Clemson Thinks² Faculty Institute 2021 Student Generated Video Projects & Critical Thinking







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Transitioning from Term-Papers to Student Generated Video Projects (Presentation Outline)

- Overview of HLTH 2020 "Intro to Public Health CT²"
- Stimulus for making a change to course
- Process of changing course
- Evaluation of student learning
- Q/A?
- Overview of...

"Student Experiences & Perceptions Towards Student Generated Video Projects (2016-2021)"

HLTH 2020 "Intro to Public Health CT²"

- Beginning of the Semester Academic Challenge!
- What is Public Health?
 - Knowledge, Perspective & Skills of PH
 - Components & Functioning of Preventative HC System
 - Critical Thinking (CT²) Course
- Critical Thinking
 - "Critical Thinking: What It Is & Why It Counts" (Facione '18)
 - Interpretation, Analysis, Evaluation, Inference, Explanation & Self-Regulation
 - Intuitive & Reflective Thinking Strategies/Heuristics
- Constructivism, Metacognition, Engaged Learning...

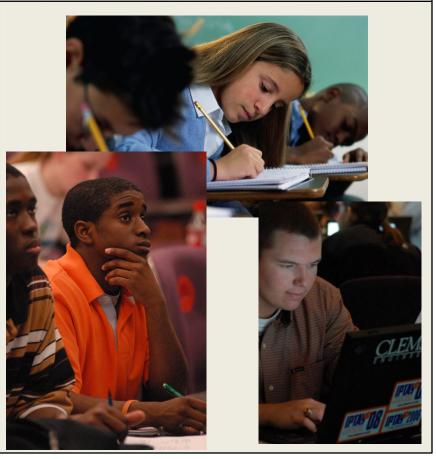
Introduction to Public Health (HLTH 2020)

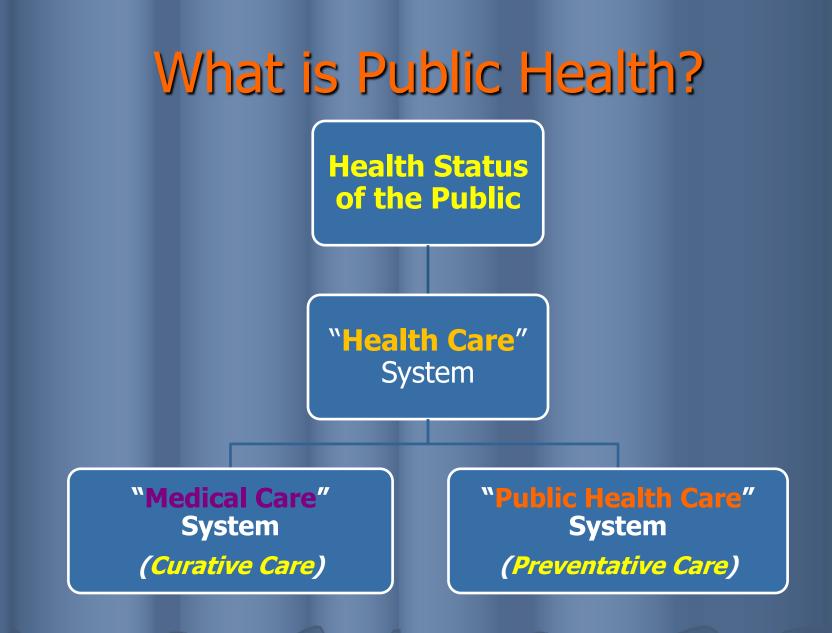


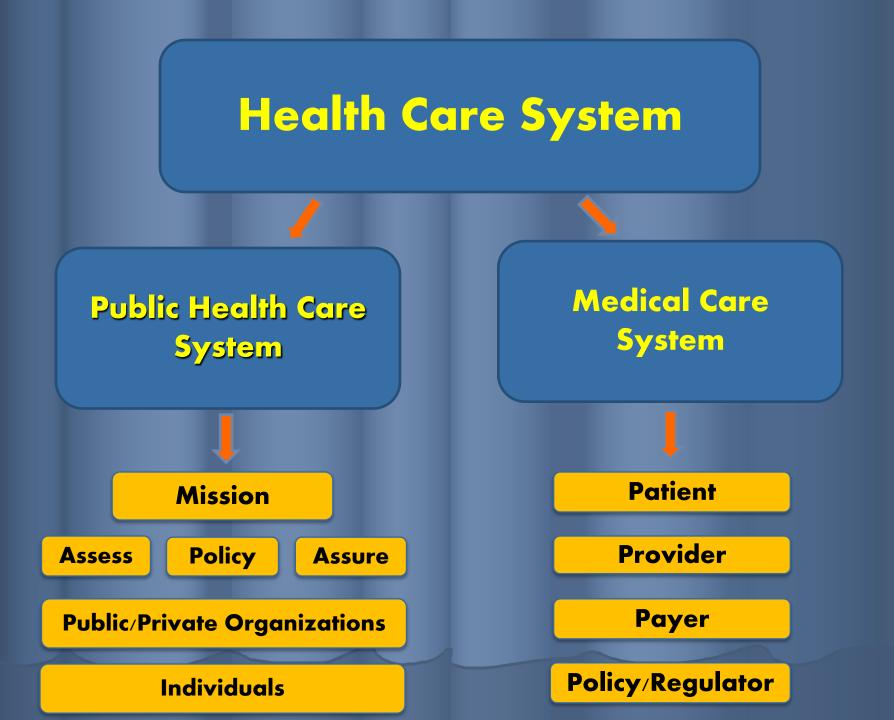
What is Public Health?

Format of Course

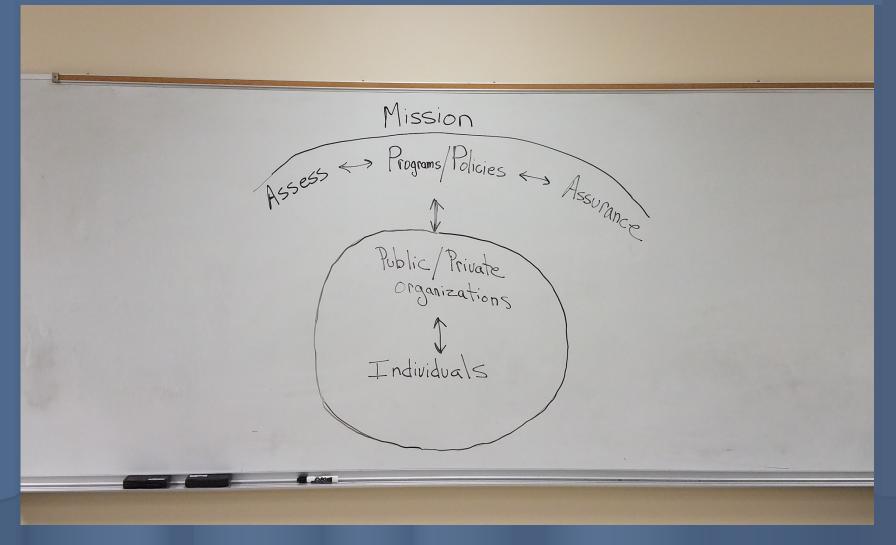
- **3 Modules** of Material (*Text, Lecture, Ind. Research*)
- Exams on Facts/Content (50, 100, 100)
- Mini-Assignments on Skills (5-10 @ 10 pts each = 100)
- Final Project Knowledge/Skills (100 Group/Individual)
- Opportunity to Showcase
 Personal & Professional Skills
- Community Outreach!?!



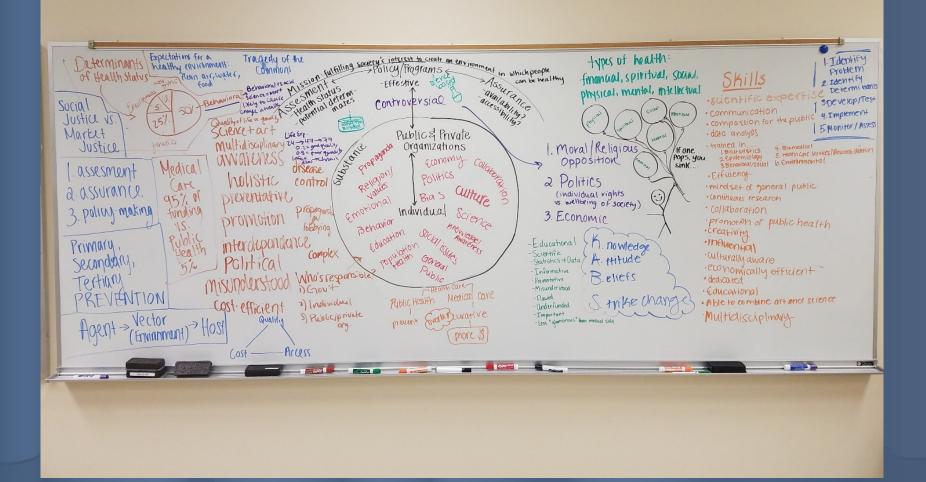




What is Public Health? (Adjectives & Short Statements)



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HLTH 2020 "Intro to Public Health CT²"

"Mini-Assignments" (Examples)

- The Scientists of PH
- Organizational Framework of PH
- Critique of an Original PH Research Study
- Personal Video Statement
- Critique of Previous Student Video Projects
- Determinants of PH Behaviors
- Ethics/Ethical Decision Making in PH
- Group Member Peer Evaluation / Reflection
- Pre- Post CT² Tests
- Weekly Applied Discussion Board Posts
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Stimulus For Changing Course

- Student Feedback/Comments...
 - Ultimate Challenge of PH...
 - Retention of term-paper information...
 - Artifact for Grandma & ...
- Personally...
 - New innovative teaching methods
 - Update student skill sets & target new generation of learners
 - Potentially more enjoyable to grade
- Critical Thinking, Engaged Learning, etc.
 - University initiatives & higher education goals
 - Active learning, digital communication, community outreach, learn how to learn/think, problem solving, deeper understanding...

Process of Changing Course

- Clearly defined key student learning outcomes
- Reviewed teaching strategies
 - Refined strategies (removed some, added some)
- Linked teaching strategies to student learning outcomes
 - Provided students with this summary so they knew my purpose...
- Linked teaching strategies to final project requirements
 - Provided students with this summary so they knew my purpose...
- Hoped for the best!!!
 - Early on ('09)... just make a video similar to term paper topics
 - Ongoing evaluation to refine teaching methods and assignments

Process of Changing Course

- Converting Final Term-Paper Guidelines to Video
 - Identify thesis statement (Health Threat & Target Population)
 - Brainstorm potential content (based on assignment guidelines)
 - Create preliminary outline of message
 - Conduct and synthesize research (confirm ideas & gather new info)
 - Finalize outline of message & resources
 - Instead of writing up ideas...
 - Communicate the same ideas with various audiovisual files (pictures, interviews, background music, popular media, etc...)
 - Finalize list of digital artifact
 - Create a digital storyline
 - Organize digital files into an .mp4 file
 - Provide skills/resources for video production...?

Evaluation of Student Learning

- Potentially more challenging....? How?
- Assignment requirements:
 - Final Group Video File (.mp4)
 - Justification Outline (google doc)
 - Preproduction Script (google doc)
 - Group Member Evaluation (blinded everyone's contributions)
 - Personal Reflections Digital Webpage (Spark, Google Site, Wix)
 - Video abstract
 - Summary of contributions
 - How critical thinking skills were applied during project
 - CT² Test Scores, Survey of Video Experiences
 - Course Evaluations...

Audience Questions? Thoughts? Concerns?

- Has anyone assigned student generated videos?
- Do you see any potential benefits?
- Do you see any potential barriers?
- Do you see any potential opportunities for critical thinking?
 - **1. Interpretation:**
 - To <u>comprehend & understand the meaning</u> of information, etc...
 - 2. Evaluation:

To assess the *credibility* of information, etc...

3. Analysis:

To identify the *intended & actual relationships* between information, etc...

4. Inference:

To identify the *elements of conjecture* based on limited information, etc...

5. Explanation:

To be able to *present clear reasoning* for action/thoughts...

6. Self-Regulation:

To be able to *monitor & alter ones cognition* related to action/thoughts...

Do you want to know what students think about video projects?

Student-Generated Video Projects: Experiences and Perceptions Among Students Enrolled in Classroom and Online Introduction to Public Health Courses (2016-2021) Welsh, R.S., Fraley, V., Johnson, M.F., Parker, E.J., Bryan, E.J., Goude, E.C., & Worsham, C.J.

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