

The System of Public Health Nursing Designed to "Creating a Society Where Everyone Can Live Healthy" (By JAPHN 2017 edition)

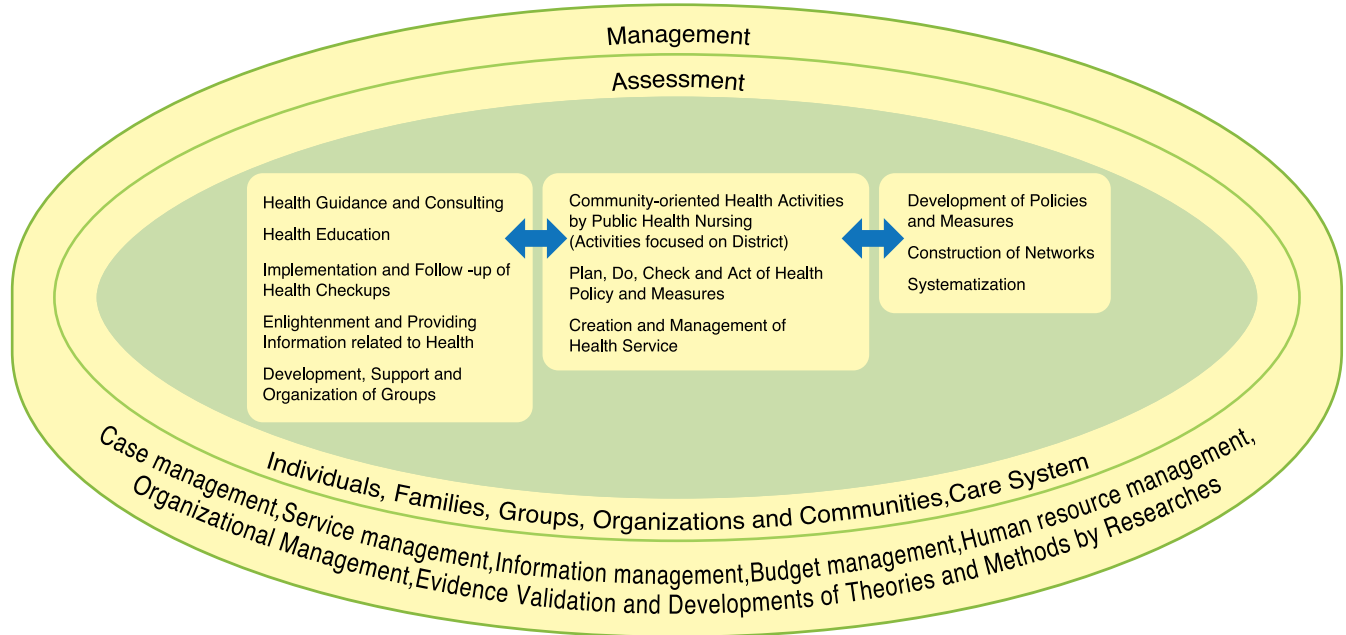
■ Purpose of Public Health Nursing

The purpose of public health nursing is to contribute to the well-being of society and to extend further the life expectancy of individuals by promoting and maintaining health as well as the prevention of and recovery from health problems. This purpose is achieved by supporting recipients that improve their ability to maintain and develop their own Health and quality of life by improving the surrounding environment.

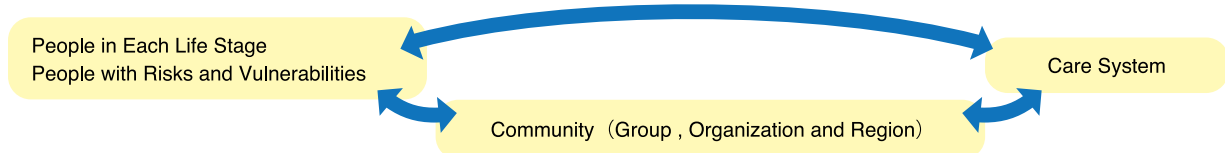
■ Goal of Public Health Nursing Science

Developing and Improving the knowledge, skills, norms and theory building that ontribute to improve public health nursing practices.

Methodology of Public Health Nursing



Theory for Understanding Target Recipient of Public Health Nursing



Principles of Public Health Nursing

Definition and Missions of Public Health Nurses

Philosophy of Public Health Nursing

Fundamental Sciences of Public Health

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Epidemiology

Health Statistics

Environment and Health

Behavioral Sciences and Health

Health Care Policy

Nursing Sciences and Fundamental Sciences of Nursing



It means mutual action.



It means to be the foundations and to support expertise

>> Background and Significance of Systematization

In 2014, the Japanese Academy of Public Health Nursing announced the definitions of “public health nursing” and “science of public health nursing.” We defined the science of public health nursing as an academic discipline that studies the generation and development of knowledge, techniques, norms, and theories that contribute to improve public health nursing practice.

The clarification of the system of public health nursing is expected to help improve societal understanding of the science of public health nursing, as well as contributing to advancements in public health nursing activities and the education for public health nurses.

>> The System of Public Health Nursing Science (2017 Edition)

The system of public health nursing science comprises 1) Nursing Science and the Fundamental Science of Nursing, 2) Fundamental Sciences of Public Health, 3) Principles of Public Health Nursing Science, 4) Theory for Understanding Target Recipients of Public Health Nursing, and 5) Methodology of Public Health Nursing.

1) Nursing Science and the Fundamental Science of Nursing is an academic field that cultivates knowledge, skills, and the ability of practitioners to practice as public health nurses. Nursing itself is an interdisciplinary field based on medicine, but influenced, integrated, and formed alongside pharmaceutical science, psychology, sociology, welfare science, etc.

2) Fundamental Science of Public Health is an academic field that cultivates the knowledge, skills, and abilities required of all public health professionals (medical doctors, dentists, public health nurses, nurses, administrative nutritionists, etc.).

It includes epidemiology, health statistics, the interaction of environment and health, behavioral science and health, and health care policy.

3) Principles of Public Health Nursing Science is an academic field that defines the mission, philosophy, and ethics of public health nursing professionals.

4) Theory for Understanding Target Recipients of Public Health Nursing is means of assessing and understanding the characteristics of recipients of public health nursing. The recipients of public health nursing services include individuals and families at each life stage, people at all health levels, people and families with risks and vulnerabilities, communities (group/organization/region), and care systems. In public health nursing science, these recipients are regarded as interacting with each other, and understanding with in mind on the linkage between individuals / families and community health issues.

5) Methodology of Public Health Nursing includes three main methods: a method mainly for individuals and families, a method for targeting communities, and a method for forming and adjusting care systems. Every time public health nurses use some methods, the assessment of the recipients and the management are used.

The public health nurses assess their subjects, after which they select and combine appropriate support methods, according to the situation. Therefore, in practice, the Theory for Understanding Target population and the Methodology of Public Health Nursing are closely related.