COURSE DESCRIPTION
From hurricanes to wildfires, natural disasters have generated an onslaught of humanitarian crises in recent years. This course will explore what factors contribute to the increasing prevalence of such crises, and how science-based RN practice and advocacy can mitigate the suffering caused by this disturbing trend. We will address such questions as: Why is pollution becoming a major global public health hazard? What economic processes render certain communities more vulnerable to crises? How are existing forms of social inequity exacerbated by natural disasters? How do changing climate conditions affect communities’ access to clean air, water, and basic nutrition?

During the class, we will hear firsthand accounts from RNs who have deployed to disaster-stricken areas. These experiences will help us understand how the core nurse values of caring, compassion, and community provide a model for addressing humanitarian crisis, and for rebuilding communities in the aftermath of natural disaster.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:
1. Provide examples of economic processes that exacerbate the health impacts of natural disasters on vulnerable communities.
2. Discuss how the core nurse values of caring, compassion, and community relate to disaster relief and humanitarian aid.
3. Describe the historic public health role of the nursing profession and why RNs must continue to advocate for robust public health policy beyond the bedside.
4. Explain the relationship among public health, pollution, and climate change.

REGISTRATION & FEE INFORMATION
Register early as space may be limited and pre-registration is required. Please register no later than one week before the class. Registrants should arrive 15 minutes prior to class and sign-in.
CE courses are free to California Nurses Association/National Nurses United members and student nurses. For direct-care and staff RNs. Participants will be notified by U.S. mail and by email if a course is cancelled.

GENERAL INFORMATION
CNA/NNU reserves the right to substitute qualified faculty for those listed. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Absolutely no recording or videotaping of courses allowed. Attendees must remain for the full class to receive CE credit (6 CEHs).

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