

Intro to Public Health Education Blogs

HEA 308: Introduction to Public Health
Fall Semester, 2008-2009 Academic Year

Blogs are meant to provide you with an opportunity to generate discussion questions on topics we cover in class and to facilitate a discussion with students, both your peers in HEA 308 and MPH students in HEA 601: Intro to Public Health. Blogs will occur in groups. Your blog group will consist of approximately 10-15 peers in HEA 308 lead by 3-4 MPH students from 601.

HOW THE GROUP DISCUSSION WILL BEGIN:

Three blogs will occur throughout the semester. The MPH students will post an initial post and/or discussion question for the 308 students to answer on your assigned board. The MPH students will then follow that discussion (reading all responses) throughout the week and make follow-up comments, probes and additional questions to encourage active participation from the 308 students.

HEA 308 students will provide an initial response that is thorough and (1) refers to specific text material, course material, or other scholarly and/or professional sources related to the topic, (2) made some personal connections, and (3) are able to express yourself in a manner that is inclusive (prompts discussion). You should then thoughtfully respond to at least 2 group members (remember that 2 responses is the minimum or average). Your response should reflect your personal reaction to their postings (more than stating "I agree" or simple one-liners)

Blog DATES

Below are the dates and topics for each group blog:

Number	Topic	Start Date	End Date
1	Definitions of health	9/10/08	9/14/08
2	Health Disparities	10/15/08	10/19/08
3	Social vs Personal Responsibility for health	11/12/08	11/16/08

Each blog will open (become "live") at the start date and remain open until 4 pm on the end date. Once the blog is closed no one will be allowed to post to it. Blogs will take place on the *HEA 308-601 Collaborative Organization* website.

1. On the left side bar click "Groups"
2. Locate your group and click
3. Click on "Group Blog"
4. Locate your group and click "View" under your group name
5. Read the initial post, any responses from your classmates and Post your first response
6. Anonymous posts will not be allowed

HOW WILL YOU BE GRADED?

MPH students will also be responsible for assessing participation grades for you, HEA 308 students. For example, the MPH leaders will assign a \checkmark , $\checkmark+$, $\checkmark-$ or a NP (no participation) for each HEA 308 student in the group. These participation grades will be then emailed to the HEA 308 Instructor for review to be posted. The rubric for assigning participation grades is as follows:

Grade	Criteria
NP	<p>No Posting (NP) examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HEA 308 student did not post a comment, response or question or posted for the first time on the last day. • Posted only “me too” comments.
√ -	<p>Minimum responses that minimally met the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posted comment(s) in the final days of the discussion and/or posted comments with minimum content.
√	<p>Basic response that met the basic requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posted one or two thoughtful comments throughout the week but the response was not thorough and/or prompt discussion (e.g., express yourself in a manner that is inclusive).
√ +	<p>Thorough Response that met all requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posted multiple comments, mostly thoughtful and/or took the discussion in a new (and helpful) direction by asking insightful questions. • Response reflected personal reaction to classmates postings (more than stating “I agree” or simple one liners).