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Course title: PUBH7009 Substance Use and Misuse in Special Populations.

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Mode: External

Course Introduction:

This course examines the intersectoral nature of responses to alcohol and drug problems. It explores the roles that exist for a wide range of agencies and key players both in the health field and well beyond health, looking at social policies and law enforcement strategies developed to control access to and the use of drugs. It also examines public health approaches and the use of harm minimization and prevention strategies in relation to drug use. A selection of special topics including drugs in sport, alcohol and drugs in the workplace and prisons will be discussed in detail. These topics often fall outside the mainstream areas of alcohol and drug discussion.

Course aims:

The principal aim is to provide you with an overview of the range of issues and responses to alcohol and drug use in society. You will learn how to evaluate and further explore the efficacy and impact of aspects of each topic via readings and exercises presented throughout the course.

Course content:

Specific topics include:

- Law and Social Policy
- A major Public Health Problem: Injecting Drug Use
- A selection of special topics: Workplace; Drug use in sport; Alcohol and drug use in prisons; Women and alcohol and drugs; Older people and alcohol; Dual diagnosis; Drug Courts and Diversion Programs

Method of assessment:

Assignments consist of brief exercises from the study guide, a short paper and a major assignment (2500 words).

Resources:

Study Guide: This contains the week-by-week learning materials for each module. These include clear learning objectives, the required reading, an introduction, a brief synopsis and key definitions, case studies, and then a series of practical exercises.

Online Blackboard site: This provides an interactive environment for the students and teachers. Reliable and regular access to the internet for use of the UQ Blackboard learning site is required.

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

http://www.uq.edu.au/study/course.html?course_code=PUBH7009