The purpose of Module 2 is to provide a continued overview of public health. In discussing environmental health principals, global health and Healthy People 2020 objectives, the Public Health Nurse (PHN) will have a framework from which to develop an interdisciplinary approach to Public Health Nursing.

Objectives:
- List three of the “Environmental Health Principles for Public Health Nursing” developed by the Quad Council
- Describe how global health issues impact public health at a local level
- Discuss how the health of the individual is an indicator of the health of the larger community
The purpose of Module 3 is to provide a historical overview of Public Health Nursing. This overview lends insight into the significance of current events and how they impact Public Health Nursing today.

Objectives:
- Link social reform in health care and nursing to Florence Nightingale, also known as “the lady with the lamp”
- Identify Lillian Wald as the founder of Public Health Nursing in the United States
- Describe similarities between the early beginnings of Public Health Nursing and the issues it confronts today

The purpose of Module 4 is to provide an introduction to pertinent principles of rural Public Health Nursing, with special emphasis on understanding the unique aspects of rural communities and how they impact Public Health Nursing practice.

Objectives:
- Cite the differences between urban, rural and frontier areas, using population density as the distinguishing characteristic
- Recognize the correlation between types of economies found in rural areas and healthcare issues found in rural areas
- Discuss the concept of “rural culture” and its potential impact on Public Health Nursing practice

The purpose of Module 5 is to provide a basic understanding of Public Health Nursing. In discussing the definition of Public Health Nursing along with the skills and competencies needed, a set of practice assumptions provides the foundation for understanding the practice.

Objectives:
- List 2 commonalities between the Cornerstones of Public Health Nursing and the ANA Principles of Public Health Nursing Practice
- Compare a population of interest to a population at risk
- Name 3 characteristics of the Minnesota Intervention Wheel
- Discuss the role that evidence-based practice (EBP) plays in Public Health Nursing practice

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