

PUBH 3027 PUBLIC HEALTH IN A CHANGING WORLD

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 401397

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Description This subject engages students to explore public health in relation to dynamic social, political, economic, environmental and cultural contexts. Students will critique research, policy, practice and evaluation processes to identify their impact on health practices and health outcomes over time. Using their knowledge in public health, epidemiology, sociology and economics students will be required to identify and articulate gaps in current health care and learn to develop a plan towards addressing them. The subject will engage students in reflecting on the future of health care across national and international contexts. Priority health issues that will be discussed in this subject may include chronic and age-related disease, communicable disease, mental health, sexual and reproductive health, child and maternal health, Indigenous health, migrant and refugee health, and environmental health.

School Health Sciences

Discipline Public Health

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Pre-requisite(s) PUBH 1012 AND PUBH 2020

Equivalent Subjects PUBH 3003 - Contemporary Issues in Public Health

Assumed Knowledge

Fundamentals of public health, social determinants of health and the Australian health care system, and the fundamentals of epidemiology.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Identify and evaluate the influence of dynamic factors affecting health, wellbeing and disease in a changing world;
2. Compare and contrast contemporary health issues in national and international contexts;
3. Examine how research shapes responses to health, wellbeing and disease over time;
4. Analyse the different professional roles and approaches to public health practice to address contemporary health issues;
5. Critically appraise the role of public health in addressing gaps in health practice and health outcomes over time;
6. Develop a public health program that builds on the present to address the health and wellbeing needs of people in the future.

Subject Content

1. Changing patterns of health, wellbeing and disease
2. Chronic disease and ageing
3. Communicable disease
4. Mental health

5. Sexual and reproductive health
6. Maternal and child health
7. Indigenous health
8. Migrant and refugee health
9. Environmental health
10. Evidence-based responses to changing patterns of health, wellbeing and disease

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Literature Review	1,500 words	30	N	Individual	N
Applied Project	1,500 words	40	N	Individual	N
Presentation	5 minutes	30	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- Roig, B., Weiss, K., & Thireau, V. (2018). Management of Emerging Public Health Issues and Risks: Multidisciplinary Approaches to the Changing Environment. San Diego : Elsevier Science.
- <https://west-sydney-primo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/f/1iaekk7/UWS-ALMA51247449840001571>

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Online

Online

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Sydney City Campus - Term 3 (2025)

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On-site

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