Child Health Forum: Translating Research to Policy & Practice

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health
Special Studies Seminar, 2013-14
East Baltimore campus, 2nd & 3rd terms. 3 credits.
Proposed time: Monday afternoons - to be scheduled

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Description
This special studies course will involve a group of students as an organizing committee for a series of Forum discussions of important contemporary child health policy issues. The Forums will invite policy-makers and practitioners from the local, state or federal level to the school to discuss the process by which they translate research into policy and practice. Such “translation” doesn’t happen by accident; there is a thoughtful process that will be explored in each of the Forums. 4 sessions are planned during the 2nd and 3rd terms of the 2013-14 academic year.

Students will work with DrG and other faculty as “staff members” to plan and implement the Forums, including: learning about the translational process and problem solving in public health; selecting the forum topics; preparing background documents; planning session logistics; preparing summary documents; actively participating in the entire forum. The model for this series is the Institute of Medicine’s (IOM) Forums. Students will gain both academic and practical experience and skills.

The Forums will be public events open to faculty, students and guests. The sessions are intended to be active learning experiences for masters and doctoral students and opportunities to explore solutions for the faculty and practice communities. They will be held on Monday afternoons from 4:30-6pm (dates are to be selected).

At the completion of the course, students will be able to

- understand how policy-makers, practitioners and researchers translate knowledge to address contemporary real-world child health issues;
- organize such sessions, including: selecting topics and participants, preparing background materials, organizing the session logistics, and preparing summary documents to reflect the discussions and conclusions.
- Better understand a number of current critical child health issues facing the public policy and public health communities.

There may be an opportunity for MPH students to use this course to meet the Public Health Practicum Requirement. Please contact Dr. Bernard Guyer (bguyer@jhsph.edu) for more details about the course.