



Violence as a public health issue

Masters Level: 15 credits

Certificate in Professional Development

Aim of the course

Violence is not a new health issue for communities and health services. In its many guises, violence serves to increase inequalities in health because it affects the more vulnerable members of communities throughout the world. Through a critical examination of key aspects of violence, this module will provide students with the knowledge and skills to challenge the status quo. It will enable them to look upstream and explore what they can do to address the causes of violence, and build strategies to prevent and control it; to promote safety and ultimately to tackle inequalities in health.

Structure and length of the course

The course will be delivered on one full day per week from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm for five consecutive weeks. Lectures and seminars will be used to develop knowledge of the impact of violence on health, and to critically review strategies implemented to prevent and control violence. Students will be encouraged to read widely and to keep abreast of current trends and issues. Student-led discussions and exercises will be used to explore topics covered and to facilitate the sharing of ideas and knowledge.

Attendance

There will be one intake each year in September.

Course content

- Overview of Violence
- Theories of Violence and Relationship to Health
- Child abuse
- Youth Violence
- Drugs, Alcohol and Violence
- Gender based violence, youth
- Elder Abuse
- Collective violence,
- Suicide / Self Directed Violence
- Ethical issues.

Assessment

This programme will be assessed by a 3000 word essay

Entry requirements

It is anticipated that most students will have a first degree. Any student not able to demonstrate this will be asked to provide other evidence of equivalent learning through work they have carried out. Students must be able to satisfy the programme leader of their potential to study successfully at Masters level and to benefit from the programme. Consideration will be given for prior education and experience. Students must have regular access to the Internet and the Web from their work stations, homes or libraries.

Award

A Certificate in Professional Development
15 Academic Credits at Masters Level

This module can also be taken as an option module on the MSc Public Health Applied, International or Analyst Route

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