Session

Impact of Community Engagement in the Nursing Faculty at Bethlehem University

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Nursing is a profession where there is a daily interaction with different communities in the hospitals, health and social centers, schools, etc.

Bethlehem University has three main pillars; education, research and service.

The nursing faculty is usually eager and motivated to involve the students in organizing and implementing certain activities with the community like conferences, workshops, seminars and health awareness days. This kind of activities is part of the assessment and evaluation criteria of the courses. The nursing faculty is strongly believe that such activities promotes the students abilities in skills in different domains as planning, organizing, decision making, communication and leadership. This also increases the students' awareness about the available health care services in the community where they can help in their referral role.

The community especially the marginalized ones also benefit from these activities in which there is an increase in their awareness about different health topics. Which has an impact on the quality of care the clients receive.

Involving the communities in the activities promotes the networking between BU and community and among themselves, which can help in research, policymaking and future cooperation.

The presentation will focus on the nursing faculty experience in the community engagement activities and its impact on the students, faculty, community and the university.

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