



Honors College

University Honors Program

HON 4490/01 – Vulnerable Populations – Mary deChesnay, Dept. of Nursing

This 3-credit Maymester elective course focuses on aspects of providing health-related care and programs to vulnerable or at-risk populations. The course is a lecture-seminar with fieldwork activities designed to provide the student with in-depth knowledge of a specific vulnerable population of the student's choice as well as a broad overview of many vulnerable populations. The course is cross-listed with NURS 4434, but is appropriate for students of other majors with an interest in working vulnerable populations. At the conclusion of the course the student should be able to:

1. Compare and contrast the concepts of vulnerability and resilience from the standpoint of cultural factors that affect health status and health care with diverse populations (Program Outcome 1.)
2. Identify ways in which nurses and others can help people or groups to be less vulnerable (Program Outcomes 2, 6.)
3. Analyze the components of successful programs that serve vulnerable populations (Program Outcomes 6, 8.)
4. Apply principles of evaluation to a health care delivery program that serves vulnerable populations (Program Outcomes 2, 6, 8.).
5. For non-nursing majors: Identify ways in which the public can assist people or groups to be less vulnerable.