Health Disparities in Public Health Course Curriculum

This initiative will provide all graduate level students in the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health (COPH) the skills with which to effectively undertake health disparity interventions. At the request of Dr. Gary Raskob, Dean, College of Public Health and Dr. J. Neil Henderson, Director, American Indian Diabetes Prevention Center, an existing course (“Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Public Health”) will be revised to feature health disparities issues. The revised course will provide background and training in 1) health disparities concepts including the political and moral economies of health, 2) cultural competency, 3) social injustice (national and international), 4) principles of Community-based Participatory Research relative to health disparity interventions, and 5) utilization of the CDC Planned Approach to Community Health format relative to health disparity interventions.

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More public health professionals must have the skills to effectively battle health disparities.