

POPH90132 Field Methods for Health Management

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: February, Parkville - Taught on campus. September, Parkville - Taught on campus. Block OR Partial Block (Sem 1) Block Only (Sem 2)
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Minimum of 26 hours Total Time Commitment: In addition to the stated contact hours, students are expected to spend at least 2-3 hours of study for each hour of contact.
Prerequisites:	505-102 Epidemiology
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	None
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Subject Overview:	This subject will cover: rapid appraisal of community health needs; population surveys; survey sampling methods; program monitoring; using health data for decision making; participatory evaluation of health programs; and applied health research. At the end of this course, students will have the skills necessary for designing a baseline survey and qualitative assessment of a community-based primary care program.
Objectives:	On completion of this subject, students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # demonstrate a familiarity with the basic elements of health program design, implementation and evaluation; # identify appropriate strategies for gathering and analysing information which can then be applied to the design of health programs at all Levels; # use health data for appropriate decision making, including cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit measurements; and # develop appropriate health program management tools, including situational analysis, population surveys, behavioural studies, health information systems, operations research and participatory evaluation.
Assessment:	Critical Evaluation – 1,000-1,500 words, due on last teaching day of the subject. Assignment Plan – 350-450 words, due 2 weeks after last class Program Plan – 2000-3000 words, due 4 weeks after last class
Prescribed Texts:	A book of readings will be provided.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees

Generic Skills:	-
Links to further information:	http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au
Notes:	This subject is a Group 1 elective in the Master of Public Health.
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	International Health