

PHC 6xxx
Seminar in Contemporary Public Health Issues
Time: Monday, 11:45AM-1:40 PM
Place: TBA
Credit: 1 credit upon completion of 16 contact hours

Description

This course is designed to acquaint MPH students with issues of importance to the field of public health that are not considered the purview of any one concentration. The course is offered fall and spring with at least three, two hour sessions in each semester. Students are required to attend eight of the sessions during their two year MPH course of study. Each session will consist of a one hour presentation on the topic, followed by one hour of discussion.

Objective

Upon completion of this course, students will be familiar with the key interdisciplinary, cross-cutting issues in Public Health. Specific learning objectives for each session will be developed in collaboration with the speaker for that session.

Content

During each two (2) year period, sessions will be offered on interdisciplinary topics considered essential to the contemporary practice of Public Health by the Association of Schools of Public Health, such as:

- **Communication:** The ability to give, solicit and receive oral, written, graphic, and numerical information, taking into consideration target audience and using a variety of mechanisms in both formal and informal settings.
- **Diversity and Cultural Proficiency:** The ability to interact sensitively and professionally with individuals and communities with diverse characteristics.
- **Leadership:** The ability to create and communicate a shared vision for a better future, champion solutions to organizational and community challenges and energize commitment to goals.
- **Professionalism and Ethics:** The ability to demonstrate ethical choices, values and professional practices implicit in public health decisions, giving consideration to the effect of choices on community stewardship, equity, social justice and accountability, as well as to commit to personal and institutional development.
- **Program Planning and Assessment:** The ability to design, develop, implement and evaluate strategies and interventions to improve individual and community health.
- **Systems Thinking:** The ability to recognize dynamic interactions among human and social systems and how they affect the relationships among individuals, groups, organizations, and communities.

Attendance/Requirements

Students are expected to:

- Attend at least eight sessions during the course of the two year, 48-credit MPH program
- Complete the required reading PRIOR to class
- Participate actively in the discussion of the topic after the presentation
- Register upon arrival at each session
- Be on time and stay until class is dismissed
- Turn off cell phones and pagers during class

Readings

Appropriate readings for each session will be announced two weeks prior to the session.

Readings will include published literature and online resources recommended by the scheduled speaker.

Faculty

Guest experts, faculty of the MPH program, the College of Public Health and Health Professions, and other Health Science colleges at UF will contribute to the course sessions. Timely and relevant internet broadcasts from outside UF will also be presented.

Grading

This course is graded S/U. Students must complete 8 sessions to receive an S.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

To obtain academic accommodations, first register with the Dean of Students' Office. The Dean of Students' Office will provide documentation to be given to the course instructor at the time you request the accommodation. The College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to assist students' coursework.

Academic Integrity/Honesty Statement

Students are expected to act in accordance with the University of Florida Honor Code, which recognizes that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Cheating or plagiarism in any form is not acceptable.

Schedule

Usually three seminars will be scheduled at monthly intervals during each of the fall and spring semesters.