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Preparing for Disaster Response: A Collaborative Partnership

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Partnership

Drexel University
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And
American Red Cross –
South Eastern
Pennsylvania Chapter



American
Red Cross

Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter



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- Assist the American Red Cross in building a community of potential health services volunteers



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Partnership Includes

- Community / Public Health Nursing Course



Course Content

- Emergency preparedness
- Disaster response
- Mass casualty care
- Shelter operations
- Terror cells
- Chemical and biological warfare agents
- Decontamination
- Sheltering in place
- Family / Community Disaster Plans

Clinical Day

- Held at the American Red Cross local chapter headquarters



Clinical Day

- Students receive American Red Cross disaster health services training
 - Same training as the ARC volunteers



Clinical Day

- American Red Cross Volunteer Training
 - Emergency Services Volunteer Orientation/Simulation
 - Overview of the American Red Cross
 - Introduction to Disaster
 - Mass Care Overview
 - Client Casework
 - Shelter Operations
 - Health Services Response
 - Foundations of Disaster Mental Health

Clinical Day



- Orientation and Simulation Training



Clinical Day

- Case Scenario Review
 - Tabletop exercises



Outcomes

- Student satisfaction
- Faculty satisfaction
- Positive experience stimulates students to participate in volunteer opportunities in the community on a regular basis
- Several nursing students have signed up to volunteer after graduation

Future

- Incorporate content and experience into other nursing programs
- Include American Red Cross (ARC) as part of the larger picture
International Red Cross and global concerns
- Develop student relationships with the RN's who volunteer at the ARC

Questions ?



Thank you!

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