



THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

**Course Title:** PUBH 7014: HEALTH FINANCING

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**Mode:** Internal and External flexible delivery

### **COURSE INTRODUCTION**

This course provides a critical analysis of different models of financing health systems from a policymaking perspective. They include State-funded, social insurance, voluntary health insurance and community-based insurance models. Revenue collection and purchasing methods are also examined in detail with a view of discussing their implications for policymaking and management of health systems. Particular attention is devoted to efficiency and equity issues.

The course emphasizes those aspects of health financing that are highly relevant for policymakers in developed and developing countries.

### **COURSE AIM**

The aim of this course is to help the students developing the appropriate analytical skills to (a) examine the main challenges of health financing and (b) actively engage in policy discussions regarding alternative models of funding health care, pooling risk and purchasing services.

### **COURSE CONTENT:**

The course content includes the following topics:

The institutional and theoretical context of health financing

Different sources of funding the health system (taxes, mandatory contributions, insurance premium and out-of-pocket payments)

Risk Pooling and Purchasing Mechanisms

Efficiency, Equity and Resource Allocation

### **LEARNING RESOURCES**

There is no textbook for the course. A collection of readings covering the main issues for both developed and developing countries will be provided for each module. The list of required readings will be discussed in the tutorials. The students are recommended to read The World Bank (2006) Health Financing Revisited, Washington: World Bank.

### **METHOD OF ASSESSMENT**

Two essays