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Sample Syllabus Summary:

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**University of Washington
MPH EXTENDED DEGREE PROGRAM
HSERV 522b Health Program Evaluation
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INTRODUCTION

Health programs usually are implemented to achieve specific outcomes by performing some type of intervention or service. While evaluations may be performed for a variety of reasons, most are conducted to answer two fundamental questions: Is the program working as intended? and, second, Why is this the case? Evaluations help decision-makers, program managers and other groups to understand the reasons for program performance, and to make informed judgments about improving a program, extending it to other sites, or cutting back or abolishing a program so that resources may be allocated elsewhere. In essence, evaluation is a management tool for administrators, planners, policy-makers and other health officials.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course deals with the application of research methods to judge the success of health programs. The services emphasized are health and medical care, although the concepts and methods are equally relevant to other sectors. Lectures and discussions concerning problems and techniques are combined with field experiences. Because evaluators often collect data from individuals, survey research methods are also covered in the course. After completing this course you will be able to:

1. Explain techniques for evaluating health programs, including survey research methods;
2. Discuss the political, ethical and administrative issues in evaluating health programs;
3. Describe examples of evaluation research in health services as well as other sectors;
4. Assess the adequacy of program evaluations performed by others;
5. Design an evaluation within an organization of your choice; and as part of this evaluation,

6. Design a survey to answer one or more evaluation questions about the health program or service.

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

ARTICLE REVIEW (Individual Work)

Each person in the class will perform an article review of a published impact evaluation of health care or a health program. Details of the assignment are described later in the syllabus.

GROUP EVALUATION PROJECT

The best way to learn evaluation is to design one. Therefore, the chief objective and requirement of this course is to design – but not conduct -- an evaluation of a health program or health service.

Assignments. The Project has the following five inter-related assignments:

Group Information.

Project Description.

Progress Report.

Final Report.

Presentation.