

# SUMMER SCHOOL SHORT COURSES

## School of Public Health and Community Medicine

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The School of Public Health and Community Medicine (SPHCM) is offering its Summer School Course offerings as a series of Short Courses, commencing in November 2010. These courses are available to students enrolled in UNSW degrees, or degrees at other universities, or for those wanting academic credit.

Courses are also open to external participants who are not required to complete assessments and who will receive certificates of attendance.

Commencement of enrolment in SPHCM Masters and other degrees can commence in the Summer School.

The courses on offer in the Summer School are listed below.

### **The Global HIV Epidemic: Social Aspects and Impacts (PHCM9622)**

#### **4-day course, 9am-5pm, 15/11/10 to 18/11/10**

This course will examine the social, cultural and economic aspects of HIV worldwide. HIV, as a global pandemic, has had a major impact on morbidity and mortality worldwide. It has also had social and economic impacts, and because its major transmission routes includes sex and injecting drug use it has immense symbolic power. HIV has engendered unprecedented levels of stigma and discrimination towards groups most affected by the virus and those people living with HIV. The course will also examine the history of the global response to HIV as well as the local responses, with a particular focus on Asia and the Pacific.

### **Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health (PHCM9606)**

#### **4-day course, 9am-5pm, 15/11/10 to 18/11/10**

This course aims to provide an overview of maternal, reproductive and child health in its international context, and within a gendered and public health framework. The course will take a critical look at the Millennium Development Goals relevant to health and how they are being implemented. Sessions will include the topics of: safe motherhood, HIV/AIDS, prevention of sexually transmitted infections, fertility regulation, gender and health, child mortality, integrated management of childhood illness, under-nutrition in children and perinatal interventions. Sessions will be based around theory and relevant case studies, with ample opportunity for discussion and debate. The course will be most suitable for those wishing to gain a general overview of maternal, reproductive and child health internationally, with the opportunity to focus on a specific issue of interest through a presentation and individual assignment.

### **Health Aspects of Emergencies, Conflict and Disasters (Current Debates in International Health PHCM9662)**

#### **5-day course, 9am-5pm, except last day finishes at 1pm, 22/11/10 to 26/11/10**

The short course will cover important thematic areas such as: types, phases and effects of emergencies, conflict and disasters on health, nutrition, disease and mortality; public health and medical responses; refugee camps; psychosocial effects; and co-ordination of donor and aid agencies; and disaster preparedness. The course will also include case studies of recent emergencies, conflict and disasters in: Haiti, Aceh, and Darfur, amongst others. Although the course will not exclude aspects of communicable disease in emergencies, conflict and disasters, this is dealt with in much more detail in PHCM9783 **below**. The short course will have significant inputs from academic, non-government and international organizations in case studies and important themes in health aspects of emergencies, conflict and disasters.

## **Communicable Disease in Humanitarian Emergencies and Disasters (PHCM9783) - with WHO**

### **5-day course, 9am-5pm, 29/11/10 to 3/12/10 (WHO subsidised)**

*(Students and participants are required to submit an application form to obtain approval to enroll in or attend this course because of limited places. See application form and course brochure)*

<http://www.sphcm.med.unsw.edu.au/sphcmweb.nsf/page/PHCM9783>

This course is designed for those working in public health or related disciplines in developing countries who are working in or likely to work in communicable disease management and would like to gain knowledge, skills and experience in managing communicable disease in emergency settings. On completion of the course, participants will be able to, in collaboration with partners: conduct communicable disease risk assessments and prioritize interventions in emergencies; design and implement surveillance and early warning and response (EWAR) systems; conduct outbreak investigations and manage outbreak responses; implement prevention and control methods for priority communicable diseases in emergencies; and understand and implement Vision Zero and safety management systems. Participants should be able to understand the importance of a coherent and co-ordinated response when working amongst diverse stakeholders in humanitarian settings. This course is run with World Health Organization (WHO) which runs similar courses with universities in the northern hemisphere.

## **Community Development (PHCM9010)**

### **3-day course, 9am-5pm, 2/12/10, 3/12/10, 6/12/10**

This course explores the meaning and conceptual frameworks of community development as an approach to improving the health of individuals and the broader community in both the local and international context. The material covered facilitates exploration of the fundamental components of community development, such as needs assessment, empowerment, and evaluation. Local and international case examples are used to explore theories and models in practice and to highlight and reflect on the issues and dilemmas faced in community development work across a range of settings. This course is useful for community workers, researchers, policy officers/managers, health service administrators/managers, educators or clinicians. For those with field experience, this course will provide a strong theoretical basis and will introduce some new practice tools. For those with little or no field experience, it provides a good mix of theories, models, practical examples and tools to introduce this exciting approach to improving health.

## **Enrolment and fees 2010**

Local and international students must enroll for these courses through the UNSW enrollment system.

External participants are able to attend short courses by applying using the registration form. A certificate of attendance will be issued to all external participants. The 2010 fee is **AUS\$300 per day** for courses, which are of variable duration.

### **Contact for external participants**

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