

Common Course Outline
HLTH 130
Community Health
3 Semester Hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Community Health

Examines population-based health practices and problems and needs of individuals in the metropolitan community at large; covers the interrelationship of the health delivery system with personal problems.

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. provide definitions of health, which include public, community, and personal factors.
2. describe major health problems faced by the community.
3. distinguish between personal health priorities and community health needs.
4. explain how advances in technology and changes in lifestyles have reduced the incidences of various diseases.
5. explain epidemiological issues relating to community health and to personal benefit.
6. compare the position of the United States to other nations relative to life expectancy, infant mortality statistics and other epidemiological statistics.
7. construct alternative models of communicable and non-communicable diseases.
8. differentiate between the nature of services provided by proprietary, private, and public agencies.
9. describe the role of state and local health departments in meeting the health needs of citizens.
10. describe the problem of drug use and abuse in our society.
11. determine the relationship of community and/or municipal agencies to environmental factors such as sewage disposal, clean air problems, water storage and purification, and waste disposal.
12. explore forms of health care payments.
13. identify the major concerns with the health care system in the United States.

Major Topics

1. Assessing the health status of a population
2. Organization of community health
3. Disease prevention and control
4. Cost, access and quality of health care
5. Mental health
6. Age, ethnic and geographical health concerns

Course Requirements

Grading/Exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will combine some of the following:

- Written exams
- Written reports
- Oral reports
- Attendance and participation

Other Course Information

The Community College of Baltimore County is committed to providing a high-quality learning experience that results in a growth in knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to function successfully as a transfer student, in a career and as a citizen. To accomplish this goal, we maintain high academic standards and expect students to accept responsibility for their individual growth by attending class, completing all homework and other assignments, participating in class activities and preparing for tests.