

PHE 228 : HEALTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Transcript title

Health and Social Justice

Credits

4

Grading mode

Standard letter grades

Total contact hours

40

Lecture hours

40

Recommended preparation

PHE 100.

Course Description

Introduction to the intersection of health and social justice, to better understand socially unjust health differences (inequities) present in communities across the United States and abroad. Particular attention will be paid to the social ecological framework for health promotion and the social determinants of health. The course takes a deeper dive into public health challenges by exploring current health issues in the United States and globally. Examination of relevant historical issues, theories of justice, human rights, and empirical evidence of health inequities, with an emphasis in critical analysis and applied knowledge. Community-engaged strategies and service learning activities will be used to explore social injustices and health inequities.

Course learning outcomes

1. Explain current and emerging population health topics specific to health disparities and health inequities.
2. Explain the relationship between human behavior, social networks, and health.
3. Apply analytical skills to social phenomena in order to understand human behavior and community health.
4. Apply knowledge and experience to foster personal growth and better appreciate the diverse social world in which we live.
5. Identify and analyze complex practices, values, and beliefs and the culturally and historically defined differences.
6. Sustainability outcome: Explain the interconnection of environmental, social, and economic systems in the context of public health.

Content outline

1. Health and Social Justice Basic Terms
2. Social Determinant of Health
3. Regional Health Assessment Plan - We are in this together vs You are own your own
4. Living Conditions - Build Environment
5. Health Care Systems Analysis - Institutional Inequities, Cultural Awareness and Health Inequities

6. Tobacco, Cannabis, Smoking and Evaping - Targeted Marketing
7. Opiate crisis in the US and Central Oregon
8. Older Adults Health Disparities
9. Environmental Health Justice
10. Advocacy Strategies and Grant Development

Required materials

No textbook required. Materials will be provided in Blackboard and an instructional booklet will be available at the Bookstore.

General education/Related instruction lists

- Social Science
- Cultural Literacy
- Health