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| Course Title | Introduction to Public Health | | | | |
| Course Code | MPH 610 | | | | |
| Course Type | Compulsory | | | | |
| Level | Masters (2 nd Cycle) | | | | |
| Year / Semester | 1 st year / 1 st semester | | | | |
| Teacher's Name | TBA | | | | |
| ECTS | 10 | Lectures / week | N/A | Laboratories / week | None |
| Course Purpose and Objectives | <p>The growing importance of Public Health has made it necessary, both for professional healthcare officers and the students of this field to acquire a basic core of knowledge relating to Public Health. This course will constitute this exact core of knowledge in the sense in which the World Health Organisation is facing Public Health today.</p> <p>The goal of this course is to focus on the major problems of Public Health, on the role of and the guidance provided by international organisations involved in Public Health and on the role and competences of Public Health officers.</p> <p>This course will also focus on the strategies – practices for the implementation of action of Public Health and on the current legal framework, due to the fact that today we deal with Public Health problems in a systematic and holistic manner and we involve in problem solving the scientific interest of many different groups of professionals, confirming in this way the interdisciplinary nature of Public Health.</p> | | | | |
| Learning Outcomes | <p>Upon successful completion of this course students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the basic principles and contemporary issues of Public Health • Evaluate and assess the health of populations • Apply the main scientific knowledge that contributes to the development of the contemporary perception of Public Health • Solve on their own matters of Public Health • Critically analyse the health policies that are drafted and implemented in Cyprus, the European Union and the World Health Organisation • Describe and explain the strategies and practices for the implementation of actions in Public Health • Explain and analyse the current legal framework governing Public Health in Cyprus and the European Union • Define the identity of Public Health professionals | | | | |

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| Prerequisites | None | Required | None |
| Course Content | <p>During the course we will analyse the concepts of health, of public health, disease prevention and health promotion. We will describe the structures of Public Health and the role of international organisations (World Health Organisation, European Union, Council of Europe, etc.). We will approach concepts, such as the estimation of population health by means of health indices. We will analyse infectious and non-infectious diseases, their surveillance, as well as preventive strategies and policies. We will also approach contemporary problems of public health, such as aging population, environmental pollution, mental health, degenerative diseases, chronic diseases, patient's rights, etc.</p> | | |
| Teaching Methodology | Distance Learning | | |
| Bibliography | <p>Educational Handbook:</p> <p>Beaglehole, R., Bonita, R. <i>Public Health at the Crossroads: Achievements and Prospects</i>, 2nded, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2004.</p> <p>Recommended reading:</p> <p>Farmer, R., Lawrenson, R. <i>Epidemiology and Public Health</i>. Medicine 5th edition, Blackwell Scientific Publications, Oxford 2004.</p> <p>Association of Schools of Public Health, http://www.asph.org/ (access 22/11/2006)</p> <p>WHO, World Health Report 2002, <i>Reducing Risks, Promoting Healthy Life</i>, WHO, Geneva 2002.</p> | | |
| Assessment | <p>Examinations 50%</p> <p>On-going evaluation 50%</p> | | |
| Language | English | | |