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Title:

Bridging Cultural Worlds: A Community-Engaged Model for Strengthening Transcultural Nursing Competence in Urban Health Settings

Abstract (Approx. 480 words)

Culturally diverse urban communities often experience significant barriers to equitable healthcare, including communication challenges, mistrust of health systems, and limited access to culturally congruent services. To address these gaps, a transcultural nursing team partnered with community leaders to develop a community-engaged model designed to strengthen culturally responsive care across multiple clinical and educational settings. This symposium presentation describes the conceptual foundation, development process, implementation strategies, and early practice insights from this initiative.

The model is grounded in transcultural nursing theory and incorporates principles of cultural humility, community partnership, and mutual learning. Its purpose is to create a sustainable framework that supports nurses in delivering culturally congruent care while honoring the lived experiences, values, and health beliefs of diverse populations. The initiative was developed collaboratively with cultural advisors, faith-based organizations, immigrant support groups, and local health advocates to ensure that community voices shaped every stage of the process.

The symposium will outline the three core components of the model:

1. **Cultural Partnership Circles:** Structured dialogue sessions where nurses and community members engage in shared learning, storytelling, and exploration of cultural health practices.
2. **Practice Integration Pathways:** Tools and strategies that help nurses apply transcultural principles in clinical encounters, including communication prompts, cultural assessment guides, and reflective practice exercises.
3. **Leadership and Policy Alignment:** Approaches for embedding transcultural values into organizational policies, staff development programs, and community outreach initiatives.

Implementation occurred across multiple urban health settings, including primary care, community health centers, and educational environments. While not a research study, the initiative incorporated systematic feedback from participants to refine the model. Nurses reported increased confidence in navigating cultural differences, improved communication with patients and families, and greater awareness of their own cultural assumptions.

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Community partners expressed appreciation for being included as equal contributors and emphasized the importance of ongoing collaboration.

The symposium will highlight lessons learned, including the need for flexible engagement strategies, the importance of cultural brokers, and the value of creating safe spaces for dialogue. Presenters will also discuss challenges such as time constraints, organizational readiness, and sustaining momentum beyond initial implementation. Practical recommendations will be offered for nursing leaders, educators, and clinicians seeking to adopt or adapt similar models in their own settings.

Significance to Transcultural Nursing

This work advances transcultural nursing by demonstrating a practical, community-engaged approach to strengthening culturally congruent care. It operationalizes transcultural nursing theory in real-world settings and provides a replicable framework that supports nurses in addressing cultural diversity, health equity, and community partnership. By centering the voices of culturally diverse populations, the model contributes to the development of transcultural nursing knowledge and promotes ethical, culturally responsive healthcare practices.

Keywords:

cultural humility, community engagement, transcultural nursing, urban health, cultural partnership

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