearby health care facility for emergency
6. Lack of readiness from faculty

Evidence of Success:

The result of community health nursing is multifaceted. There has been tremendous improvement in certain areas where as some areas require long term to see its results. Our students have been posted for 1 month in Dahanu for community posting. It has been noticed that the assignments and competency planned for the students have helped the students to perform better. The students are able to link the conditions and nursing implications by correlating it with the family in the community . The problem identification, meeting priority needs have improved to a larger extent. The students are better prepared and show confidence while working in the community . The inclusion of research has increased the inquisitiveness of the young learners and the journals are now used and read by many more.




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The faculty has modified the ways of teaching. The emphasis is on interactive learning and faculty shows keen interest in doing experimental research to improve patient care in the community . The clinical diary has helped faculty to plan, organize and supervise the clinical field experience in an efficient manner. The research has resulted in improving patient care in the community .

Sr. No	Performance	Result
1.	Completion of assignments on time	100%
2.	Absenteeism	Nil
3.	No of community programs	Initially , could only complete the mandatory programs, but in the last 2 years no of programs have increased
4.	Community coordination	It is observed that the cooperation from the local community members has increased
5.	Students exposure to community	Over the years, it has been noticed that the students yearn for this posting and has helped in team building
6.	Community health Nursing academic performance	In 2019, there were 19 distinctions and no failures in B.Sc, while in GNM there were No failures.

Problems encountered and Resources required:

With Students:Time management, Lack of resources for demonstrations(Articles in the community setting).Language problem

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Problems encountered	Strategies implemented/ Resources
1.No Lodging and Mess facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identified rural area to be adopted. ● Took permission from Management and Local authority bodies. ● Ensured that repair and maintenance of the facility was completed. ● Identified caterer for mess. ● Provided a facility for them to stay.
Lack of community participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Showed perseverance. ● Involved faculty and students in various National Health programs. ● Conducted free health Check ups and organized Social Events for women. ● Initiated distribution of Ration basket program
Lack of transportation and Medical facility for emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Permission taken from Management and transport along with the driver made available through hospital. ● Provided extra remuneration and free lodging and food facility for the driver. ● Kept the driver on call to drive for any emergency and shortlisted one private hospital for providing emergency care if required
Lack of readiness from the faculty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● . Mandatory faculty rotation. ● Incentive provided by giving additional DA and free lodging and food. ● Compensatory off provided for the sundays, holidays.

Notes: The practice could be implemented in the best way as the initial facilities such as lodging, rural set up (schools, health center, community) was available through he management.