Course Description
Synthesis of nursing and public health practice within the community. Nursing care of individuals, families, and groups is addressed within context of promoting, maintaining, and restoring health. Health promotion, disease prevention and health education are interventions to reduce health disparities.

Overview
- **N482W Population Focused Care for RNs** does not have precepted experiences (pairing of student with specific agency/nurse). Rather, the clinical assignments for this course will require you to explore the work done in a variety of community-based settings in your home community. Therefore you do **not** need to secure a clinical site/preceptor and less planning ahead.
- N482W is a 6-credit blended theory/clinical course and is intense—if you are working full time it is a good idea to take it alone, if you plan to take it in the summer it is also a good idea to take it alone.
- You will complete 90 hours of “clinical” activities during the semester you are enrolled: 30 will be indirect hours that you can do at home, 60 will be “direct” clinical hours that you will do out in your own community
- You can expect to spend **at least** 12 hours/week on this course.

What can you do to plan ahead if you would like to get some things completed before the semester you take N482W? *(see forms under “Clinical Requirements & Information” in content area of the RN-BS Discussion Board in D2L)*
- Complete background check with finger printing and photo if you have not already
- Purchase malpractice insurance- it is good from July [or date of purchase] through June
- Purchase MSU Nametag
- If you work full time—you may want to plan to cut back on work hours or use some vacation time the semester you are enrolled in N482

What can wait until you actually start your semester of N482W?
- Finding sites to do your hours—you will have non-precepted activities in your own community such as interview/shadowing a PHN or LSN, doing a home visit with an elderly or young family, political advocacy, community needs assessment, cultural assessment. There is no need to start finding sites to do these until after you have orientation with your professor the first week of N482W. These sites will **not** be difficult to find, will be in your own community, and you will set them up yourself at the beginning of the semester you take N482W. Your professor will give you direction on what you need to do at the beginning of the semester.

Comments from past students:
- "We do a home visit assignment where we visit either a mom/baby or an elderly person. I had a coworker who had a baby last summer so it was easy for me to find someone. For the interdisciplinary assignment I went to the MN Asthma Alliance meeting. I also interviewed a person from WIC. We shadowed a school nurse, I ended up contacting my daughter's school district and they let me shadow at one of the schools. It took them a week to get back to me about it, so I wouldn't wait too long to set something up. For the Civic Engagement assignment I volunteered at Feed My Starving Children, which I really enjoyed. At first glance it seems overwhelming and like a lot to do, but it's spaced out pretty good and as long as you don't put things off until the end it's very manageable. Good luck :)

- "It is intense! I took it last semester. Here's my suggestion - don't finish one assignment before you start on the next. There were times I had 3 going at the same time. I live in a small town and it was a benefit. I
knew people who worked for the city and the schools so it gave me an in. In many classes I would finish one assignment, clear my mind, then start the next. Not with this class. Look ahead and start planning!"