



THE STUDENT NURSES' ASSOCIATION (SNA)

Syllabus 2014- 2015

Club Advisor: Teresa Weedon, Assistant Professor tmweedon@hagerstowncc.edu
Assistant: Gina Yurek, **Instructor:** ryurek@hagerstowncc.edu

Meetings: 4th Thursday of month (September – May)

Informal meetings are also held occasionally during summer break.

Location: CPB 125 12:30 – 1:45 pm

Hagerstown Community College Student Nurses Association (SNA) is open to all students enrolled in the nursing programs (RN and LPN) . Students in pre- nursing courses or other health related professions are invited/ encouraged to attend but do not hold an elected position. The club's purpose is to encourage professional development of the role of the nurse as well as recognition of community health needs and outreach activities to enhance health.

Club Objectives:

- **Opportunities to develop leadership and collaboration** skills: by holding elected positions on the executive team, taking the lead on coordinating ,planning and implementing activities, being a committee liaison to other clubs on campus, and participating in community activities.
- **Educational enrichment and Mentoring/ Fellowship:** thru guest speakers, discussions on nursing issues, games and practice on NCLEX and test taking strategies and field trips. The club serves as an opportunity for peer to peer support, tutoring and socialization opportunities while recognizing the stress filled course and time demands of the program. The club has held welcome luncheon for incoming freshman to offer support and encouragement.
- **Community outreach:** by participating in outreach activities such as adopt a family for the holiday, Relay for Life, March of Dimes, Health Care for the homeless (Convoy of Hope), campus blood donation via Red Cross, socialization visits to nursing homes and Holly's Place for indigent senior citizens. Also supporting the HCC food bank program and a well creation project in Africa.
- **Proactive Health Awareness:** participates in helping get the word out about important health topics such as hand washing, cover cough, Flu vaccine, smoking, blood donor needs.
- **Opportunity to participate in activities at the state and national levels:** The Maryland Chapter of Student Nurses Association (MANS) is a regional club for all Nursing Schools in the state of Maryland and the National Chapter of SNA(NSNA). Both of these organizations offer extension of professional development via a monthly magazine, newsletter, conferences, seminars, workshops, online trainings and opportunity to serve on committees and make policy recommendations while learning about parliamentary procedure as well as networking. HCC's SNA has had the privilege of sending delegates to the national convention. During the past year the club has been able to recruit enough members to join NSNA that we obtained a voting delegate position for HCC for both NSNA and MANS.

- _ **Fund raising to support outreach activities:** and planning to establish a small scholarship for a nursing student within the next three years.

-Student Learning Outcome: Success at multitasking and college course work/ life balance.

Enhance critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Prepare for future employment expectations by participating in collaborative group process and serving on professional committees. Resume' building

Experience having a proactive voice on the local and national scene regarding health care challenges and policy recommendations

Officers and Elections: Executive Officer Positions are president, vice president, secretary and assistant secretary, treasure, assistant treasurer, and LPN representative.

In order to hold an elected office Students must be in good standing academically, have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Elections are held twice a year in fall and spring semester to fill any vacated positions held by graduating students or student who elect not to continue in office, otherwise term is for one year. Specific details can be found in the SNA By-laws. Which are reviewed and updated on an annual bases by the executive team and club advisor..

Code of Conduct: Students are held to the standards as presented in both the HCC Guide A Handbook for Students as well as separate professional standards as delineated in the HCC Nursing Student Handbook.