

# **PUBH 6606**

Child Health: Life Course and Equity Perspectives

Spring, 2019

## COURSE & CONTACT INFORMATION

Credits: 2

**Meeting Day(s), Time, and Place:** This course is entirely web-based, delivered via [Moodle at <a href="http://moodle.umn.edu">http://moodle.umn.edu</a>] [Canvas at <a href="http://canvas.umn.edu">http://canvas.umn.edu</a>].

Contact Type	Contact Information	Role	When to Contact
Instructor	Ellen Demerath, PhD ewd@umn.edu 612-624-8231	Primary instructor for this course assigns grades and provides individual feedback on assignments	Contact by email at any time
Teaching Assistant	Christopher Campbell campb781@umn.edu	Assigns grades and provides individual feedback on discussion forum posts and on selected assignments	Questions or concerns about the class, assignments, deadlines, etc. Your TA will respond promptly and is your first line of contact.
Technical Support	Technical support options are available on the SPH website. https://z.umn.edu/sphquickhelp	Troubleshoots technical issues related to the course site or course content.	Technical issues with the course site, media, quizzes or assignments.

Please save this contact information to your computer or print it. That way, you can still contact us in the event that you have difficulty connecting to the Internet or accessing the syllabus.

## **Communication in Online Courses**

Communication is especially important in an online course. The course site announcement forums/discussions and email will be used to communicate with students. You are responsible for reading all course-related emails sent to your University email account and contacting us in a timely manner with any questions you may have. We strongly recommend that you check your U of M email daily. Our goal is to respond to emails within 36 hours, 7 days per week.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will provide a survey of the major causes of child morbidity and mortality in the United States and around the world, and current strategies for intervention. The course has two major conceptual foci. First, while child mortality has declined greatly over the past 50 years, profound social and economic inequalities in child health remain; this course will examine their social determinants (including poverty, lack of education, place of residence, and various forms of discrimination). A second emphasis in the course is on a developmental and life course perspective, highlighting that numerous environmental exposures (nutrition, pollutants, stress, parenting styles) have particularly large and lasting effects when those exposures occur at critical periods of development. Following the introduction of these concepts, the course will be structured around phases of child development (fetal life, infancy, childhood, adolescence), highlighting some specific health conditions and environmental factors relevant to those phases, including maternal tobacco and alcohol use during pregnancy, neonatal mortality, breastfeeding, child cognitive development, autism and ADHD, early puberty, adolescent risk-taking behavior, immigration, and others.

This course is a Maternal-Child Health MPH program Core Course. The course therefore is shaped by the learning needs of MCH students. Assessments include 1)training to identify high quality sources of information and new research on child health prevalence, disparities, determinants, and evidence-based programs and interventions; 2) training to extract relevant information from research

papers and high quality reports on child health; 3) training to summarize, synthesize, and communicate scientific information on child health in written and verbal forms; and 4) training to produce a conceptual model linking child health determinants with child health outcomes using a developmental and life course epidemiological framework.

## **Acknowledgments**

PubH 6606 was developed by the current instructor with significant assistance of the SPH Office of E-Learning Services, and the current and past teaching assistants.

## **COURSE PREREQUISITES**

There are no prerequisites for this course. It is a graduate course designed for Maternal-Child Health MPH students. Other graduate degree students are also welcome. Undergraduate and non-degree students must contact the Instructor to discuss suitability of the course prior to registration.

## COURSE GOALS & OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course, you will:

- Know the prevalence, disparities, determinants and consequences of the major pediatric diseases and health concerns in the United States and in the world
- Know the major health issues pertinent to each stage of child growth and development from conception through adolescence
- Identify high quality sources of information on a child health topic (data sources and research literature)
- Read and extract pertinent information from the child health literature and data sources
- Summarize and synthesize research evidence on a child health topic in written form
- · Apply a life course framework for child health using a conceptual model linking child health determinants and outcomes
- · Identify evidence-based public health programs, policies, and interventions to improve child health
- Communicate the public health significance, prevalence, disparities, determinants and life course epidemiological implications for a child health condition using standard visual and audio presentation methods (Slide Show with VoiceThread)

## METHODS OF INSTRUCTION AND WORK EXPECTATIONS

#### **Course Workload Expectations**

PubH 6606s a 2 credit course. The University expects that for each credit, you will spend a minimum of three hours per week attending class or comparable online activity, reading, studying, completing assignments, etc. over the course of a 15-week term. Thus, this course requires approximately 6 hours of effort each week in order to earn an average grade.

This course is entirely online. Therefore, time you would otherwise be in class will be incorporated into work for the course in the form of online discussions, lectures, etc.

#### **Technology**

VoiceThread is web-based tool (accessed through Moodle) used to create online presentations that can include a variety of media such as PowerPoint slides, audio narration, images, video from your webcam, etc. You can share a link to your presentations with others. VoiceThread will be used for two assignments in this course:

- Assignment 7: Conceptual Model
- Assignment 8: Final Project Presentation

You will create a VoiceThread presentation, copy the link to it, and then paste the link into a discussion forum on the Moodle site (that is how you will share it with your classmates). To use VoiceThread you will need a computer with a microphone or an iOS device with the VoiceThread App. All of the instructions you need are in the VoiceThread Instruction Guide provided on the Moodle site. It is recommended that you get up to speed with VoiceThread as soon as possible.

#### **Learning Community**

School of Public Health courses ask students to discuss frameworks, theory, policy, and more, often in the context of past and current events and policy debates. Many of our courses also ask students to work in teams or discussion groups. We do not come to our courses with identical backgrounds and experiences and building on what we already know about collaborating, listening, and engaging is critical to successful professional, academic, and scientific engagement with topics.

In this course, students are expected to engage with each other in respectful and thoughtful ways.

In group discussion, this can mean:

Respecting the identities and experiences of your classmates.

- Avoid broad statements and generalizations. Group discussions are another form of academic communication and responses
  to instructor questions in a group discussion are evaluated. Apply the same rigor to crafting discussion posts as you would for
  a paper.
- Consider your tone and language, especially when communicating in text format, as the lack of other cues can lead to misinterpretation.

Like other work in the course, all student to student communication is covered by the Student Conduct Code (https://z.umn.edu/studentconduct).

## **COURSE TEXT & READINGS**

- Kuo et al. Child Health: A Population Perspective. Oxford University Press, 2015. ISBN: 780199309375
  - This textbook is available on eReserves
- Berk and Meyers (2015) Infants, Children, and Adolescents, 8th Edition. ISBN:100134130146 (selected chapters)
  - This textbook is available for purchase at the University of Minnesota Bookstore and on Amazon. Consider sharing a copy with another student to reduce cost.
- Links to other assigned readings are available on the Moodle site via the Library eReserves links.

This course uses journal articles, which are available via the University Libraries' E-Reserves and will be linked from the course site. It is good practice to use a citation manager to keep track of your readings. More information about citation managers is available at <a href="https://www.lib.umn.edu/pim/citation">https://www.lib.umn.edu/pim/citation</a>.

## COURSE OUTLINE/WEEKLY SCHEDULE

This course has specific deadlines. All coursework must be submitted via the course site before the date and time specified on the site. Note: assignments are due by 11:55pm CST unless indicated otherwise.

Week	Lectures	Readings	Assignments & Due Dates
I Jan 22 - 27  Lesson 1 - Course Orientation and the History of Child Health	What is Child Health?     (~12 minutes)     Historical Perspectives on Children, Child Health, and Child Health Policy (~40 minutes)	Textbooks  Kuo: Child Health: A Population Perspective - Introduction, Chapter 1  Berk and Meyers: Infants, Children, and Adolescents, 8th Ed Chapter 1	Discussion 1: Small Group Introductions (initial post due Thurs 1/24 and responses due Sun 1/27)     Assignment 1: "Parenting Advice from Uncle Sam" (due Sun 1/27)     Review all course assignments and requirements     Begin exploring VoiceThread
Jan 28 – Feb 3  Lesson 2 Child Health Issues: United States and Global	Child Health Status:     United States (~21 minutes)     Child Health Status:     Global (~19 minutes)	Textbook  Kuo: Child Health: A Population Perspective - Chapter 2, Chapter 7  Library eReserves  Child Health USA 2014 (pages 4-17): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Child Health USA 2014. Rockville, Maryland: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2015.  WHO Fact Sheets: Child Mortality Diarrhea Pneumonia	Assignment 2: Choose a Child Health Condition to Focus On This Semester (due Sun 2/3)
3 Feb 4 - 10  Lesson 3-Social Determinants Child Health and Child Health Equity	Social/Environmental     Determinants I (Child     Poverty and the     Measurement of     Inequality) (~16     minutes)     Social/Environmental     Determinants II     (Effects on Child     Health) (~28 minutes)	<ul> <li>Textbook</li> <li>Kuo: Child Health: A Population Perspective - Chapter 4</li> <li>Library eReserves</li> <li>WHO (2015) Monitoring Inequality: An Essential Step for Achieving Health Equity.</li> <li>E. Bendavid. Changes in Child Mortality Over Time Across the Wealth Gradient in Less-Developed Countries. Pediatrics 2014;134:e1551-e1559.</li> <li>Jiang et al. (2017) Basic Facts about Low-Income Children: Children under 18 years, 2015. National Center for Children in Poverty.</li> </ul>	Assignment 3: Identify Patterns of Prevalence and Disparities for Your Child Health Topic (due Sun 2/10)

Feb 11 - 17  Lesson 4 - Child Health within a Developmental Perspective	<ul> <li>Child Development I:         Nature and Nurture         (~25 minutes)     </li> <li>Child Development II:         The Microsystem         (Parents and School)         (~23 minutes)     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Textbooks</li> <li>Kuo: Child Health: A Population Perspective -         Chapter 3</li> <li>Berk &amp; Meyers: Infants, Children, and Adolescents,         8th Ed Chapter 2</li> <li>Library eReserves</li> <li>Groom A Elliott HR, Embleton ND, and Relton CL.         Epigenetics and child health: Basic concepts. Arch         Dis Child 2011 96: 863-869.</li> </ul>	Discussion 2: Health Across the Life Course: Nature and Nurture (initial post due Thurs 2/14, responses due Sun 2/17)     Small groups
5 Feb 18 – 24  Lesson 5 - Child Health within a Life Course Perspective	<ul> <li>The Life Course         Perspective I: Key         Concepts (~26         minutes)</li> <li>The Life Course         Perspective         II: Examples and         Challenges for         Maternal Child Health         (~27 minutes)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Textbook</li> <li>Kuo: Child Health: A Population Perspective - Chapter 5, Chapter 9</li> <li>Library eReserves</li> <li>Kuh et al. (2003). Life course epidemiology D Kuh, Y Ben-Shlomo, J Lynch, J Hallqvist, C Power. J Epidemiol Community Health; 57:778–783</li> <li>Roseboom TJ, van der Meulen JH, Ravelli AC, Osmond C, Barker DJ, Bleker OP.Effects of prenatal exposure to the Dutch famine on adult disease in later life: an overview. Twin Res. 2001 Oct;4(5):293-8.</li> </ul>	• Quiz 1: Life Course Epidemiology Concepts (due Sun 2/24)
6 Feb 25 – Mar 3  Lesson 6 - Prenatal Development and Key Health Issues	<ul> <li>Prenatal Development and Teratogenic Exposures (~24 minutes)</li> <li>Prenatal Chemical Exposures and Protective Factors (~14 minutes)</li> <li>From the Field: Examining In-utero Exposures (audio, 6:31) by Wendy Hellerstedt, MPH, PhD</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Textbook         Berk &amp; Meyers: Infants, Children, and Adolescents, 8th         Ed Chapter 3 (pp. 95-117)     </li> <li>Library eReserves         <ul> <li>Bellinger, D. (2013). Prenatal Exposures to</li></ul></li></ul>	Discussion 3: Thalidomide, Folic Acid, and the Prevention of Birth Defects (initial post due Thurs 2/28, responses due Sun 3/3)     Small groups
7 Mar 4 – 10  Lesson 7 – Neonatal and Early Postnatal	<ul> <li>Neonatal and Early         Postnatal Outcomes         (~19 minutes)</li> <li>Interventions to         Prevent Neonatal and         Infant Morbidity and</li> </ul>	Textbook  Berk & Meyers: Infants, Children, and Adolescents, 8th Ed Chapter 4 (pp. 134-155)  Library eReserves  Child Health USA 2014 (pages 18-40): U.S.	Assignment 4: Discuss the Social and Biological/Etiology Determinants of Your Child Health Topic (due Sun 3/7)

Health Outcomes and Prevention Strategies	Mortality (~27 minutes)  • From the Field: Preterm Birth and Low Birth Weight (audio, 2:54) by Mark Bergeron, MD, MPH	Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Child Health USA 2014. Rockville, Maryland: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2015.  • (Recommended) March of Dimes, PMNCH, Save the Children, WHO. Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth. Eds CP Howson, MV Kinney, JE Lawn. World Health Organization. Geneva, 2012. (Focus on the Executive Summary pp 13-19)  http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/44864/1/978 9241503433_eng.pdf?ua=1	
8 Mar 11 – 17  Lesson 8 - Infant Development: The Brain and the Environment	Infant Growth and Brain Development and Their Measurement (~24 minutes) The Importance of Environmental Influences on Infant Development (~29 minutes)	Textbook  Berk & Meyers: Infants, Children, and Adolescents, 8th Ed Chapter 5 (pp. 158-176), Chapter 6 (pp. 222-230), and Chapter 7 (pp. 261-275)  Library eReserves  Child Health USA 2014 (pages 44-49): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Child Health USA 2014. Rockville, Maryland: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2015.  MIECHV Program Brief <a href="https://mchb.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/mchb/MaternalChildHealthInitiatives/HomeVisiting/pdf/programbrief.pdf">https://mchb.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/mchb/MaternalChildHealthInitiatives/HomeVisiting/pdf/programbrief.pdf</a> Video: Video: Experience, the developing brain, and toxic stress. <a href="https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/three-coreconcepts-in-early-development/">https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/three-coreconcepts-in-early-development/</a>	Assignment 5: MIECHV: A Key Federally-Funded MCH Program (due Sun 3/17)
Mar 18 – 24  SPRING BREAK			
9 Mar 25 – 31  Lesson 9 – Enhancing Infant and Early Childhood Health: Breastfeeding and	<ul> <li>Infant and Early Childhood Immunizations (~30 minutes)</li> <li>Breastfeeding and the Transgenerational Cycle of Obesity (~31 minutes)</li> <li>From the Field: Challenges Facing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Library eReserves</li> <li>Maglione MA, Das L, Raaen L, Smith A, Chari R, Newberry S, Shanman R, Perry T, Goetz MB, Gidengil C. Safety of vaccines used for routine immunization of U.S. children: a systematic review. Pediatrics. 2014 Aug;134(2):325-37.</li> <li>Child Health USA 2014 (pages 78-83): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Child Health USA 2014.</li> </ul>	Discussion 4: Universal     Immunization and     Breastfeeding Promotion (initial post due Thurs 3/28, responses due Sun 3/31)     Small groups

Immunization	Vaccine-Preventable	Rockville, Maryland: U.S. Department of Health and	
Promotion	Diseases in the 21st	Human Services, 2015.	
	Century (audio, 4:10)	<ul> <li>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.</li> </ul>	
	by Nicole Basta, PhD,	Strategies to Prevent Obesity and Other Chronic	
	MPhil	Diseases: The CDC Guide to Strategies to Support	
		Breastfeeding Mothers and Babies. Atlanta: U.S.	
		Department of Health and Human Services; 2013.	
		(Read Executive Summary and look at specific	
		programs that work)	
10	Early Childhood	Textbook	Discussion 5: Early Life
Apr 1 – 7	Development:	Berk & Meyers: Infants, Children, and	Adversity and Resilience: Public
T-F	Physical, Cognitive,	Adolescents, 8th Ed Chapter 8 (pp. 284-301),	Health Approaches (initial post
Lesson 10 -	and Emotional (~37	Chapter 10 (pp. 392-399)	due Thurs 4/4, responses due Sun
Early Childhood	minutes)	Library eReserves	4/7)
Development	Adverse Childhood	• Child Health USA 2014 (read pages 97-	• Small groups
and Key Health	Experiences, Toxic	110): U.S. Department of Health and Human	5 Smart groups
Issues	Stress, and	Services, Health Resources and Services	
	Health: Prevalence,	Administration, Maternal and Child Health	
	Health Effects, and	Bureau. Child Health USA 2014. Rockville,	
	Prevention (~24	Maryland: U.S. Department of Health and	
	minutes)	Human Services, 2015.	
	• From the Field:	<ul> <li>Shonkoff JP. 2012. Leveraging the biology of</li> </ul>	
	Adverse Childhood	adversity to address the roots of disparities in	
	Experiences (audio,	health and development. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.	
	2:26) by Susan Mason,	USA 109(Suppl. 2):17302–7.	
	PhD, MPH	CDC/National Center for Injury Prevention and	
	TIID, WII II	Control. Essentials for Childhood. Steps to	
		Create Safe, Stable, Nurturing Relationships	
		and Environments. 2013. (example of evidence	
		based programs and policies to enhance child	
		resilience and reduce child maltreatment)	
11	• Davidanmental	Textbook	Assignment 6: Identify an
Apr 8 - 14	Developmental     Dischilities Discussed		115518111111111111111111111111111111111
Apr 6 - 14	Disabilities Diagnosed	<ul> <li>Berk &amp; Meyers: Infants, Children, and Adolescents, 8th Ed Chapter 11 (pp. 404-419), Chapter 13 (pp.</li> </ul>	Evidence-Based Intervention
Lesson 11 -	in Early		Program for Your Child Health
School-age	Childhood: CYSHCN	507-513)	Project (due Sun 4/14)
Child	Including ADHD and	Video	
Development	Autism (~30 minutes)	Building Evidence in Practice. Elaine A. Borawski, PhD,	
and Key Health	Childhood     Observer Definitions	Director, Prevention Research Center, Case Western	
Issues	Obesity: Definitions,	University.	
155005	Health Effects, and	http://www.prchn.org/protected/SearchResults.aspx?q=ev	
	Prevalence (~11	idence-	
	minutes)	based&cx=007453407350074022131:t3izhzjs5hk&cof=F	
	From the Field: Child     Oh seits and Nutrition	ORID:10&ie=UTF-8	
	Obesity and Nutrition	<u>01010,10000-011-0</u>	
	(audio, 6:02) by		
	Claudia Fox, MD,	Library eReserves	
	MPH, FAAP	• Child Health USA 2014 (read pages 41-43): U.S.	
		Department of Health and Human Services, Health	
		Resources and Services Administration, Maternal	
		and Child Health Bureau. Child Health USA 2014.	
		and Child ficalul Dulcau. Child ficalul USA 2014.	

		<ul> <li>Rockville, Maryland: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2015.</li> <li>Wong, C., Odom, S. L., Hume, K. Cox, A. W., Fettig, A., Kucharczyk, S., Schultz, T. R. (2014). Evidence-based practices for children, youth, and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, Autism Evidence-Based Practice Review Group. (skim: this is an example of resource for evidence based interventions and programs)</li> </ul>	
Apr 15 - 21  Lesson 12 - Adolescent Development and Key Health Issues	Adolescent     Development,     Judgment, Risk     Behaviors, and Injury     (~16 minutes)     From the Field:     Adolescent Sleep     (audio, 4:06) by     Rachel Widome, PhD,     MHS     From the Field:     Youth Violence     Prevention (audio,     5:13) by Iris     Borowsky, MD, PhD     From the Field:     Adolescent Sexual     Health, Risk Taking     (audio, 3:35 by Sonya     Brady, PhD)     From the field:     DeAnn Lazovitch;     Tanning Bed Usage     and Melanoma Risk	<ul> <li>Textbook</li> <li>Berk &amp; Meyers: Infants, Children, and Adolescents, 8th Ed Chapter 14 (pp. 518-551), Chapter 16 (pp. 617-625)</li> <li>Library eReserves</li> <li>Child Health USA 2014 (read pages 50-72): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Child Health USA 2014. Rockville, Maryland: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2015.</li> <li>Recommended: Minnesota Center for Health Statistics. Minnesota Student Survey 1992-2013 Trends. Minnesota Department of Health, 2015.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assignment 7: Create a         Conceptual / Causal Model         using VoiceThread for Your         Child Health Project (due         Sun 4/21)</li> <li>Instruction guide is on the         Moodle site, copy the link to         your presentation, and post         the link to the Discussion         Forum on the Moodle site.         Provide constructive feedback         on four of your classmates'         presentations (2 in your small         groups and 2 outside of your         small groups).</li> </ul>
13 Apr 22 – 28  Lesson 13 – Immigration, Migration, and Child Health; Course Summary	Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Child Health, and Course Summary (~34 minutes)	Textbook  • Kuo: Child Health: A Population Perspective - Chapter 6 eLibrary Reserves  • Abubakar I. The UCL-Lancet Commission on Migration and Health: the health of a world on the move. Lancet 2018; 392: 2606–54. Published Online December 5, 2018. <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(18)32114-7">http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(18)32114-7</a> .  • Devakumara D, Russell N, Murphy L, Wickramaged K, Sawyer S, Abubakara M. Children and adolescents on the move: what	Discussion 6:     Intergenerational Impact of     US Immigration Policy     Discussion (initial post due     Thurs 4/25; responses due     Sun 4/28)     Small groups

		does the Global Compact for Migration mean for their health? Lancet Child Adolesc Health 2018. Published Online December 5, 2018 (in Press) https://doi.org/10.1016/S2352- 4642(18)30376-6	
14 Apr 29 – May 5  Lesson 14:- MCH Practice and the Life Course Model	No Lecture	Library eReserves  Rethinking MCH: The Life Course Model as an Organizing Framework Concept Paper U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau November, 2010 Version 1.1  Video  Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP). Life Course Metrics and Indicators Project.  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWfBt7AP y_s	Discussion 7: Using Life     Course Indicators in Your     Work     Discussion (initial post due     Thur 5/2; responses due Sun     5/5)     Small groups
15 May 6 -12 Finals Week: Project Presentations			Final Project Presentation     (using VoiceThread) (post due     Fri 5/10; Responses due Sun 5/12)     Instruction guide is on the Moodle     site, copy the link to your     presentation, and post the link to     the Discussion Forum on the     Moodle site. Provide constructive     feedback on four of your     classmates' presentations (2 in     your small groups and 2 outside of     your small groups).

## SPH AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES & RESOURCES

The School of Public Health maintains up-to-date information about resources available to students, as well as formal course policies, on our website at <a href="https://www.sph.umn.edu/student-policies/">www.sph.umn.edu/student-policies/</a>. Students are expected to read and understand all policy information available at this link and are encouraged to make use of the resources available.

The University of Minnesota has official policies, including but not limited to the following:

- Grade definitions
- Scholastic dishonesty
- Makeup work for legitimate absences
- Student conduct code
- Sexual harassment, sexual assault, stalking and relationship violence
- Equity, diversity, equal employment opportunity, and affirmative action
- Disability services
- Academic freedom and responsibility

Resources available for students include:

- Confidential mental health services
- Disability accommodations
- Housing and financial instability resources
- Technology help
- Academic support

## **EVALUATION & GRADING**

I. Course Assignments – Brief description and due dates are listed in the Course Schedule above. Complete description and requirements for each assignment (with grading rubrics) are found in the Moodle site under each Assignment link.

#### II. Evaluation and Grading

Assessments	Point Values
Discussion Forums	100 total
Discussion 1: Small Group Introductions	10
Discussion 2: Nature and Nurture	15
Discussion 3: Thalidomide and Folic Acid	15
Discussion 4: Immunization and Breastfeeding	15
Discussion 5: Childhood Adversity	15
Discussion 6: Migration and Child Health	15
Discussion 7: Life Course Framework and Indicators	15
Quizzes	20 total
Quiz 1: Lesson 5: Life Course and Epidemiology Concepts	20
Assessments/Assignments	200 total
Assignment 1: Uncle Sam's Parenting Advice	5
Assignment 2: Choose a Research Topic	15
Assignment 3: Prevalence and Disparities in Child Health	20
Assignment 4: Social and Biological Determinants	30
Assignment 5: Family Home Visiting Program	30
Assignment 6: Evidence Based Child Health Program	30
Assignment 7: Conceptual/Causal Model	30
Assignment 8: Final Project Presentation	40
TAL POINTS	320 points

#### **Grading Scale**

The University uses plus and minus grading on a 4.000 cumulative grade point scale in accordance with the following, and you can expect the grade lines to be drawn as follows:

% In Class	Grade	GPA
93 - 100%	Α	4.000
90 - 92%	A-	3.667
87 - 89%	B+	3.333
83 - 86%	В	3.000
80 - 82%	B-	2.667
77 - 79%	C+	2.333
73 - 76%	С	2.000
70 - 72%	C-	1.667
67 - 69%	D+	1.333
63 - 66%	D	1.000
< 62%	F	

- A = achievement that is outstanding relative to the level necessary to meet course requirements.
- B = achievement that is significantly above the level necessary to meet course requirements.
- C = achievement that meets the course requirements in every respect.
- D = achievement that is worthy of credit even though it fails to meet fully the course requirements.
- F = failure because work was either (1) completed but at a level of achievement that is not worthy of credit or (2) was not completed and there was no agreement between the instructor and the student that the student would be awarded an I (Incomplete).
- S = achievement that is satisfactory, which is equivalent to a C- or better
- N = achievement that is not satisfactory and signifies that the work was either 1) completed but at a level that is not worthy of
  credit, or 2) not completed and there was no agreement between the instructor and student that the student would receive an I
  (Incomplete).

Evaluation/Grading Policy	Evaluation/Grading Policy Description
Scholastic Dishonesty, Plagiarism, Cheating, etc.	You are expected to do your own academic work and cite sources as necessary. Failing to do so is scholastic dishonesty. Scholastic dishonesty means plagiarizing; cheating on assignments or examinations; engaging in unauthorized collaboration on academic work; taking, acquiring, or using test materials without faculty permission; submitting false or incomplete records of academic achievement; acting alone or in cooperation with another to falsify records or to obtain dishonestly grades, honors, awards, or professional endorsement; altering, forging, or misusing a University academic record; or fabricating or falsifying data, research procedures, or data analysis (As defined in the Student Conduct Code). For additional information, please see <a href="https://z.umn.edu/dishonesty">https://z.umn.edu/dishonesty</a> The Office for Student Conduct and Academic Integrity has compiled a useful list of Frequently Asked Questions pertaining to scholastic dishonesty: <a href="https://z.umn.edu/integrity">https://z.umn.edu/integrity</a> .  If you have additional questions, please clarify with your instructor. Your instructor can respond to your specific questions regarding what would constitute scholastic dishonesty in the context of a particular class-e.g., whether collaboration on assignments is permitted, requirements and methods for citing sources, if electronic aids are permitted or prohibited during an exam.  Indiana University offers a clear description of plagiarism and an online quiz to check your understanding ( <a href="http://z.umn.edu/iuplagiarism">http://z.umn.edu/iuplagiarism</a> ).

Late Assignments	Points are deducted for late assignments (10% reduced each day they are late)		
Attendance Requirements	NA		
Makeup Work for Legitimate Reasons	If you experience an extraordinary event that prevents you from completing coursework on time and you would like to make arrangements to make up your work, contact your instructor within 24 hours of the missed deadline if an event could not have been anticipated and at least 48 hours prior if it is anticipated. University policy recognizes that there are a variety of legitimate circumstances in which students will miss coursework, and that accommodations for makeup work will be made. This policy applies to all course requirements, including any final examination. Students are responsible for planning their schedules to avoid excessive conflicts with course requirements.  1. Instructors may not penalize students for absence during the academic term due to the following unavoidable or legitimate circumstances: illness, physical or mental, of the student or a student's dependent; medical conditions related to pregnancy; participation in intercollegiate athletic events; subpoenas; jury duty; military service; bereavement, including travel related to bereavement; religious observances; participation in formal University system governance, including the University Senate, Student Senate, and Board of Regents meetings, by students selected as representatives to those bodies; and activities sponsored by the University if identified by the senior academic officer for the campus or the officer's designee as the basis for excused absences.  2. Voting in a regional, state, or national election is not an unavoidable or legitimate absence.  3. Instructors are expected to accommodate students who wish to participate in party caucuses, pursuant to Board of Regents resolution (see December 2005 Board of Regents Minutes, p 147.)  4. For circumstances not listed in (1), the instructor has primary responsibility to decide on a case-by-case basis if an absence is due to unavoidable or legitimate circumstances and grant a request for makeup work.  Because this course is entirely online and all materials are available to students fro		
Extra Credit	Extra Credit options may be offered at the discretion of the instructor		
Saving & Submitting Coursework	Documents that students submit are considered final; students may not submit more than one version or draft of each assignment.		
Technical Issues with Course Materials	You are expected to submit all coursework on time and it is your responsibility to ensure that your work is submitted properly before the deadline.  If you experience technical difficulties while navigating through the course site or attempting to submit coursework:  • Go to Quick Help: <a href="http://z.umn.edu/sphquickhelp">http://z.umn.edu/sphquickhelp</a> .  • Connect with the appropriate person or office within 30 minutes of the problem's occurrence.  • Provide as much information as possible, so the tech team can best help you as soon as possible.  • You can expect a response within 1-2 business days to help resolve the problem.		

# **CEPH COMPETENCIES**

Competency	Learning Objectives	Assessment Strategies
F4: Interpret results of data analysis for public health research, policy or practice.	Accurately describe child health disparities between sociodemographic groups (race/ethnicity, sex, age, poverty status, educational attainment) and over time using published national or state-level prevalence statistics, both quantitatively (by constructing tables) and in written form.	Assignment 3
F6: Discuss the means by which structural bias, social inequities and racism undermine health and create challenges to achieving health equity at organizational, community and societal levels	Identify social determinants of child health conditions and their role in creating health inequality	Assignment 3 and 4
F14. Advocate for political, social or economic policies and programs that will improve health in diverse populations.	Argue for the public health significance of a given child health problem, its prevalence, its impact on the child and the broader society, and describe a specific evidence-based program or policy that would appropriately address this child health problem	Assignments 2, 3, 6, and 8
F19: Communicate audience-appropriate public health content, both in writing and through oral presentation	Communicate new child health information to peers in writing, in slides, and in audio recordings.	All Assignments and Discussion Forum posts
F22: Apply systems thinking tools to a public health issue	Compare current approaches to major child health initiatives: universal immunization, universal breastfeeding promotion, universal folic acid supplementation, and universal FDA warnings on pharmaceuticals for pregnant women, as well as targeted interventions in high-risk groups (e.g., Family Home Visiting Program)	Discussion Forums 2 and 3 Assignment 5
	Apply a conceptual model to a child health problem, considering social and biological determinants at different levels of the Bronfenbrenner Socioecological Framework, across different periods of the Life Course, and how public health and community programs and policies could prevent or reduce the prevalence of the child health problem at the population level.	Assignments 6, 7, and 8