



Erasmus+



# ESSENTIAL ISSUES IN PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY

# COURSE DESCRIPTION



- What is the course about?

This course is about understanding essential public health issues and related policies in national and international contexts. It is also about understanding public health systems and policy interactions.

- What is the aim of the course?

The course will aim to promote critical understanding, debate and evaluation of current public health issues and policies. The course will aim to explore inter-linkages between public health, social determinants, social inequality, health gaps and health policy formulation. It will also aim to equip students with skills on building evidence-based policy for managing key public health issues.

# EVALUATION AND REQUIREMENTS:



- Attendance Policy: 3 hours / week
- Assessments as per local requirements

# SUMMARY DESCRIPTION



The course content will consist of following content (adaptable for local context)

- Introduction to Public Health Policy – theoretical and historical perspectives
- Understanding essential public health issues and relevant policies
  - Primary Health Care (Three pillars : Health promotion, Community Participation, Multi-sectoral Collaboration)
  - Determinants of Health (Socioeconomic, political, cultural, environmental...)
  - Equity and Equality
  - Public Health Intervention (Vaccination, Primary Prevention, Secondary Prevention...)
  - Communicable and non communicable diseases
  - Nutrition
  - Mental Health
- Health systems and public health policy
- Evidence based public health policy
- Practical skills in policy analysis and development
- Public health policy and health interventions

# STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES (LEARNING OUTCOMES)



## Knowledge :

- Critically analyze the theoretical concepts and ideologies which inform public health policy and practice.
- Critique current public health issues in the light of historical perspectives and discourses.
- Synthesize evidence from public health policy interventions and suggest alternative policy approaches especially in relation to tackling inequalities in health.

## Skills :

- Deconstruct the social, political, economic and environmental contexts of Public Health particularly in relation to social inequalities.
- Analyze the contemporary developments in public health policy and the implications for inter-agency collaborative partnerships across all sectors at national, local and international levels.