WHAT IS THE ABORIGINAL HEALTH ELECTIVE (AHE)?

The AHE is an interdisciplinary and inter-professional approach towards health education, specializing in Aboriginal Peoples health in Canada. The elective is grounded in First Nations, Métis and Inuit scholarship; delivered by diverse Aboriginal health scholars, researchers, policy makers, Elders, healers and health professionals and paraprofessionals.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

Students will be provided with a survey of Aboriginal health in Canada providing them an opportunity for an increased breadth of knowledge. This elective will impart both a broad understanding of Aboriginal Peoples and their health status, practice, care, and delivery and a narrow focus in varying degrees of health priorities and needs in its shape mix amongst and between First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

WHAT ARE THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES?

The Aboriginal Health Elective will provide students with knowledge and skills related to health care practice and policy from within Aboriginal contexts; enable students to acquire and put into practice concepts and information required to understand and manage health for Aboriginal Peoples; engage in culturally competent and safe practice through knowledge development; and, the ability to identify areas of need specific to Aboriginal Peoples health.

WHO CAN TAKE THE ELECTIVE?

Depending on the program of study the AHE can be taken as a Horizontal Elective, knowledge opportunity, a Bachelor of Health Sciences elective, or as a Global Health 715. The AHE is open to all students regardless of year (under/graduate) or program of study.

BHSc students wishing to take the AHE as HTH SCI 3AH3 must meet the course requisites: Registration in Level III or above in the BHSc (Honours) Program or BHSc (Honours) specializations. Students registered in Level 3 or above in the BHSc (Honours) Program or BHSc (Honours) Specializations may register in HTH SCI 3AH3 on a first serve basis via SOLAR.

Students wishing to take the AHE with special considerations must meet with the ASHS Director prior to commencement.

SCHEDULE & DELIVERY

The AHE is scheduled for the Winter Semester: Term 2. It consists of 10, two hours sessions, Friday: 1:00-3:00pm. It is available at the regional campuses through video conference.

Session formats will include a mix of lectures, small group discussion and site visits to both urban and reserve Aboriginal health care facilities.

Due to the level of interest in the AHE students wishing to participate must attend a minimum of 8 of the 10 sessions with considerations for regional students.

Part of the elective is the (IPE) Inter-professional Day in Education: Aboriginal Health delivered by and within the community and available for Immersion Credit through the PIPER program at McMaster.