



THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Course title: INDH7003 Indigenous Health Practice

Course coordinator: [Associate Professor Peter Hill](#)

Mode: External delivery

Course introduction:

This course is based on structured experience in an Aboriginal and Torres Strait health service negotiated by the student with support from the course co-ordinator. It provides reflexive insight into current primary health care and public health practice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and the evidence base for these healthcare programs and practice. The influence of environmental, cultural, socio economic and political factors on health outcomes and healthcare practice in this context are examined.

Course aims:

The principal aims of this course are: 1. to examine local and international experience in relation to cultural respect in healthcare for indigenous peoples; 2. to provide an overview and critique current primary health care and public health practice in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health; 3. to critically analyse the evidence base for current and proposed health promotion, illness prevention, screening and intervention programs, and clinical guidelines in relation to health problems of importance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; 4. to examine influences on and appropriate responses to specific health issues and target groups for healthcare in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Course content:

Specific topics include:

- Maternal and Child Health programs in Indigenous communities
- Screening programs and chronic disease management programs
- Harm minimisation practice in relation to substance abuse
- Practical responses to key health issues such as suicide and self harm, sexual Infections,
- Communicable disease control in Indigenous communities
- Isolated practice; Womens health; Custodial health

Method of assessment:

A Practice Log, a seminar presentation and an analysis of a health intervention

Recommended text:

Couzos S and Murray R (2003) *Aboriginal Primary Health Care: an Evidence-based Approach*. Second Ed. Oxford, Oxford University Press

Eckerman A et al (2005) *Binan Goonj: Bridging Cultures in Aboriginal Health* 2nd ed.

Armidale: UNE Press

Thompson N (2004) *The Health of Indigenous Australians*. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Online Blackboard site: This provides an interactive environment for you and teachers. Reliable and regular access to the Internet is required.

Further details are provided in the [Course Profile](#):

http://www.uq.edu.au/study/course.html?course_code=INDH7003