Integration of the Sustainable Development Goals in Baccalaureate Nursing Education

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At a United Nations (UN) General Assembly Summit in 2015, a group of world leaders endorsed the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to address global issues that provoke global health concerns (UN, n.d.). The Sustainable Development Goals focus on population issues like poverty, hunger, gender equality, health promotion, education, healthcare disparities, and peace; the goals also address environmental factors that influence health like clean water, pollution, energy, and climate action (UN, n. d.). Due to the importance of teaching future nurses about global health implications, a small, rural university developed curriculum changes that integrated the UN Sustainable Development Goals that provided students with a better understanding of global health issues. Nursing students should be taught about the essential role they will play in informing the impact of social determinants of health (Hughes, 2017; Benton & Ferguson, 2016; Thompson, 2016). This presentation will provide participants with practical interventions they can utilize in their curriculum to increase student awareness of global health issues.

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