

PHLT 1550 - Public Health Advocacy and Policy

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Course Description

1550. Public Health Advocacy and Policy. Provide interdisciplinary education through the lens of public health to empower generations of educated citizens to create innovative solutions to 21st century health problems. Prereq.: none. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Essentials of Health Policy and Law	Sara E. Wilensky,	9781284247459

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

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapter 1-Understanding the Role of and Conceptualizing Health Policy and Law (MLO 1,4) Chapter 2- Policy and Policy Making (MLO 2,3) Ng, P. H. (2017, October 27). List of famous public health figures. https://www.publichealth.com.ng/the-worlds-30-famous-public-health-figures/ Tulchinsky, T. H., & Varavikova, E. A. (2014). A History of Public Health. The New Public Health, 1–42. https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-415766-8.00001-X	Health Policy in Context: Concepts and Processes	Quiz: Chapter 1 Quiz: Chapter 2 Module 1 Discussion Module 1 Assignment



8/31	Chapter 3-Law and the Legal System Chapter 4- Overview of the Healthcare System Chapter 5-What is Public Health? Zhao, J., Han, X., Nogueira, L., Fedewa, S. A., Jemal, A., Halpern, M. T., & Yabroff, K. R. (2022). Health Insurance Status and cancer stage at diagnosis and survival in the United States. <i>CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians</i> , 72(6), 542–560. https://doi.org/10.3322/caac.21732	Health Systems, Public Health and the Law	Quiz: Chapter 3 Quiz: Chapter 4 Quiz: Chapter 5 Module 2 Discussion Module 2 Assignment
9/7	Chapter 6- Individual Rights in Health Care and Public Health Chapter 7- Structural and Social Drivers of Health and the Role of Law in Optimizing Health	Justice and Health: Legal and Social Dimensions	Quiz: Chapter 6 Quiz: Chapter 7 Module 3 Discussion Module 3 Assignment
9/14	Chapter 8- Understanding Health Insurance Chapter 9- Health Economics in a Health Policy Context	Paying for Health: Systems, Costs, and Policy	Quiz: Chapter 8 Quiz: Chapter 9 Module 4 Discussion Module 4 Assignment
9/21	Chapter 10- Government Health Insurance Programs: Medicaid, CHIP, and Medicare Chapter 11- Health Reform and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	Government Insurance and the Evolution of Health Reform	Quiz: Chapter 10 Quiz: Chapter 11 Module 5 Discussion Module 5 Assignment
9/28	Chapter 12-Healthcare Quality Policy and Law Chapter 13- What is Public Health Emergency Preparedness? Walsh, K. E., Harik, P., Mazor, K. M., Perfetto, D., Anatchkova, M., Biggins, C., Wagner, J., Schoettker, P. J., Firreno, C., Klugman, R., & Tjia, J. (2017). Measuring harm in health care. <i>Medical Care</i> , 55(4), 436–441. https://doi.org/10.1097/mlr.0000000000000679	Safeguarding Health: Quality, Policy, and Preparedness	Quiz: Chapter 12 Quiz: Chapter 13 Module 6 Discussion Module 6 Assignment
10/5	Chapter 14- The Art of Structuring and Writing a Health Policy Analysis Chapter 15- Federal Policy Advocacy: Advancing Policy Goals American Public Health Association . (n.d.). American Public Health Association Apha Legislative Advocacy Handbook. https://kpha.us . http://kpha.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/APHA-Legislative-Advocacy-Handbook1.pdf	Crafting Change: Health Policy Analysis and Advocacy	Quiz: Chapter 14 Quiz: Chapter 15 Module 7 Discussion Module 7 Assignment

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