

# PUBH 1015 PEOPLE, HEALTH AND SOCIETY (WSTC)

**Credit Points** 10

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**Description** This subject will provide you with foundational concepts and factors relating to population health in our society. The social and environmental determinants of health will be introduced and their roles toward disease, health and wellbeing will be explored. The Australian health care system will be compared with alternative models to examine strengths and challenges in advancing population health.

**School** Health Sciences

**Discipline** Public Health, Not Elsewhere Classified.

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 2 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 1 subject

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in an existing Destination College Diploma program listed below:

- 7188 Diploma in Culture, Society and Justice
- 7189 Diploma in Health Science
- 7190 Diploma in Business
- 7191 Diploma in Information and Communication Technologies
- 7192 Diploma in Building Design and Construction
- 7193 Diploma in Engineering Studies
- 7194 Diploma in Creative Industries and Communications
- 7195 Diploma in Arts
- 7196 Diploma in Science
- 7197 Diploma in Education Studies

## Learning Outcomes

1. Identify social and environmental factors that determine health and illness across the lifespan
2. Outline the relationship between social, environmental and biological determinants and inequitable health outcomes
3. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of the Australian and other health systems
4. Identify and reflect on personal health risk factors, and
5. Communicate effectively about population health issues in both a written and oral format.

## Subject Content

- Biological and behavioural determinants of health
- Social and Environmental determinants of health (e.g. socioeconomic status, gender, location, and culture, the built environment, and climate change)
- Models of health and health systems
- Structure and organisation of the Australian health system
- Global, national and regional patterns in the distribution of health, wellbeing, and illness

- Emerging trends and issues in the provision of health care and notion of wellbeing
- Role of social factors and inequity for communicable diseases and non-communicable disease
- Causes of health inequities, locally and globally

## 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
Case Study	600 words	30	N	Individual	N
Reflection	750 words	35	N	Individual	N
Professional Task	5 minutes	35	N	Group/ Individual	N

Teaching Periods

## Autumn Block 3 (2025)

### Nirimba Education Precinct

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## Spring Block 3 (2025)

### Campbelltown

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