

**ALHS 3360 - COMMUNITY and PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**Summer I Semester 2023**

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**Required Text:** 10<sup>th</sup> edition:

Seabert DM, McKenzie JF, Pinger RR, McKenzie's An Introduction to Community Health, Jones & Bartlett Learning (©2022). ISBN 9781284202687

**Classroom Location:** Online

**Course Time and Dates:** Online

**Deadline to withdraw without penalty:** June 21st

**Catalog Description:** Study of the basic components of community and public health services and education. (This course is fundamental for the CHES\* exam)

**Course Objectives:** To accomplish the course goal the student will be able to:

1. Summarize major developments in the history of public health activities, from the earliest times to the present, and appreciate changes in U.S. public health history.
2. Define the major ideas and concepts which are basic to the understanding of community and public health practice.
3. Discuss ethical principles: Give examples of the tension that exists between individual rights and the health of the public, for example.
4. Describe the relationship between culture and health and define the term *cultural competence*.
5. Identify local, state, and national resources that provide health data and utilize these data to identify health problems.
6. Identify local, state, and national organizations that provide community health services to the public.
7. Describe the process for developing health programs from assessment through planning, implementation and evaluation.
8. Create, and compare and contrast health programs.
9. Define Community Based Participatory Programming.
10. Discuss a variety of perspectives on current public/community health issues, including disparities, family planning, and access to care.

**Letter grade transcription**

90-100 A, 80-89 B, 70-79 C, 60-69 D, <60 F

**Grading Plan:**

100 maximum points:

Quizzes	10 points each (9 assessments total, one with the lowest score will be dropped if all 9 are taken).
Projects	20 points (8 pts project 1; 12 pts project 2)
Zoom sessions	Extra credit: 2 points per session if the student shows his/her face the entire time and talks more than once during the session.

\*The CHES exam covers seven Areas of Responsibility. This class should prepare the student for the seven areas, which are:

- Plan an assessment process.
- Plan health education strategies, interventions, and programs.
- Implement a plan of action.
- Conduct evaluation and research related to health education.
- Administer and manage health education interventions, and programs.
- Serve as a health education resource person
- Communicate and advocate for health and health education.

Since this is an online class AND a summer class, your ability to read a lot and retain that information is necessary. Sounds easy, but it is not easy. You should be doing something for this class EVERY DAY:

- Self-discipline and time-management skills become more important in online classes than in traditional classes. Do you have these skills in order to be successful in this class? (If you don't think so, perhaps you should take this class during a longer, regular semester).

- A regular semester (fall/spring) is 15 weeks long. This summer course is 5 weeks long, or one third the length of a regular semester. That means the workload is 3x larger, per week, than a regular semester. Ready?

- It is recommended that you set aside 12-16 hours or so, per week, for this class. Do yourself a favor and dedicate a few hours every day to this class- and reserve these times within your personal calendar. Don't let anything or anyone interrupt you when you arrive at those reserved times.

- Each student should have his/her own textbook; quizzes are based on the textbook (although the last quiz has some questions based on a movie).

**Consider:**

- 1) Setting aside time, ahead of time, to work Canvas, read the text, and take notes according to a RIGID, WEEKLY schedule;
- 2) Pay attention to Canvas announcements (you can program to receive announcements to your e-mail account);
- 3) Be consistent in reading the text book; even though you may receive supplemental articles or links to articles or news stories, the text is our ground and food, and must be read in a regular and timely manner.
- 4) The motivation to learn is up to you.

## Particular Formats:

**Quizzes (9):** To assess knowledge, memory, preparation. Either multiple choice, short essay, true-false questions, or problem solving questions (including graph making and interpretation). Have a calculator handy. In general, the window for a Canvas quiz will be scheduled for Thursdays and Fridays; they will open at midnight and be open for 36 hours. Once the link is opened you will only have 60 minutes to complete the quiz. Once you open the link, you must finish the quiz; you cannot backtrack to a previous question or answer.

**Projects (2):** Projects are assignments that are more elaborate, individualized, and require more time than other tasks. Students will have several days, if not a few weeks, to work on projects. You will e-mail the finished project, as a WORD document attached to an e-mail, to the TA, Alpha. (Do not email links from cloud-based accounts). Late projects will be penalized 50% if turned in within 1 day after due date; late turn-ins 2 days or after will not be accepted at all. Instructions for each project will be posted later.

**Extra-credit:** Participation in Zoom sessions.

## UTT POLICIES

### Students Rights and Responsibilities

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: <http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

### Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a "W" grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

### State-Mandated Course Drop Policy

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

### Disability Services

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are unsure if the

above criteria applies to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to [cstaples@uttyler.edu](mailto:cstaples@uttyler.edu)

#### **Student Absence due to Religious Observance**

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

#### **Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities**

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

#### **Social Security and FERPA Statement:**

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

#### **Emergency Exits and Evacuation:**

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

#### **Academic Dishonesty:**

At The University of Texas at Tyler, students and faculty are responsible for maintaining an environment that encourages academic integrity. Student and faculty members are required to report an observed or suspected case of academic dishonesty immediately to the faculty member in charge of an examination, classroom or laboratory research project, or other academic exercise.

Since the value of an academic degree depends on the absolute integrity of the work done by the student for the degree, it is imperative that the student maintains a high standard of individual honor in scholastic work. Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, and collusion:

*"Cheating"* includes:

1. Copying from the paper of another student, engaging in written, oral, or any other means of communication with another student, or giving aid to or seeding aid from another student when not permitted by the instructor;
2. Using material during an examination or when completing an assignment that is not authorized by the person giving the examination or making the work assignment;
3. Taking or attempting to take an examination for another student, or allowing another student to take an examination for oneself;
4. Using, obtaining, or attempting to obtain by any means, the whole or any part of, an unadministered examination or work assignment.

*"Plagiarism"* includes the unacknowledged incorporation of the work of another person in work that a student offers for credit.

*"Collusion"* includes the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work that a student offers for credit.

#### **Tobacco-Free Campus:**

- All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors.
- Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products.
- There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit [www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free](http://www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free)

**Important Covid-19 Information**

Students who are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, or a higher than normal temperature will be excused from class and should stay at home and may join the class remotely. Students who have difficulty adhering to the Covid-19 safety policies for health reasons are also encouraged to join the class remotely. Students needing additional accommodations may contact the Office of Student Accessibility and Resources at University Center 3150, or call (903) 566-7079 or email saroffice@uttyler.edu.

**Recording of Class Sessions**

Class sessions may be recorded by the instructor for use by students enrolled in this course. Recordings that contain personally identifiable information or other information subject to FERPA shall not be shared with individuals not enrolled in this course unless appropriate consent is obtained from all relevant students. Class recordings are reserved only for the use of students enrolled in the course and only for educational purposes. Course recordings should not be shared outside of the course in any form without express permission.