591-HE Graduate Diploma in Social Health (Health Ethics)

Year and Campus:	2009			
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees			
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate			
Duration & Credit Points:				
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Course Overview:	The social and political dimensions of health and illness present important challenges to practitioners, administrators and policy makers. The Graduate Diploma in Social Health allows students to investigate current issues and questions in health ethics, health care history or medical anthropology and sociology in a multidisciplinary environment offering opportunities to study health and illness drawing upon a variety of humanities and social sciences.			
Objectives:	 On completion of this course, graduates should: # have gained a sophisticated understanding of the social context in which disease develops, and of the social context in which health care interventions are developed; # have the ability to critically evaluate and synthesise the relevant literature # have developed analytical skills in identifying the social basis to problems in clinical, social and policy contexts # have developed a knowledge of relevant theories and be able to apply it to healthcare problems # be able to apply the conceptual, theoretical and practical dimensions of the course to students' own professional practice # be able to articulate knowledge and understanding of the area in oral and written form # have developed a respect for intellectual integrity, and for the ethics of scholarship. 			
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	A total of 8 coursework subjects: 3 core compulsory subjects plus 5 elective subjects as indicated below.			
Subject Options:	CORE SUBJECTS Students must complete the following THREE core subjects:			
	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	
	505-400 Health, Ethics and Society	Semester 1	12.500	
	505-405 Bioethics: The Fundamental Debates	Semester 2	12.500	
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	505-407 Current Issues in Health Ethics	Semester 2	12.500	

	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
	505-402 Culture, Health and Illness	Semester 1	12.500
	505-439 Living Longer: Global Perspectives	Semester 1	12.500
	505-422 Women's Sexual & Reproductive Health	Semester 1	12.500
	505-404 Directed Study in Social Health	Semester 1	12.500
	175-501 Presenting Academic Discourse	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.500
	730-386 Health and Medical Law	Semester 2	12.500
	505-408 Key Concepts in Social Health	Semester 2	12.500
	136-037 Biotechnology in Modern Society	Semester 2	12.500
Entry Requirements:	 # Completion of any three year degree, OR # Proof of meeting the requirements for registration or temporary registration as a nurse by the Nurses Board of Victoria in Division 1, 3, or 4 of the Register, OR # Equivalent professional qualification and at least 2 years documented relevant work or professional experience, OR Satisfactory completion of: # An accredited Aboriginal Health Worker Diploma, or equivalent professional qualification AND at least 2 years relevant work or professional experience; OR # An accredited Aboriginal Health Worker Certificate Level 4, or equivalent professional qualification and at least 4 years relevant work or professional experience; AND # Documentary evidence of competent academic or professional writing skills. The Selection Committee may conduct interviews and tests and will call for reports from at least two professional referees to elucidate any of the matters referred to above. 		
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.		
Graduate Attributes:	The Melbourne Experience enables our graduates to become: Academically excellent: have a strong sense of intellectual integrity and the ethics of scholarship have in-depth knowledge of their specialist discipline(s) reach a high level of achievement in writing, generic research activities, problem-solving and communication be critical and creative thinkers, with an aptitude for continued self-directed learning be adept at learning in a range of ways, including through information and communication technologies Knowledgeable across disciplines: examine critically, synthesise and evaluate knowledge across a broad range of disciplines expand their analytical and cognitive skills through learning experiences in diverse subjects have the capacity to participate fully in collaborative learning and to confront unfamiliar problems have a set of flexible and transferable skills for different types of employment Leaders in communities: initiate and implement constructive change in their communities, including an awareness of personal strengths and limitations mentor future generations of learners engage in meaningful public discourse, with a profound awareness of community needs Attuned to cultural diversity: value different cultures be well-informed citizens able to contribute to their communities wherever they choose to live and work have an understanding of the social and cultural diversity in our community respect indigenous knowledge, cultures and values Active global citizens: accept		

	social and civic responsibilities be advocates for improving the sustainability of the environment have a broad global understanding, with a high regard for human rights, equity and ethics	
Generic Skills:	Please refer to Course Objectives.	
Links to further information:	http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au	
Notes:	Mid-year Entry is available.	