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Introduction to the Real World of Public Health Mini-Elective Spring 2018

<u>Course Dates:</u>	February 7, 14, 28 *One session TBA: Contact Course Director upon registering for course Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00 PM
<u>Maximum Students:</u>	12
<u>Class Year:</u>	MS1 and MS2
<u>Course Directors:</u>	Charles J. Vukotich, Jr., MS Senior Project Manager, School of Medicine Asst. Deputy Director (retired) Allegheny County Health Department
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Description:

This class will give students an opportunity to learn about the real world of public health from practitioners in the community. Mr. Vukotich has 30 years' experience as a former senior manager at the Allegheny County Health Department (PA). He is currently a project manager and co-investigator for SMART², a project studying influenza in children in school.

The highly participatory course will provide:

- A field experience in public health.
- The challenge of solving real world public health problems through case studies.
- A better understanding of the important intersections of clinical medicine and public health.
- The opportunity to work with both field- and research-based public health practitioners.

Objectives:

- Experience how public health is carried out in the community.

Requirements:

- Actively participate in all course sessions – the field session will be scheduled for a half day.
- Read brief assignments for each lecture requiring less than 1 hour of time.
- Summary of field experience plus course evaluation.

Course Outline:

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Charles J. Vukotich, Jr., MS
Senior Project Manager, School of Medicine

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Location:

All sessions—Scaife Hall, Rooms 502 and 503

Week One—February 7, 2018

Introduction to Public Health

- Review of major public health functions, organizations and concepts
- Institute of Medicine and public health
- Public Health Practice for clinicians and practitioners
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Week Two—February 14, 2018

Continuation of Week One

Week Three – Self-scheduled session: contact instructor upon registering for course

Field Experience

Students will be placed in a half day field experience with working public health professionals, encompassing environmental or personal health, such as inspections (restaurant, sewage, land fill, housing, etc.), or clinical (TB, STD, HIV, Maternal and Child Health, etc.). Upon registration confirmation, students should contact the course director to arrange a field experience matching their personal interests.

Week Four– February 28, 2018

Report on Field Experience

- Students will prepare a 1 page type-written summary and prepare a 5-10 minute presentation to the group.
- Discuss lessons learned.
- Integrate field and clinical experiences.

Texts:

- Reading materials will be provided to students prior to each class requiring less than 1 hour of preparatory reading for each session.
- Review 3 public health web sites requiring less than 1 hour of time.