

Disaster in the Curriculum

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Disaster & International Curriculum Building

- Disaster as an important component of international curriculum
- Disaster can be used as an exemplar for internationalizing (a focus)
- Disaster is particularly useful in strengthen the global/local link & helping students understand this *

Special Areas of Relevance

- Disaster is particularly relevant to the Practice Curriculum, both micro and macro (and this is an under-represented area in the progress made in international curriculum)
- Disaster is also relevant for all population groups content and can be used to enhance both fields of practice and population based concentrations and courses

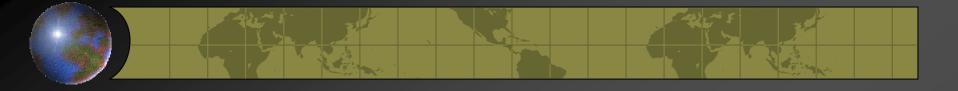
Models of Influencing
Curriculum
Infusion or incorporation

Specialized courses
 Elective vs. required

Concentration/specialization

Models of Influencing Curriculum

Target Group	Degree of Comprehensiveness	
	Minimum Essentials	Comprehensive
All Students	Incorporate one or more modules	Infusion throughout total curriculum
Self-selected Group	Elective course	Concentration/ Specialization



Models (continued)

Attention to Field Work as well as coursework

Individualized study with related field practicum is also an option



Principles of Infusion

Relate to mission
Complement existing curriculum
Identify learning outcomes for infused content
Content infused should match identified

outcomes

Infusion Considerations

Build on faculty expertise
Identify where in curriculum disaster content should be incorporated
Many are relevant: HBSE; policy; practice—both micro and macro; advanced concentrations; and oppression/social justice, as well as practice

Considerations

Note that practice is an area not addressed in U.S. EPAS for international content

Note importance of including cultural relevance—models that are culturally appropriate and sustainable

Lessons learned: Challenges

- Attitudes of faculty, students and administrators
- Lack of faculty competence
- Lack of materials and resources (books, articles, etc)
- Lack of models for teaching this content in social work

Lessons learned from Internationalization efforts (2)

- Lack of related career opportunities
- Costs
- Crowded curriculum
- No recognition in the CPS (now EPAS) or in other standards including Global Standards