

PHLT 1531 - Fundamentals of Public Health

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 43261,

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Ph.D., Health Sciences (In Progress), Youngstown State University.

Master of Public Health, (MPH), NEOMED in Consortium with Youngstown State University, 2007.

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in allied health, Youngstown State University, 1997.

Associate in applied sciences (AAS) Medical Assisting Technology, CMA, AAMA, 1996.

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Course Description

1531. Fundamentals of Public Health. Provides an introduction to public health concepts and practice by examining the philosophy, purpose, history, organization, functions, tools, activities, and results of public health at the national, state, and community levels. Introduces the core disciplines of public health, and current events and issues in the field. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required			
- Riegelman R and Kirkwood B. <i>Public Health 101: Improving Community Health</i>. 4th edition. Jones and Bartlett, 2025 <i>Milestones in Public Health – Accomplishments in Public Health Over the Last 100 Years</i>. Pfizer Public Health Group, 2006. <u>*PDF is available via Blackboard in the Supplemental Material Module.</u>			

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Tentative Course Schedule

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24		Course Introduction	Syllabus Quiz Due Date: Saturday 08/29
8/31	Chapter 1	Public Health: The Population Health Approach	- Quiz Chapter 1 - Orientation Assignment Due Date: Saturday 09/05

9/7	Chapter 2	Evidence-Based Public Health	• Quiz Chapter 2 • Section I Case • Epidemiology Training Due Date: Saturday 09/12
9/14	Chapter 3	Public Health Data and Communications	• Quiz Chapter 3 Due Date: Saturday 09/19
9/21	Chapter 4	Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health	• Quiz Chapter 4 Due Date: Saturday 09/26
9/28	Chapter 5	Health Law, Policy and Ethics	• Quiz Chapter 5 • Section II Case Due Date: Saturday 10/03
10/5	Chapter 6	Noncommunicable Diseases	• Quiz Chapter 6 • Public Health Group Assignment Due Date: Saturday 10/10
10/12	Chapter 7	Communicable Diseases	• Quiz Chapter 7 • Section III Case Due Date: Saturday 10/17
10/19	Chapter 8	Environmental Health and Safety	• Quiz Chapter 8 • Chapter 8 Assignment • Group meeting for Public Health Achievements Project Due Date: Saturday 10/24
10/26	Chapter 9	Health Professionals and the Health Workforce	• Quiz Chapter 9 • Group meeting for Public Health Achievements Project Due Date: Saturday 10/31
11/2	Chapter 10	Healthcare Institutions	• Quiz Chapter 10 Due Date: Saturday 11/07
11/9	Chapter 11	Health Insurance and Healthcare Systems	• Quiz Chapter 11 • Section IV Case Due Date: Saturday 11/14
11/16	Chapter 12	Public Health Institutions and Systems	• Quiz Chapter 12 • Health Professions Investigation Assignment Due Date: Saturday 11/21
11/23	Chapter 13	Food, Drugs, and Vaccines as Public Health Issues	• Quiz Chapter 13 Due Date: Tuesday 11/24 Thanksgiving Break NO ON CAMPUS CLASS 11/24 and 11/26
11/30	Chapter 14	Systems Thinking: From Single Solutions to One Health	• Quiz Chapter 14 • Section V Case • Group Project/ Public Health Achievements Assignment: "Funding the Future: Public Health Prevention Proposal Pitch" (Presentation on Thursday and written paper due on Saturday) • Course Summary Assignment Due Date: Saturday 12/5
12/7			THERE IS NO FINAL EXAM

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