

Child Public Health

Subject Number: 571-657

Subject description:

The Child Public Health Elective introduces students from a wide range of health disciplines, at a postgraduate level, to aspects and influences on child and adolescent public health from an Australian and international perspective. It addresses the evidence, policy and program responses to issues such as the impact of poverty and disadvantage, approaches to mental health, public health policies, injury prevention, indigenous and cross-cultural issues, oral health, health screening and surveillance, community genetics, nutrition, health promotion, international health and healthy lifestyles. All sessions are presented by specialists in that particular area of child public health.

This subject is designed to enable students to:

- Understand the principles involved in a public health approach to the health and wellbeing of children
- Examine influences on new models of integrated approaches to improve child health outcomes across the lifecourse
- Identify issues impacting on the public health of children and their relevance to contemporary public health challenges
- Consider ways of incorporating public health principles into research, policy and practice related to child health and wellbeing.

On completion of this subject it is expected that students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the impact of health inequalities on children and/or young people.
- Illustrate the contribution of supportive environments in providing a response to issues involving the public health of children,
- Formulate public health related responses to issues relevant to children's health and wellbeing
- Present an argument that reflects an understanding and utilisation of available evidence in child public health interventions

Credit Points: 12.5

Semester: 2

Mode of delivery: Block

Dates/Times: July 21st – July 25th, 9am–5pm

Offered by: Centre for Community Child Health, Department of Paediatrics, School of Medicine

Location: Centre for Community Child Health, Royal Children's Hospital, Parkville.

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Prerequisites: No specific prerequisites

Assessment: 40%: One minor written assignment approximately 2,000 words; 60%: One major written assignment approximately 3,000 words

Other information: Options to enrol as a single subject for cross-institutional students are available

Prescribed Texts: Pre-reading provided

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