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Home Environment Safety Simulation

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Objectives

1. Identify three teaching strategies useful in a simulation environment
2. Create a simulation environment area preparing SNs for Home Environment Safety Assessment
3. Prepare the Home Room Environment with needed equipment for SNs to assess safety

Relevant Literature

- ❖ Integration of QSEN competencies when designing simulation scenarios (Jarzemsky, Mc Carthy, Ellis, 2010).
- ❖ Little room of errors (Arends, 2010).
- ❖ The development of evidence-based clinical simulation scenarios: Guidelines for nurse educators (Waxman, 2010).

Relevant Literature (Cont.)

- ❖ Simulation in nursing education: A review of the research (Sanford, 2010).
- ❖ Using simulation technology for undergraduate nursing education (Medley & Horne, 2005).

Relevant Literature (Cont.)

- ❖ Simulation techniques to bridge the gap between novice and competent healthcare professionals (Galloway, 2009).
- ❖ Creating a home care simulation laboratory (Simones, 2008).

Relevant Literature (Cont.)

- ❖ Curriculum and program evaluation (Keating, 2006).
- ❖ The evaluation process: An overview (Bourke, & Ihrke, 2009).

Introduction

- ❖ Development of the Home Environment safety Simulation
- ❖ Creating a clinical simulation at Colorado Mesa University (CMU)
- ❖ Critical thinking skills used during simulation

Background

- ❖ Raise awareness in the home setting to identify potential injury.
- ❖ Teach assessment skills for injury prevention.

Teaching Goals

- ❖ Sharpen student nurses (SN) observational skills
- ❖ Increasing educational opportunity of SNs

Project Goal

- ❖ The project goal is to Identify potential hazards; Understand risk of identified hazards; Educates clients about hazards.
 1. Know what hazards to look for
 2. Learning the importance of hazard identification
 3. How to talk with client about those hazards

Purpose

- ❖ Increase SNs awareness of the importance of identifying safety hazards
- ❖ Increase SNs observational abilities of how to identify hazards

Purpose (Cont.)

- ❖ Help SNs practice and learn skills allowing for errors and growth
- ❖ Teaching SNs before going out on first home visit

Rationale

- ❖ Enhance clinical reasoning and self-confidence
- ❖ Opportunity to engage in a safe clinical experience
- ❖ A beneficial learning experience prior to an actual home visit

Rationale (Cont.)

- ❖ QSEN Competency---Safety
- ❖ Identify hazards and then communicate concerns related to hazards to faculty.
- ❖ Demonstrate strategies to reduce risk of harm to the client.

Method

❖ Three Strategies:

1. Pre-test
2. 30-minute lecture
3. Post-test

Method (Cont.)

❖ Content

1. Lecture on home safety
2. Simulation application
3. Hazard identification

Method (Cont.)

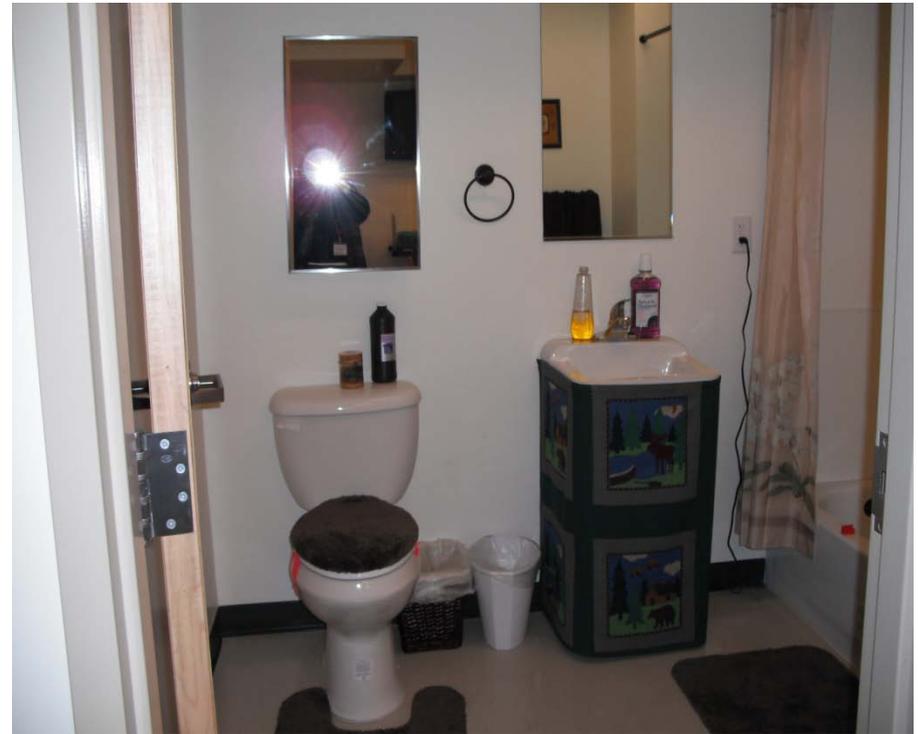
❖ Lessons learned

1. Case study role-playing scenarios added
2. Debriefing with the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) RNs
3. Evaluation Questionnaire

- ❖ Colorado Mesa University enrolls 36 students a semester.
- ❖ 90 hours of clinical for community health each semester.
- ❖ Total of 3,240 clinical hours needed to have SNs obtain different experiences.

The First Home Environment Lab

- ❖ Created for SNs to access household hazards



The First Home Environment Lab



The 2nd Home Environment Lab

- ❖ Updated to a house
- ❖ Giving SNs more opportunity



The 2nd Home Environment Lab



Home Environment (Cont.)

- ❖ Cost effective teaching strategy
- ❖ Supplies were donated

Evaluation

❖ Formative

1. On-going assessment of project from start to finish
2. On-going feedback from faculty throughout the development of the project

Evaluation (Cont.)

❖ Summative

1. Pre-test
2. Post-test
3. Debriefing
4. Evaluation questionnaire

Outcomes

- ❖ 109 students have gone through the simulation since spring of 2011.
 1. Pre-test score 85% -95%
 2. Post-test 98% -100%
 3. Evaluation questionnaire

Outcomes (Cont.)

- ❖ 85% of the students had positive attitudes towards simulation in the community setting.
- ❖ 95% of the students had a stimulated learning experience

Outcomes (Cont.)

- ❖ 100% of the students felt that role-playing increased their educational strategies to teach families

- ❖ Debriefing – 100% of the students felt that this was helpful.
 1. Safe environment for critical learning experience

Conclusion

- ❖ SNs relied on the information taught in the pre-simulation.
- ❖ The residential home versus the homeroom on campus

Conclusion (Cont.)

- ❖ Important to build resources for project

- ❖ Lessons learned
 1. Increase difficulty of pre & post-test
 2. Increase challenge of simulation environment
 3. Smaller groups preferred, but limited resources

Summary

- ❖ The Home Environment Safety Simulation will continue to be utilized at CMU each semester.
- ❖ Level IV senior SNs will use the simulation lab before going out on their first home visits.
- ❖ Will continue to improve and grow the Home Environment Safety Simulation.

Questions



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