



## THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

**Course title:** PUBH7614 Health Systems

**Course co-ordinator:** Professor Philip Davies

**Mode:** External

### **Course Introduction**

A core course in the postgraduate programs offered by the School of Population Health. PUBH7614 introduces students to the Australian health care system in an historical and evolutionary context, as a basis for comparing health systems, contributing to health system development and evaluating health system performance.

### **Course Aims:**

This course aims to provide students with a rigorous description and analysis of health systems, the broader environments in which they operate (economic, political, sociological and epidemiological), and their contribution to the health of populations.

### **Course Content:**

1. The nature of health systems
2. Objectives and functions of health systems
3. Comparative health systems: the UK and the USA
4. The Australian health system
5. Comparative health systems: health reform in developing countries
6. Setting priorities and the allocation of resources
7. Health system evaluation and cost-effectiveness
8. Health care financing
9. Inequality
10. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care
11. The health workforce
12. Human resource development for health
13. Evaluation and the health system

**Methods of Assessment:** Two written assignments: each of 50%.

### **Recommended texts:**

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (2008) *Australia's health 2008*. Canberra: AIHW [www.aihw.gov.au](http://www.aihw.gov.au)

World Health Organization. (2001) *The World Health Report 2000 - Health systems: improving performance*. Geneva: WHO. <http://www.who.int/whr/2000>

### **Required Resources:**

**Study Guide and Book of Readings:** These provide you with the week-by-week learning materials for each module.

**The course is also supported by the online Blackboard site:** which 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=PUBH7614).  
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