

## HCA 225: PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

Public health issues can be dramatic, such as antibiotic resistance or outbreaks of infectious or vaccine preventable disease and they can also be enduring, such as ongoing challenges in improving mental health care or the social and economic factors determining our health. Many times, public health issues surface to the public domain in the form of controversies. This course is designed to teach public health and health policy through a study of current controversies and to provide insight as to what must be done to advance the health issue and propose strategies for progress. Some of the topics covered include the obesity epidemic, e-cigarettes, binge drinking on college campuses, prescription drug abuse, chronic and infectious disease concerns, antibiotic resistance, gun policy, climate change and more.

**Credits:** 3

**Department:** [Healthcare Administration](#)