



Course Description

HSC3202 | Introduction to Public Health | 1.00 credit

This course is designed to give students a foundation in the core functions of population-based health consisting of assessment, policy development and assurance. Students will gain an understanding of public health as a broad field which applies the benefits of current biomedical, environmental, and behavioral knowledge in ways that maximize the health status of all populations. This course is blended. Prerequisite: HSA2532, PAS1801C, 1811C, 1812,1813, 1822L, 1823.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will justify a definition of public health that captures the unique characteristics of the field in terms of its history, core values, functions, and philosophy by:

1. Defining the meaning of public health
2. Identifying the core values of the field of public health
3. Explaining the historical developments of the field

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate an understanding of essential public health concepts, processes, methods, and data essential in understanding a public health problem and the approaches essential to public health practice by:

1. Describing the public health infrastructure within the United States and globally
2. Defining the five core knowledge areas of public health

Competency 3: The student will describe how biological, environmental, social, economic, behavioral, cultural, and other factors that impact human health influence the global and societal burden of disease by:

1. Explaining how state and local governmental public health agencies ensure the availability of the ten essential services
2. Explaining the status of the public health workforce and efforts to expand

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures, including global and historical perspectives
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities