

## Gerontological Nursing Learning Activity Overview

<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Environmental Assessment--Older Adult Focus</b>
Focus:	Identify and assess ways in which the environment impacts function.
Benefit for students:	<p>Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• notice the salient aspects of the environment;</li> <li>• discover the interdependent relationship (strengths and challenges) between a person's functioning &amp; environment;</li> <li>• identify individualized nursing interventions as part of person-centered/directed care.</li> </ul>
Brief Description:	<p>Introduces the students to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) assessing the environment of the older adult</li> <li>2) reflecting upon how the environment affects the older adult's ability to function in everyday life in that setting.</li> </ol> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A self-directed Environmental Assessment (EA) Checklist that guides students in the process of examining the organizational, psychosocial and physical aspect of the environment;</li> <li>• Two reflection questions to help student analyze the collected data in relation to a specific older adult (or a small group of older adults);</li> <li>• Students (individually or in pairs) complete the environmental assessment checklist during one clinical day;</li> <li>• Students participate in post-clinical conference discussion of the impact of the environment on the older adults, using reflection questions.</li> </ul>
Clinical Site:	Assisted Living Facility --or any living setting for an older adult could be used--(for example retirement center, nursing home, board and care home)
Location in Curriculum/Type of Course:	Beginning students, nursing fundamentals or health assessment. Modifiable for advanced students for use in a community health course.
Documents Included:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Full Description of Learning Activity</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Environmental Assessment Checklist</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Functional Assessment Data Form</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Reflection questions</a> (for post-clinical conference)</li> </ul>
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