

FMED 611 (3 credits)

Health systems, policy and performance

Understanding and strengthening Primary Healthcare



WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

In a world affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and threatened by emerging diseases, climate change, and humanitarian crises, primary healthcare (PHC) remains first line of defense. PHC is essential for the health of our communities and to achieve the global goal of health for all (SDG 3.0)

WHAT IS IN THIS COURSE?

- Tools and knowledge to understand health systems, and its components as defined by WHO: governance, financing, human resources, access to medicines, information systems and service delivery.
- Critical assessment of PHC and health systems challenges and solutions, with attention to: urban and rural differences; indigenous, and fragile settings; task shifting; patient and community engagement; intersectoral action for health, and PHC evaluation.

TEACHING METHODS:

The course will follow a non-burdensome active learning model, with lectures from researchers and practitioners currently engaged in strengthening PHC in Canada and at the global level.

Part of the MSc Global Health Concentration in the Department of Family Medicine.
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