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Transcultural nursing in today's global environment

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The call for professional nursing to address the human condition has existed for more than two centuries. Transcultural nurses have concentrated on this call since the inception of the discipline of transcultural nursing over 40 years ago. Advances in science, technology, and social media are impacting individuals and society. The fallout of international conflicts within geopolitical communities, increasing migration, and global socio-political and socio-economic dynamics is presented in clinical and community care. Such concerns challenge nurse educators on how best to prepare future Nurses to function effectively in today's health care environment. These life world phenomena pose opportunities in nursing education to examine or develop new paradigms. A re-examination of Leininger's paradigm of Culture Care Diversity and Universality: A Worldwide Theory of Nursing is in order. Leininger's world view, not only addresses patient-centered culturally congruent care, but also the interface of cultural and social structural dimensions, namely cultural values, beliefs and lifeways, kinship and social factors, religious and philosophical, educational, economic, environmental, technological, political and legal factors within environmental, linguistic and ethnohistorical contexts. The purpose of this presentation is to discuss how transcultural nursing education is inherent in understanding global health, discuss the significance of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in transcultural nursing, and re-examine the local and global cultural and social structural dimensions of Leininger's Sunrise Enabler.

Biography

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