



THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Course title: INDH7002: Issues in Indigenous Health

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Mode: Internal

Course introduction:

This course explores historical, cultural, social, economic and environmental issues related to the health status and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Examination of issues is from population health and Indigenous perspectives. INDH7002 is structured to critique the range of program and policy responses by past and present governments, and to learn about directions recommended by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Methods of teaching and learning include small group discussions, use of audio-visual materials, visits to community events or organisations, and examination of literature by current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders.

Course aims:

INDH7002 aims to provide an opportunity to:

- Develop greater awareness of current health status and determinants of health and illness among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- Reflect on issues that effect the way individual health practitioners, policy processes and the healthcare system engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- Learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recommendations to improve health status and wellbeing into the future.

Course content:

Topics discussed in INDH7002 include:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health status
- Past and present Commonwealth and State government policies
- Indigenous management and control of health
- Reconciliation and Indigenous health
- Ethics and research in Indigenous health
- The Stolen Generations
- Alcohol, smoking, substance use and violence
- Diet and nutrition, diabetes and cardiovascular disease
- Sexually transmissible infections
- Maternal and child health.

Methods of assessment:

Written assignment; Problem Based Learning Activity; Exam.

Required text:

Carson, B., Dunbar, T., Chenhall, R. & Bailie, R. (2007) [Social Determinants of Indigenous Health](#). Allen & Unwin.

Online BlackBoard site

This site is a repository of journal articles, reports, lecture material and links to a range of websites with information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health issues.

Further details about INDH7002 are provided in the Electronic Course Profile available mid-February 2009.