



## THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

**Course title:** PUBH7106 Reproductive & Child Health

**Course coordinator:** [Lisa Vallely](#)

**Mode:** Internal and external

**Course introduction:**

This course is for students who want to further their knowledge and skills in issues relating to policy, practice and research in reproductive and child health. Issues covered will include measurement of maternal and child mortality and morbidity, management of pregnancy, labour and the post-partum period, care of the newborn infant, integrated management of childhood illnesses and malnutrition in women and children. The focus for the course is set within a developing country context.

**Course aims:** The overall aim of this course is for students to further their skills in issues relating to policy, practice, and research in reproductive and child health.

The principal objectives of this course are:

1. To demonstrate an understanding of the major reproductive and child health problems in developing countries and how these are measured.
2. To understand and evaluate policy and programs to improve maternal and child health.
3. To work as a member of a team to prepare and present a group presentation.

**Course content:**

Specific topics include:

- Measurement of maternal and childhood mortality and morbidity.
- Maternal and child survival: policy and practice in relation to maternal and newborn health.
- Maternal morbidity
- Integrated management of childhood illness
- Malnutrition in women and children
- Prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV
- Sex, poverty & culture: family planning and unsafe abortion
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Violence against women and children
- Malaria in pregnancy

Throughout the course, lecturers will use cases studies from their own personal experience to highlight key issues.

**Method of assessment:**

Two assessments: 1 individual assignment and 1 group assignment and presentation.

**Recommended text:**

Disease control priorities in developing countries [electronic resource] / editors Dean T. Jamison et al. *New York, NY: World Bank, c2006. 2nd Edition. Ch.26: Maternal & perinatal survival; Ch.27: Neonatal survival; Ch 28: Stunting, wasting & micronutrient deficiencies*

The State of the Worlds Children 2008. UNICEF

**Required resources:**

**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=PUBH7106](http://www.uq.edu.au/study/course.html?course_code=PUBH7106)