



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sciences

Melbourne School of Population & Global Health



SHORT COURSE 19 - 20 NOVEMBER 2015

Understanding and Applying Social Determinants of Aboriginal and Torres Islander Health

AIM

This two-day course provides frameworks for understanding social, economic, historical and cultural factors or determinants that underpin the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples with respect to their unique and diverse cultures.

This short course will explore how these factors contribute to the gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous peoples' health. The course will provide research case studies shown to be effective in improving health status through action on social determinants. Participants will learn how to apply a social determinants framework approach to their own work planning and practices.

POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS

People working in government, private sector, the not-for-profit sector and community agencies, research students and academics who work with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people or who have an interest in Indigenous health and economics.

COURSE OVERVIEW

DAY 1 will provide background information on Victorian Aboriginal people, and frameworks for understanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social determinants.

DAY 2 will present a range of programs and evidence based interventions that have improved Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health through addressing the social determinants, and assist participants to apply a social determinants approach to their own work.

Participants will be provided with tools to apply a social determinants approach to their own work.

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COURSE PRESENTERS



Professor Kerry Arabena

Director, Indigenous Health Equity Unit

From the Meriam people in the Torres Strait, Kerry is Chair of Indigenous Health at the University of Melbourne. She has a Doctorate in Human Ecology and an extensive background in public health, administration, community development and research.



Viki Briggs

Academic Specialist, Aboriginal Health

Viki is a Yorta Yorta woman from Murray–Goulburn Rivers region who has worked in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health with a focus on health promotion and tobacco control for more than 30 years.



Dr Christopher Lawrence

Research Fellow and Lecturer

Chris, from the Noongar people of Western Australia, has a PhD from the George Institute for Global Health. He has worked with the Aboriginal Medical Service in Redfern, the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service in Perth and Congress in Alice Springs.



Nell Angus

Associate Lecturer, Aboriginal Health

Nell has worked in the health sector for more than 17 years, 10 of which have been with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

DATE

19 - 20 November 2015
9.30am - 4.30pm

VENUE

University House, Professors Walk, The University of Melbourne, Parkville

COST

\$800 per person and includes lunch, morning/afternoon tea and a sundowner on Friday 20 November

DISCLAIMER

Applications close 13 November.

The course will run subject to a minimum number of enrolments. Confirmation of the course will be provided no later than COB 13 November, 2015

ENQUIRIES

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