



Course Title: Social Determinants and Theory

Course Instructor: Dr. Circe Le Compte

Course Description:

This session will focus on the social determinants of health with a focus on the U.S. with a specific emphasis on behavioral, psychological, and structural factors that have demonstrated impacts in creating health inequities. We also will learn about different population and psychosocial theories of health, and their heuristic value in understanding the causal links between social factors and disparate disease outcomes. Case studies will be used to explicate the social, economic, and political factors that contribute to inequalities and illustrate opportunities to reduce them and improve health equity. By the end of this course, you will be able to discuss the means by which structural bias and inequities create, recreate, and reify inequities and create challenges to achieving health equity at organizational, community, and societal levels.