Nebraska Wesleyan University

HHP 4350 Public Health Studies I: Current Topics and Politics

Catalog

2026-2027

Course Description

This course is intended to provide students with a means of evaluating the health impact of political decisions and a broad knowledge base about the practice of Public Health today. Students will explore a range of current topics in public health - including COVID-19, HIV/AIDS, and the obesity epidemic. Students will also look at the impact of US politics on global public health, especially in developing nations. Furthermore, this course will explore key topics such as the WHO's Millennium Development Goals, the disastrous circumstances that can arise when Public Health Policies fail, and the conflict between data and political will that drives so much of Public Health policy decision making. This course culminates in a project in which students must plan a Health Impact Assessment of a current or proposed federal or state policy.

No P/F.

Prerequisite(s): HHP 2250 The History of Public Health and an approved Statistics course.

This course is offered online through a consortium of accredited colleges and universities. Instruction is provided by faculty employed by partner institutions within the consortium, with technology and administrative support provided by Rize Education. Oversight of courses offered through the consortium are reviewed and approved by Nebraska Wesleyan University. Students register through Nebraska Wesleyan University and receive academic credit from Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Archway Curriculum: Integrative Core: Human Health and Disease Thread

Course Hours

3 hours

Departments

1. Health and Human Performance (Undergraduate)