



Master of Public Health Concentration Competencies
 Community Oriented Primary Care

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Concentration Domains
1. The Community Dimension in Health Care
A. Explain the ecological model of Community Health.
B. Identify the role of the community in the promotion and improvement of its own health and on health care services.
C. Demonstrate understanding of the role and value of primary health care in promotion of community health as an integral component of the health care system.
D. Formulate different definitions of community.
E. Identify the purpose, content, and methods in the characterization of a community.
2. Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC)
A. Describe, analyze, and integrate the conceptual framework and principles of COPC.
B. Define a community for the purpose of clinical care at the community level; and plan an assessment of health needs using available data for the collection and analysis of health information.
C. Justify the need for the prioritization process in COPC, and define objective criteria to be used for the selection and determination of methods to discuss process and decision.
D. Demonstrate the ability to plan an in-depth selective detailed assessment of a health or set of health conditions in the community, using quantitative and qualitative methods.
E. Demonstrate the ability to plan and develop all the stages of a systematic COPC intervention considering evidence based interventions and apply appropriate methods to promote community participation in the development of COPC.
F. Analyze the differential features and factors involved in the application of COPC worldwide, and identify the opportunities and challenges in the current application of COPC to different healthcare systems.
G. Assess the conceptual and practical factors to take into account the applicability of COPC, recognize the socio-economic, cultural, environment, political and health policy elements that could challenge the application of COPC and develop alternative application solutions.
H. Communicate the principles and features of the practice of COPC to lay populations, to health professionals, and to other related audiences.



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3. Community Oriented Primary Care, Health Information, and Health Disparities
A. Assess the organizational needs for the collection of health information and identify appropriate sources for monitoring and evaluating of COPC services.
B. Assess and evaluate the quality of health data and health information systems in the planning of community health interventions.
C. Analyze the challenges of the current health care system for vulnerable populations and assess the role of community oriented primary care to promote health equity and help reduce health disparities.
4. Values in Community Oriented Primary Care
A. Discuss the scope and implications of social justice and equity in the development of a COPC practice.
B. Explain and demonstrate how community involvement in COPC could be a step in community development.

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