

Maternal and Child Health Program
School of Public Health
University of California, Berkeley

PH 212A International Maternal and Child Health

Fall 2007
Thursdays, 4-6
2301 Tolman Hall
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Course Competencies:

Participation in this course will provide an opportunity to partially master the following competencies:

- Discuss the major health and social problems facing mothers and children from demographic, health, social and community perspectives, as well as the scientific basis for these concerns.
- Critically assess the scientific basis of MCH programs and issues.
- Identify the major sources of information related to mothers and children, assess their strengths and limitations, and be capable of using such data for problem identification, problem analysis and prioritization, program planning, implementation, and evaluation.
- Demonstrate skills in combining & applying PH principles, techniques across disciplines to solve complex problems within the context of family-oriented, comprehensive, culturally competent, community-based MCH programs and systems.

Course Objectives:

At the end of this course, you should:

- Know the relevant measures of morbidity, mortality and reproductive performance.
- Have an appreciation for variations in style and substance in the provision of MCH services in a sample of countries around the world.
- Have thorough knowledge of the essential components of effective MCH services in developing countries.
- Be aware of the major obstacles to the delivery of MCH services in developing countries and be able to discuss innovative ways to overcoming these obstacles.
- Know how USAID, PAHO, UNICEF, WHO and other donors assist in MCH/FP services in developing countries.
- Be able to decide the components of primary health care.
- Understand a variety of MCH career trajectories in international governmental and non-governmental organizations.
- Recognize gender sensitive components to MCH programs and projects.

Readings:

All readings are available in electronic form through the given URL, or are posted online in pdf form at <http://bspace.berkeley.edu>. There is no course reader this semester. Additional readings may be given or recommended in preparation for guest speakers at upcoming sessions. No single text is assigned, but there are recommended readings which

are relevant texts, articles and journals. These are available in the Public Health Library under the course title PH 212A in the reserve section near the circulation desk.

Grades:

Your course grade will be determined by participation in class discussion (25%), a final term paper (50%) and a group project (25%)

Office Hours:

Dr. Miller's office hours are Thursdays 11:30-3:00 pm in University Hall 225. Please make appointments through the GSI. If you are not available during regular office hours, arrangements to meet at the Women's Global Health Imperative in San Francisco may be made by contacting Jennifer Clark, jclark@globalhealth.ucsf.edu.

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