

The Origin of Health Inequities in the United States

Course Description

In this Origins of Health Inequities course, participants will deepen their understanding and appreciation of ways in which race, ethnicity, and cultural diversity have shaped American institutions, ideology, law, and social relationships from the colonial era to the present. The primary focus is on the historical and social relationships among European Americans, Native Americans, African Americans, Latino Americans, and Asian/Pacific Americans. Participants will learn how these different groups have unique historical experiences resulting in distinctively different health outcomes.

Objectives

- Explain the history, context, and mechanisms/pathways leading to health disparities.
- Discuss the cultural differences and the disproportionate disease burden within racial and ethnic groups.
- Understand how factors of lack of access and representation in healthcare correlate to health inequities.
- Describe how various social and behavioral determinants impact population health.
- Identify ways to measure socioeconomic status and discuss how and why income, education, occupation, and wealth are associated with health.
- Compare theories of health behavior and analyze their applicability to different types of health problems and populations.
- Discuss social and behavioral change interventions that are appropriate and responsive to the social and cultural context.



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