Emancipatory Nursing Praxis

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Outcomes

1. Identify the process nurses use to engage in social justice as part of their professional practice.
2. Describe the role of professional nursing organizations and academia in nurses’ engagement in social justice.
3. Discuss the shift from advocate to ally in nurses’ engagement in social justice.
In the absence of a substantive theory to guide the profession's engagement with social justice, nurses are less able to identify and redress the unjust conditions in society that negatively impact health.
RESEARCH QUESTIONS

What are the critical factors shaping nurses’ perceptions and attitudes about their role in SJ?

How do nurses come to know and practice SJ?

How do nurses identify the contexts in which they will engage in social justice?
Phase I: (n=27) Semi-structured interviews of English-speaking RNs who SELF IDENTIFIED as engaging in social justice.

Phase II: (n=6) Focus group interview of nurse experts in social justice to confirm the initial theory & provide feedback on the framework.

SAMPLE: N=33
Target populations/groups
Women, children, families, immigrants, refugees, undocumented persons, aboriginal populations, those in poverty, the homeless, minorities, those with physical/cognitive/psychological disabilities, LGBTQ persons, people living in war-torn areas, the uninsured.

Target issues
Food sovereignty, environmental degradation, clean water, global economics, domestic/intimate partner violence, discrimination, reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, education, housing, human trafficking, access to care, unemployment, human rights.
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Findings

Four conceptual processes:
Becoming, Awakening, Engaging, Transforming

Two contextual categories: Relational & Reflexive

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Intrapersonal characteristics
Socio-environmental factors
Positioning
Dialoguing
Confirming
Dismantling
Praxis
Analyzing power
Collective Strategizing
Persisting
TRANSFORMING

Human flourishing
Achieving equity
Transforming social relationships
EMANCIPATORY NURSING PRAXIS

RELATIONAL CONTEXTS
INDIVIDUAL — GROUPS — ORGANIZATIONAL/INSTITUTIONAL — COMMUNITY — STATE — NATIONAL — INTERNATIONAL/GLOBAL

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AWAKENING
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BECOMING
Identifying Personal Characteristics
Recognizing Socio-Environmental Factors

REFLEXIVITY
DESCRIPTIVE SELF-AWARE CRITICAL EMANCIPATORY
What does it mean?

Theory of Emancipatory Nursing Praxis reflects the voice of nurses whose identity is from White privilege.

Nursing education and professional organizations are not perceived as engaged in social justice.

The framework is a transformational learning theory of reflection-in-action, firmly grounded in the critical philosophical traditions and in the practice of nursing.

The Advocacy role is expanded to include the role of Ally.
Thank You!
References


