

# Outcomes-Based Education (OBE) Model for Nursing Colleges: An ASEAN Integration Initiative of Philippine Schools of Nursing

**Background:** The Association of Southeast Asian Nation or ASEAN where The Philippines is a member country created policies for ASEAN countries to become comparable to each other in all areas and discipline. Among these is the field of nursing education where Philippines is known for its internationally capable nursing graduates. To carry on to this challenge, the OBE should be implemented starting 2016 and that curriculum and instruction and skill assessment all be modified based on OBE provisions.

**Objectives:** This study determined the preparations of selected Colleges of Nursing in the Philippines on Outcomes-Based Education as basis for the development of a model to organize, structure and synchronize country wide preparation for the shift to OBE of all Higher Education Institutions (HEI's) in the Philippines.

**Methods:** The qualitative approach of investigation was employed where case studies were the primary tool for acquiring pertinent information and complimented with face-to-face interview conducted with key informants such as the Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, Deans and faculty members of select Colleges of Nursing.

**Results:** The model developed covered six areas namely: 1) instructional design; 2) teaching methodologies; 3) related learning experience; 4) faculty readiness; 5) learning resources; and 6) evaluation process. To validate its contents and check the model for its relevance and significance in the field of Nursing and Higher Education, it was sent to the Technical Panel for Nursing Education of the Commission on Higher Education or CHED.

**Conclusion:** The content validity of the model developed was found to be high and the clamor for its implementation upon approval of the technical panel for nursing education is wanting among the heads of the Colleges of Nursing and Administrators of different Higher Education Institutions across the country.