

Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses (MAPHN) – Western Massachusetts Chapter

Bi-Annual PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING: Clinical Conference

Public Health
Departments



3 Total
Conferences To-
date

- Fall 2017, American International College
- Fall 2018, American International College
- Spring 2019, La Quinta Inns and Suites

Over 300
Participants:
Colleges and
Universities

- American International College
- Bay Path University's RN to BSN program
- Elms College
- Springfield Technical Community College
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Westfield State University

Program Description

The Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses – Western MA Chapter, designed the conference and partnered with the Western Massachusetts Nursing Collaborative (WMNC) to expose nursing students to viable opportunities in community nursing. Participants are informed on the role and responsibilities of public health nurses and their involvement in promoting and maintaining healthy populations in the community through their association with state agencies, schools and healthcare centers. Additionally, the chapter members facilitate a patient surveillance and disease control simulation, providing participants with a first-hand experience on managing a disease outbreak in the community; and provide nursing students with five hours of clinical experience.

Program Outline

- OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES: HISTORY & IMPACT
- PRESENTATION ON THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN MASSACHUSETTS
- PATIENT SURVEILLANCE AND DISEASE CONTROL SIMULATION: A MOCK HEPATITIS A VACCINATION CLINIC
- PHN PANEL DISCUSSION FOLLOWED BY Q&A

Participant Feedback

"All content was relevant to learning & professional development"

"This was a great opportunity to hear about public health topics directly from individuals in the field"

"I enjoyed learning about what lengths are necessary during an emergency situation"

"I really enjoyed this. I came in not knowing what to expect but it was very informative. I feel I learned a lot about being a PHN which is the field I am interested in."