

Programa FAUBAI-FARA

Course Title: Introduction to Public Health Policies in Brazil and Their Main Challenges

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Course Length: 15 hours (1 credit)

Language: English

Course Design: Online

Course Overview:

This course aims to introduce students to the development of public health policies in Brazil, starting from the establishment of the Brazilian Republic until the development of the Unified Health System (SUS). Students will acquire a comprehensive understanding of the historical process that led to changes in the Constitution, and examine the present challenges, advancements, and setbacks within the Brazilian healthcare system. Moreover, the course will emphasize the significance of health indicators in the monitoring, evaluation, and planning of initiatives aimed at enhancing the overall health conditions in the country.

Classes:

Title	Description	Duration
The Historical Evolution of Health Policies in Brazil	Key milestones and pivotal moments that shaped the current landscape of health policies in Brazil.	4 hours
The Current Challenges of the Unified Health System (SUS)	Financial sustainability of SUS, integration of healthcare services, decentralization of decision-making processes, and impact of social determinants of health on healthcare delivery and access.	4 hours
Basic Concepts in Health Indicators	fundamental concepts and principles in health indicators (morbidity, mortality,	4 hours

	data sources) analysis and interpretation.	
Discussion and Final Evaluation	Brief presentation of the health system in the student's country/state and comparative discussion	3 hours

Course Objectives: Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Have a comprehensive understanding of the historical context of health policies in Brazil and how it has influenced the current state of the healthcare system.
2. Comprehend the socio-political factors, legislative frameworks, and significant events that influenced the formulation and implementation of public health policies in Brazil.
3. Assess and propose solutions to the complex challenges faced by the Brazilian Unified Health System.
4. Develop the skills necessary to select, interpret, and communicate health indicators effectively.

Grading Requirements: Final grades will be determined as follows:

Attendance/Participation in class 20%

Final Exam (Presentation) 80%