

## POPH90134 Harm Reduction - HIV in Drug Users

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: November, Parkville - Taught on campus. Block
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: A minimum of 24 contact hours, taught in block mode over 5 days. Total Time Commitment: Students will be expected to undertake additional study (i.e. outside the stated contact hours) of at least two hours for each hour of contact in this subject.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	None
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	The course will cover the following topics: overview of illicit drugs and their effects; approaches to illicit drug problems: supply, demand and harm reduction; harm reduction overview; needle and syringe programs; peer education; drug substitution therapy; outreach; advocacy for effective harm reduction; rapid assessment and response; an emphasis on Australia, Asian and developing country context. There will be site visits to demonstrate harm reduction in action.
<b>Objectives:</b>	On completion of this subject, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># explain the interactions between illicit drug use and blood-borne viruses;</li> <li># outline the epidemiology of HIV, hepatitis C and hepatitis B with particular reference to injecting drug use;</li> <li># describe the major elements of harm reduction practice employed in Australia, in our region, and worldwide;</li> <li># understand the social and policy contexts of harm reduction practice employed in Australia and Asia;</li> <li># carry out a rapid situation assessment of drug use and HIV risk;</li> <li># design a package of harm reduction measures tailored to a particular regional epidemic; and</li> <li># critique the various responses to HIV and other BBVs among drug users concurrently in operation.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	One short critique of current journal article to be submitted in a fortnight after last teaching day (15%), one 1-hour exam on last teaching day (20%), one 3,000-word essay (60%) individual and group participation (5%).
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	A folder of readings will be available prior to the subject commencing.
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.

<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	-
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au">http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au</a>
<b>Notes:</b>	This subject is a Group 1 elective in the Master of Public Health. <b>SUBJECT QUOTA: 25</b>
<b>Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:</b>	International Health Sexual Health