Relational Engagement as the Heart of Continuity of Care in Nursing Education

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Presentation Overview
• Relational Engagement for Continuity of Care

1. Relational Engagement - Overview
2. Integration in BSN-PB Program
3. Essence of Nurse – Client Partnerships
4. Reinforcing Continuity of Care
Relational Engagement – Overview

Theoretical Foundations
Relational Engagement as Ways of Knowing

Carper's Fundamental Patterns

Chinn & Kramer's Ways of Knowing

Emancipatory

Personal

Aesthetic

Ethical

Empirical
Relational Engagement & Ways of Knowing

- Combined with Gnostic knowing = assessment, diagnostic knowing
- Also Pathic knowing = comfort, compassion, caring, and hopeful support
- This knowing goes beyond empathy to attunement and deep awareness of a client
Relational Engagement Characteristics also include:

- **Awareness**
- **Presence**
  
  **Authenticity**

- **Mutuality**
- **Respect**

  **Caring**

- **Perception**
- **Reflection**
All My Relations
Is also used as a model for Relational Engagement
Integration in the Kwantlen BSN-PB Program

Application of Theory
Overview of the BSN-PB Program
Methods of Blended Delivery

Prepares students with a previous degree in 27 months

Includes two Residencies and two Capstone Practice courses
Strong use of High fidelity Simulation Labs to reinforce practice

All other courses are taken online

Other practice courses include Primary Health Care, Families
Content is richly enhanced with interactive & creative technologies
Curriculum & Pedagogy
Major Philosophical Foundation

Professional Role

Critical Inquiry

Health Promotion

Relational Engagement

Critical Social Theory

Social Constructivism

Nursing Practice & Praxis

Ways of Knowing
Relational Engagement In Semesters

1. Self
2. Client

3. Practice
4. Family
5. Community

6. Global
3 & 7 Practice
Practice & Residencies

- **Sem 1**: Includes two week long Residency & Labs
- **Sem 5**: Community Health
- **Sem 2**: Chronic
- **Sem 3**: Mental Health, Medicine, Surgery
- **Sem 4**: Family
- **Sem 6**: Global Health
- **Sem 7**: Capstone Practice Course
All My Relations also illustrates deep Relational Engagement

Visual Model By Beejay Dingo
Visual creativity reinforces engagement and understanding of content

Cultural Competencies by Danielle Fransen
All content is framed within relational practice with clients in all practice areas.
Importance of Mentors
Role Models, Social Support, Expert Guide

- Inspire
- Guide
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- Nurse Mentor
- Networking
- Faculty Mentor
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Mahara ePortfolios support

- Reflective Learning
- Personalized Learning
- Lifelong Learning

https://mahara.org
Photo Novella in Mahara ePortfolio

Moments of My World through the Photographic Lens by June Kaminski

- The Mighty Fraser at Peace
- Cedar Harvest
- Tools for the Sweatlodge
- New Moon at Sunset
- Come Sail Away...
- The View from my Closet
iPads and Apps add Engagement

Apps are used to:

- Augment and enrich content
- Support creativity
- Facilitate interaction
- Personalize learning

http://itunes.com
Educreations enhances Multimedia

Combines:
- Images
- Narration
- Text
- Drawing

On a White Board screen

http://www.educreations.com
iPads augment SIMS learning
iPads support Practice & Praxis

Student partners video-record practice skills on the performing student's own iPad

Student reflects on own performance by watching the video recording

Partners discuss the recording and their reflections the next day
Essence of Nurse – Client Partnerships
Relational Engagement in Practice
Relational Engagement in Partnership

Adaptable Care
• Relational engagement is a way of knowing that emerges as a nurse develops partnerships with diverse clients in a variety of different contexts

Holistic Care
• Each client is unique, requiring nurses to be able to quickly attune to the client’s state of being, at all levels – physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual.
Caring Presence is Fundamental

• Since the beginning of nursing, presence and caring have been identified as fundamental attributes of professional nursing care and are aspects of relational engagement.

• Presence implies that nurses are attuned to the unique individual they are working with; they apply relational engagement and other ways of knowing, including critical inquiry, to establish a core connection with the client.
Relational Engagement as Caring

Caring goes beyond applying nursing skills, showing respect, and attending to a client’s needs. Caring implies that the nurse uses her or his entire being to mutually engage with clients in true partnership, open to client choices, needs, preferences, goals and decisions.
Attentive & Alert Mindfulness

• Inherent to caring presence is an attitude of sensitivity, a sense of life, and attentive and alert mindfulness: the ability to be and to act in the here and now, being totally present for the client.
Partnership is the Keystone of Continuity

Nurses demonstrate caring presence by “being there” for clients showing a willingness to relate to their experience; “being with” to enable the feeling of comfort, and “being in tune” while mutually creating the future and assuring seamless continuity of care across all settings.
Reinforcing Continuity of Care

Realizing and Widening the Context
Nursing Roles in Continuity of Care

- Provide Care
- Client Advocate
- Facilitate Network
- Empower
- Monitor
Nursing Care and Engagement can occur across all Settings
**Types of Continuity**

- **Relational Engagement supports all types**
  - Reinforces nurses as a key player in continuity

- **Management Continuity**
  - Nurses should be involved in continuous plan of action

- **Informational Continuity**
  - Informatics competencies reinforce continuity
Students learn that continuity is key.....

For all clients, all cultures, all aspects of care....