
1.4 TYPES OF CURRICULUM

Curriculum may be of different types to suit the requirement of the course. Let us now proceed to discuss about the types of curriculum.

1.4.1 Subject Oriented Curriculum

In this type, the teaching-learning experiences and evaluation are subject based. Most Nursing curriculum fall under this category. Nursing student has to pass through various subjects or disciplines before successfully completing the course. Fragmented learning, piece-meal approach to learning are some of the problems with this type of curriculum. System based curriculum has been designed to rectify same of the deficiencies mentioned above. Hence the teaching-learning experiences and evaluation are system based. For, e.g., students learn all about musculo-skeletal system including clinical and therapeutic aspects before moving onto another system.

1.4.2 Competence-based Curriculum

This is also known as task oriented or activity based curriculum “what should a learner be able to do and what S/he should learn during the course?” is the basic question that drives the making of such a curriculum plan. The focus is on the tasks that a successful graduate Nurse need to do later as a competent professional. The tasks could be of cognitive problem solving skills, definitive communication skills or mixed type encompassing more than one domain. Nursing curricula need to adopt this approach more widely.

1.4.3 Experience-based Curriculum

In this type curriculum learner is placed in the natural setting of the community. Perhaps community oriented nursing education is an ideal method of educating learners.

1.4.4 Core Curriculum

Core curriculum is defined as essential or key aspect of a subject or discipline covered in the curriculum for the study and mastery by all groups of students with the same level of learning. Core curriculum is about the competencies required of all students and here students study an area in depth e.g., Nursing process, quality assurance, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation are some of the topics of core course.