

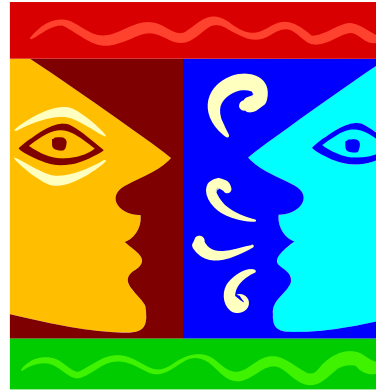


UNIVERSITY of NORTH TEXAS
LTH SCIENCE CENTER at Fort Worth
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School of Public Health

*From the Office of
Student and
Academic Services*

Please make announcements to your class weekly. Announcements will be sent every Monday. To post an announcement, please contact Tiffany Lopez, Coordinator of Student Services at tlopez@hsc.unt.edu

Submissions must be received by noon Friday to be included in the following week's announcements.



School of Public Health Weekly Announcements

IMPORTANT CLASS DAYS

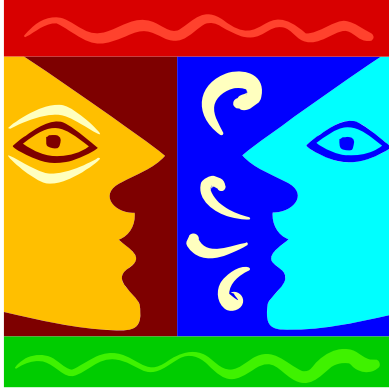


Last day to defend/present thesis, dissertation **Oct 30**

*****Please see attached for additional class
options available to students*****

Upcoming Events in the School of Public Health

- Career Fair **Oct 16**
- American Public Health Association **Nov 4-8**
- Public Health Poster Session **Nov 15**
- Texas Public Health Association **Feb 25-27**



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Weekly Announcements

(Continuation)

Additional Class options available to students



Medical Sociology (SCBS 5150) is a new course in the School of Public Health that will be offered spring 2007 by Dr. Jim Stimpson in the department of social and behavioral sciences. This course is required for students in the social sciences track of the MPH program. The objective of this course is to provide students with a broad overview and introduction to topics regarding sociological aspects of health and the health care system in the United States. Though the primary focus of the course will be on current issues surrounding the stratification of health in the U.S. and the U.S. health care system, class discussions and course readings will also familiarize students with theoretical, historical, and international issues where relevant. The course is divided into five main topics: social distribution of illness, health & illness behavior, meaning and experience of illness, practice of medicine, and organization of health care systems.



In addition to the community health track, the department of social and behavioral sciences is proud to offer two new tracks for the MPH: social sciences and behavioral sciences. Refer to the school of public health catalog for information on all three tracks.

The social sciences concentration is designed to develop familiarity with basic social theories that influence our understanding of health, including theories in social anthropology, medical sociology and health economics. These theoretical perspectives will be focused on health problems of the principal cultural, socioeconomic, ethnic and regional population groups in the United States and the global health setting. In this concentration there is a major focus on quantitative research methods and population dynamics as a basis for illuminating the socio-cultural, economic, and political factors that influence the distribution of health and healthcare.

The behavioral sciences concentration will concentrate on fundamental psychological and psycho-physiological processes that underlie health behaviors, with a specific focus on stress, quality of life, and overall emotional well-being. The application of theories in this concentration will be toward: (1) substance abuse and addictive behaviors, especially tobacco, alcohol and illicit drug use; (2) prevention of major illnesses, especially psychiatric illnesses, obesity, cardiovascular illnesses, malignancies, metabolic diseases, injuries and disabilities. This will differentiate health behaviors that are the psychological foundation of risk factors for major illnesses.