

MCH II: Case Studies in MCH Programs, Policies and Research Spring, 2002

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Textbook

(Optional) Harrington, C. and Estes, C.L. (2001). Health Policy: Crisis and Reform in the U.S. Health Care Delivery System, 3rd Edition, Sudbury, Massachusetts: Jones and Bartlett Publishers.
Reading Packet that is available at the USF College of Public Health Copy Center.

Course Description

This capstone course is intended to provide unifying opportunity to utilize concepts, principles, and skills learned in the other MCH and public health courses.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, the student will be able to:

- Critique the literature related to policy development
- Write a detailed MCH policy research paper
- Understand the basic principles of policy analysis
- Apply the principles of policy analysis to a specific MCH topic

Course Outline

Jan 7	Principles of Policy Analysis	
Jan 14	Overview of Prenatal Care	
Jan 21	No class: Martin Luther King Holiday	
Jan 28	Welfare Reform: students lead discussion	
Feb 4	Neonatal Issues and Policies Related to Children Video: Premies: The Fight for Life One Brief Life: The Baby L Case	
Feb 11	Healthy Start Guest Speaker: Jeff Jensen, M.D.	<u>Website Review Due</u>

Feb 18	Children's Health Insurance Guest Speaker: Mary Figg, Faculty Administrator / Program Director	
Feb 25	Children: students lead discussion	
March 4	Teens At-Risk and Teen Pregnancy	
March 11	<i>No class: Spring Break</i>	
March 18	Family Planning and Abstinence	<u>Legislative Policies Due</u>
March 25	<i>No class: Research Day - Dr. Perrin is attending a conference</i>	
April 1	MCH Issues Related to Ethics and Research	
April 8	Women's Health Guest Speaker: Ellen Daley, PhD, MPH	<u>Literature Review Due</u>
April 15	Breast Cancer	
April 22	Health Issues of Older Women Osteoporosis	<u>Research Paper Due</u>
April 29	Research Presentation	<u>Presentation Due</u>

Course Requirements

1. **Class Participation:** This course will be taught in a seminar format. You will be assigned readings and you will be expected to come to class ready to discuss the issues. You are encouraged to read materials outside of what is given in class and come prepared to think about the critical issues related to the topic.
2. **Class Discussion:** You will be given General Accounting Office reports on a variety of topics. When you are assigned a topic, you will present a summary of the GAO report the following week. You may work in groups or alone. Everyone will be assigned a portion of the Welfare Reform and Children presentations.
Due throughout the semester 25 points for each presentation (4 maximum)

3. Website Review: Choose any MCH topic of interest. Since the assignments will be accumulative over the semester, it is recommended that you select one topic for the entire course. Search the web and locate a minimum of 8 sites that provide information about MCH policies related to your topic.
- 4 websites from government agencies about policies (AMCHP, MCHB, CDC, etc.)
 - 4 websites from private corporations or foundations
- Write a brief summary of each website. All 8 sites should be summarized in a maximum of 2 pages. Make enough 2-sided copies of your assignment for each student in the class.
- Due January 28 80 points (10 points per website)
4. Legislative Policies: Using the topic you chose for the website review assignment, locate a minimum of 3 national and 3 state legislative bills that are currently being proposed or that have been proposed within the last 5 years related to your topic. Write a 1-page summary of the national bills and a 1-page summary of the state bills that have been proposed. Be sure to include information on whether or not the bill passed. If possible, determine what the vote was on the bill. For example, was the proposed bill defeated by the Republicans or by the Democrats? Were any other provisions attached to the bill? Make enough 2-sided copies of your assignment for each student in the class.
- Due March 18 120 points (20 points per bill)
5. Literature Review: Write a 2-page review of the literature related to the current research findings related to your MCH topic. It is advisable to try to locate published articles that show both sides of the issue. Use a minimum of 5 peer-reviewed, high quality research studies. To obtain full credit for this assignment, please attach copies of the complete article to your literature review. Make enough 2-sided copies of your assignment for each student in the class. There is no need to make copies of the articles for each student. The articles will be included for only Dr. Perrin. Use APA format.
- Due April 8 100 points
6. Policy Analysis Report: Write a 8-10 page policy analysis report using the information you have gathered throughout the course related to your MCH topic of interest. The report should contain the following subtitles:
- a) Summary (200 word abstract)
 - b) Problem definition
 - c) Evaluation criteria
 - d) Alternatives
 - e) Analysis and comparison
 - f) Conclusion
 - g) Next steps
- Due April 22 200 points

7. Presentation: Each student will prepare a 5-minute informal presentation of his or her policy analysis report. This presentation does not require PowerPoint slides or handouts. This presentation will provide an opportunity for each student to learn about other MCH policies that they did not choose to research during the semester. Make enough copies of the 200-word abstract for each student in the course.

Due April 29

25 points

Grading Scale:

625 - 575

A

574 - 524

B

523 - 473

C

472 - 422

D

Below 421

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