HEALTHY U - Winter 2016 ON-LINE

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is about the care and maintenance of you. How healthy we are throughout our lives depends in large part on our health behaviors. This course helps you to make healthier decisions in key areas including mental health and stress management, sexuality, addiction, diet, weight management, and fitness. Through critical evaluation of information and its application to your personal wellness, it aims to support a lifelong healthier you. UCC Area 1: Personal Well-Being course

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will:

- Provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary to adopt health enhancing behaviors
- Enable students to change unhealthy behaviors.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

As a result of this course, students will be able to:

- Describe verbally and in writing, how they can achieve well-being in the seven dimensions of health based on readings, Internet assignments, and class discussion.
- Identify barriers to their own well-being in one dimension of health through selfassessments and analysis of their behavior change logs.
- Develop, implement and evaluate a personal behavior change plan utilizing the health literature that will enable them to progress toward well-being in one of the dimensions of health.
- Explain how personal well-being is impacted by and interacts with the many aspects of the environment in their personal behavior change project and on other class assignments.

REQUIRED TEXT & MATERIALS

Sparling, P.B. & Redican, K.J. (2013). *iHealth: An Interactive Framework (2nd Edition).* McGraw-Hill: New York

TOPICAL OUTLINE OF COURSE CONTENT

- I. Determinants of health
 - a. Behavior (Lifestyle)
 - b. Biology (Heredity/Genetics)
 - c. Environment
 - Dimensions of health

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- a. Physical
- b. Emotional
- c. Social
- d. Spiritual
- e. Intellectual
- f. Environmental
- g. Occupational
- III. Health decision making
- IV. Choosing a healthy diet
 - a. Choose My Plate
 - b. Real versus processed foods
 - c. Food labels
 - d. Physiologic measures
 - i. HDL/LDL
 - ii. Glycemic index
 - iii. Calories
 - e. Weight management
 - i. Non-invasive approaches
 - ii. Invasive approaches
 - f. Food choices
 - i. Fast food
 - ii. Food stores
 - iii. Campus food

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V. Embracing fitness

- a. Exercise versus physical activity
- b. Components of fitness
- VI. Understanding addiction
 - a. Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
 - b. Gambling
 - c. Internet/gaming
- VII. Respecting sexuality
 - a. Anatomy and physiology
 - b. Sexual orientation
 - i. Gender identity
 - ii. Gender role
 - c. Fertility control
 - i. Birth control
 - ii. Pregnancy
 - d. Relationships
 - i. Communication
 - ii. Violence
 - iii. Safer sex
- VIII. Enhancing mental health
 - a. Positive mental health
 - i. Self-esteem
 - ii. Self- concept
 - b. Stress management
 - c. Spectrum of mood
 - i. Anxiety continuum
 - ii. Depression continuum

TEACHING METHODS The course will use lecture, on-line discussions and debates, health assessments, internet activities, and a behavior change project to communicate course content. Blackboard is used for several important purposes in this class. Below is each section of Blackboard and the purpose for

- which it is used:
 ✓ Announcements: Each week important course announcements will be posted in this section. You should check these announcements several times a week and before attending each class session.
 - ✓ *Syllabus*: The course syllabus is posted in .pdf format in this section.
 - ✓ *Course Documents*: A variety of resources are found in this section, including assignment instructions, course readings, exam study guides, etc...
 - ✓ *Lecture Notes*: Lecture notes are posted in this section. When provided by the instructor, you should make a hardcopy of the lecture notes before the class in which the material is covered.
 - ✓ Grade Book: You may use this tool to check your course grades.
 - ✓ *External Links*: Links to websites and videos used in this course are posted here.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS & EVALUATION

40%	Self-Assessments	5 Self-assessments, each worth 8%
30%	Behavior Change	Term Project
	Project	
30%	Discussion Board Entry	8 Entries and 8 Responses. Each entry worth 10
	and Response to	points total (7 for entry and 3 for response to
	Classmates	classmates)

GRADING SCALE

Α	93-100	B+	87-89	B-	80-82	С	70-76	D	60-66
Α-	90- 92	В	83-86	C+	77-79	D+	67-69	F	<60

	QUIREMENTS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK		
Unle	ss otherwise instructed, all writing assignments must:		
1.	Be typed on a word processor. Have 1-inch margins ("normal" setting in MS Word) and be double-spaced.		
2.	Have 1-inch margins ("normal" setting in MS Word).		
3.	Use 12-point font.		
4.	Resubmissions of papers are not accepted		
5.	Include your name and the date (typed) at the top of the page. No other information is necessary. Do NOT include a cover page or use a report cover/folder.		
6.	Include page numbers at the bottom of the page.		
7.	Be well written – punctuation, spelling, composition, syntax, and grammar will be graded. Up to 25% of the grade for the assignment may be deducted for these errors. Please proofread several times carefully.		
8.	Correctly cite all information that is not general knowledge using the most current version of APA style. Using someone else's words in a quote/paraphrase without giving proper credit to the author is <i>plagiarism</i> .		
9.	You are responsible for keeping all returned, graded work until the course has ended and you have received your final grade		
10.	Be submitted on the due date. Late assignments WILL NOT be accepted.		
	Use this as a checklist before submitting ALL assignments.		

COURSE EXPECTATIONS & POLICIES

Class participation:

Participation in classroom activities and discussion is necessary and required – the sharing of ideas and opinions is central to the objectives of this course. Class Participation is measured by in class activities, which is measured by participation on the discussion board. Missed activities cannot be made-up. **Graded Work:**

You are responsible for keeping all returned, graded coursework until the course has ended and you have received your final grade. You are also responsible for monitoring your progress throughout the semester and seeking additional assistance when necessary. You are responsible for contacting the instructor with any questions about grades within one (1) week of receiving the grade.

Reading & Viewing Course Materials:

You are responsible for completing all assigned reading/viewing before the class in which these readings/viewings will be discussed. You are also responsible for accessing, reading, and/or viewing any additional material assigned by the course instructor.

Standards of Academic Conduct – Academic Integrity Policy:

As an academic institution committed to the discovery and dissemination of truth, William Paterson University expects all members of the University community to conduct themselves honestly and with professional demeanor in all academic activities. William Paterson University has established standards of academic conduct because of its belief that academic honesty is a matter of individual and University responsibility and that, when standards of honesty are violated, each member of the community is harmed. All members of the University community are expected to adhere to the Academic Integrity Policy. Violations of the Academic Integrity Policy include, but are not limited to:

- **Plagiarism** is the copying from a book, article, notebook, video, or other source material, whether published or unpublished, without proper credit through the use of quotation marks, footnotes, and other customary means of identifying sources, or passing off as one's own the ideas, words, writings, programs, and experiments of another, whether such actions are intentional or unintentional. Plagiarism also includes submitting, without the consent of the professor, an assignment already tendered for academic credit in another course.
- **Cheating** during examinations includes any attempt to: (1) look at another student's examination with the intention of using another's answers for personal benefit; (2) communicate, in any manner, information concerning the content of the examination during the testing period or after the examination to someone who has not yet taken the examination; (3) use any materials, such as notebooks, notes, textbooks, or other sources, not specifically designated by the professor of the course for student use during the examination period; or (4) engage in any other activity for the purpose of seeking aid not authorized by the professor.
- Collusion is working together with another person or persons in preparing separate course assignments in ways not authorized by the instructor. Academic work produced through a cooperative (collaborative) effort of two or more students is permissible only upon the explicit consent of the professor. The collaboration must also be acknowledged in stating the authorship of the report.
- Lying is knowingly furnishing false information, distorting or omitting data, failing to provide all necessary, required information to the University advisor, registrar, admissions counselor, or professor, for any academically related purpose. Other concerns that relate to the Academic Integrity Policy include such issues as breech of personal security, stolen tests, falsified records, and vandalism of library or other materials. No list could possibly include all the possible violations of academic integrity. These examples should, however, give a clearer idea of the intent and extent of application of this policy.
- For additional information, see the Department of Public Health Student Handbook.

Additional Information:

- The Writing Center, located in the Atrium, is an excellent resource if you need assistance with your written communication skills.
- The Academic Support Center, located in Hunziker Wing on the 2nd floor, is available to assist you with strengthening your study skills, note taking, etc.

These academic support services are free, make use of them.

COURSE SCHEDULE: PBHL 3040 – RESEARCH METHODS IN HEALTH I

TOPIC	READING	ASSIGNMENT DUE	REPONSE DUE
UNIT 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE	Read Chapter 1 and Powerpoint slides for Chapter 1	BY 12/27 at Noon complete Discussion Board Activity 1	By 12/28 at Noon respond to classmates
UNIT 2: CHOOSE A HEALTHY DIET	Read Chapter 2 and Powerpoint slides for Chapter 2	BY 12/30 at Noon complete Discussion Board Activity 2	By 1/2 at Noon respond to classmates <i>NUTRITION SELF-</i> <i>ASSESSMNET DUE</i>
UNIT 3: DEVELOP A FITNESS PROGRAM	Read Chapter 3 and Powerpoint slides for Chapter 3	BY 1/3 at Noon complete Discussion Board Activity 3	By 1/4 at Noon respond to classmates PHYSICAL FITNESS SELF-ASSESSMENT DUE
UNIT 4: AVOID DRUG ABUSE	Read Chapter 4 and Powerpoint slides for Chapter 4	BY 1/5 at Noon complete Discussion Board Activity 4	By 1/6 at Noon respond to classmates ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE ASSESSMENT DUE
UNIT 5: RESPECT SEXUALITY	Read Chapter 5 and Powerpoint slides for Chapter 5	BY 1/7 at Noon complete Discussion Board Activity 5	By 1/8 at Noon respond to classmates INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP SELF-ASSESSMENT DUE
UNIT 6: MANAGE STRESS	Read Chapter 6 and Powerpoint slides for Chapter 6	BY 1/9 at Noon complete Discussion Board Activity 6	By 1/10 at Noon respond to classmates STRESS/MENTAL HEALTH SELF- ASSESSMENT DUE
UNIT 7: MENTAL HEALTH AND DISORDERS	Read Chapter 7 and Powerpoint slides for Chapter 7	BY 1/11 at Noon complete Discussion Board Activity 7	By 1/12 at Noon respond to classmates
UNIT 8: CHRONIC DISEASES	Read Chapters 8-10 and Powerpoint slides for Chapter 8- 10	BY 1/13 at Noon complete Discussion Board Activity 8	By 1/14 at Noon respond to classmates 1/14 at Noon BEHAVIOR CHANGE PROJECT DUE

Please note that the course schedule is tentative and may be altered at the discretion of the instructor to accommodate student learning needs, the incorporation of additional materials, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Instructions for Self-Assessment Assignments

ASSESSMENT 1: Nutrition

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INSTRUCTIONS	Part 1: Obtain your personalized ChooseMyPlate Daily Food
	Plan:
	• Go to www.choosemyplate.gov
	• Click on "Get a personalized Plan" from the right menu.
	• Fill out all of the requested information: Age, Sex, Weight, Height, & Level of Physical Activity. (Note: height and weight are not optional for this assignment).
	• Click SUBMIT and read your Daily Food Plan. Make sure to click on the "Tips" links for additional important information.
	• From the navigation menu on the right, click to view and print a "PDF version of your results" (it will only be 1 page) and write your name on the bottom of your plan.
	Part 2: Track your dietary intake for three days:
	• From the menu on the right, click to view and print a "PDF version of the Meal Tracking Worksheet" (you will need 3).
	• On three different days before the assignment is due, track your food choices and physical activity for those days and
	thoroughly complete the worksheet (one worksheet for each day).
DUE DATE	1/2 at Noon
SUBMISSION	Email the assignment to your professor by the due date/time.
GUIDELINES	
PROJECT	This assessment is worth 20 points and grading will be based on
EVALUATION &	how closely your assignment meets the instructions of the
GRADING	assignment.

ASSESSMENT 2: Physical Fitness

INSTRUCTIONS	Part 1 - Estimate your Resting Metabolic Rate and Daily Energy Expenditure:	
	Follow the instructions found in Table 3.5 of (posted in course materials) to estimate your RMR and DEE.	
	Part 2 - Assess your current level of fitness:	
	In a well-written report, answer the following questions:	
	• What is your RMR and DEE? Be sure to show your work so that your instructor can see how you arrived at your answers.	
	• Based on the information presented in Chapter 3 of your iHealth textbook, your DEE, and your Nutrition Assessment from Assignment 1, do you tend to consume too many, just enough, or not enough calories each day relative to your energy needs? Clearly explain your answer.	
	• Using the information presented in Chapter 3, thoroughly answer the following question by using <u>specific</u> and <u>concrete</u> examples from your life:	
	Do you engage in regular exercise?	
	 If you do exercise, what exercise/s do you do? What is the frequency, duration and intensity of your exercise routine? Do you ever miss a workout? If so, why do you tend to miss your workouts? If not, what helps you stay motivated to continue your workouts? In your present state of health, do you believe that you are a "fit" person? Why or why not? If not, why don't you exercise? What barriers get in the way with engaging in exercise? What can you do overcome these barriers? If you did start to exercise, what exercise/s would you engage in? In your present state of health, do you believe that you are a "fit" 	
	person? Why or why not?	
DUE DATE	0 1/4 at Noon	
SUBMISSION	Email the assignment to your professor by the due date/time.	
GUIDELINES		
PROJECT	This assessment is worth 20 points and grading will be based on	
EVALUATION &how closely your assignment meets the instructions of theGRADINGassignment.		
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ASSESSMENT 3: Alcohol/Drug Use & Abuse

INSTRUCTIONS	 Read "Breaking it Down: Should More Drugs be Legalized," found in Chapter 4 of your iHealth textbook (page 168). Choose a side to this issue and respond to the following question in well- written response: "In your opinion, should more drugs be legalized?" Characteristics of an effective, well-written response include: An effective opening and closing statement. A definitive statement early in the response clearly indicating which side of the debate you chose. A coherent argument that is supported with solid examples.
DUE DATE	1/6 at Noon
SUBMISSION GUIDELINES	E-Mail your finished product by the given due date. This project should be at least 3 pages, double-spaced.
PROJECT EVALUATION & GRADING	This assessment is worth 20 points and grading will be based on how closely your assignment meets the instructions of the assignment.

ASSESSMENT 4: Intimate Relationship

INSTRUCTIONS	TwoOfUs.org is a website for people who are interested in locating credible information and resources related to the creation and maintenance of healthy intimate relationships. TwoOfUs.org is a project of the National Healthy Marriage Resource Center (NMHRC), an initiative sponsored by the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families. TwoOfUs.org is host to a collection of online articles, podcasts, and videos.
	Step 1:
	• Go to www.twoofus.org
	 From the options on top menu, choose the one that is most appropriate for you at this point in your life when you think about your most intimate relationship with another human being: dating, exclusive, engaged, married, or parents. On the resulting page, select one of the "Hot Topics" based on
	 your personal interests. Scroll through all of the resources listed on the next page. From among the listed podcasts, articles, and videos choose a resource that is relevant in some meaningful way to enhancing your ability to improve your current life and intimate relationship.
	Step 2:
	Based on the resource you choose, provide the following information in a well written response:
	• Describe the resource that you chose, list the name of the resource, the type of resource (article, video, or podcast) and provide a brief written summary of the information presented in the resource. Include the URL of the resource so that your instructor may access it.
	 Discuss why you choose this particular resource. Discuss the way/s in which this information relates to your current life. Describe how you might use the information presented in this presented to the presented in this presented to way here the presented in the presented to be a set of the presented in the presented to be a set of the presented in the presented to be a set of the presented to be a set
	resource to make healthy, positive changes in your life. Discuss how this information might make a difference in your ability to negotiate a successful and healthy intimate relationship.
DUE DATE	1/8 at Noon
SUBMISSION	E-Mail your finished product by the given due date. This project
GUIDELINES	should be at least 3 pages, double-spaced.
PROJECT EVALUATION & GRADING	This assessment is worth 20 points and grading will be based on how closely your assignment meets the instructions of the assignment.

ASSESSMENT 5: Stress and Mental Health

INSTRUCTIONS	Part 1 - Film Screening:
	 You will view "Stress: Portrait of a Killer," a 55-minute film about stress & health. It can be watched on the following site: <u>http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/stress-portrait-of-a-killer/</u> Based on the information presented in the film, answer the 23 questions provided to you by your instructor.
	Part 2 - Hostility Assessment:
	 As demonstrated in the film, hostility is closely associated with stress and physical health. People who exhibit greater levels of hostility are generally more stressed and less healthy. How hostile are you? Complete the 10-item "Screening for Hostility" assessment found in course materials section of the course. Be as honest and objective as possible when responding to each item. In a well-written report, thoroughly discuss your hostility score results. What was your score? Were you surprised by the results? Discuss your life in relation to the following three hostility traits: anger, aggression, and cynicism? If you tend to be a hostile person, what specific changes in your life can you make to reduce the harmful effects of hostility as discussed in the film and Chapter 6?
	 If you tend NOT to be a hostile person, what specific strategies do you use to interact with other people in your life who are hostile?
DUE DATE	1/10 at Noon
SUBMISSION	E-Mail your finished product by the given due date. This project
GUIDELINES	should be at least 3 pages, double-spaced.
PROJECT	This assessment is worth 20 points and grading will be based on
EVALUATION &	how closely your assignment meets the instructions of the
GRADING	assignment.

	BEHAVIOR CHANGE PROJECT
PURPOSE	 To use a six-step process to develop, implement, and evaluate a personal behavior change plan. To identify barriers to your own well-being. To explain how your personal well-being is impacted by and interacts with the many aspects of your environment.
INSTRUCTIONS	This project is done in six steps and will take you approximately three weeks to complete.
	Step 1: Assess your current health and take the RealAge Test
	RealAge (www.realage.com) is a website developed by Dr. Mehmet Oz and Dr. Michael Roizen to help you determine if there is a difference between your chronological age (your actual age measured in years) and your biological age (the physiological age of your body, or your "RealAge"). This is done by completing a comprehensive online assessment of your lifestyle and current state of health. Here is how you do it:
Complete this Step during Days 1 of class.	 Go to www.realage.com (Make sure to set aside at least 30 minutes for the test.) Once at the website, click the menu item that says "RealAge test" Next, enter your email address and create a password that you will remember. Next, complete the information on the "RealAge Registration" page. Next, complete the information on the "RealAge Registration" page. Note: if your birth year does not appear in the drop down menu, speak with your instructor before continuing with this assignment. Next, the website will ask if you would like to become a RealAge Member. In order to do this assignment, you do not need to become a RealAge member. Next, starting with the "My Health History" page, begin filling out your RealAge profile. Read the instructions carefully as you are directed to answer questions about your health, feelings, diet and fitness. If you are ever uncertain about the answer to a question and "I don't know" or "not applicable" are not given as options, read the hints next to the question to guesstimate the best answer for you. When you are finished answering the questions, it will ask you if you want to send the test to your family and friends. You may choose to "skip this step". After completing the test, your RealAge will be displayed. You should then click "View and Print Full Plan" located above your RealAge. You personalized RealAge Plan will list all of the things that you are doing which benefit your health and all of the behaviors that have a negative effect on your health. After thoroughly reading the report, create a typewritten list of ALL of the negative behaviors indicated in your plan and rank them (with

	Step 2: Set goals and identify rewards
	Based on the ranked list that you created in Step 1 choose one behavior that you
	would like to change. Write a 2-page description of that behavior as it relates to
Complete this	your current life. Include the following information:
Step during	• Your reasons for selecting this particular behavior to change.
Day 2 of	• A description of the behavior and how it impacts you on a daily basis.
class.	• The reasons why you have not changed this behavior in the past.
	• The reasons why changing this behavior might be difficult for you.
	• A vision of what your life would be like once you have changed your behavior.
	• A behavior change goal, a goal date by which to change the behavior, and a
	reward that you will provide to yourself when you meet your goal.
	Step 3: Assess your current behavior
	Before you begin to make any changes, keep a diary about that behavior. In your
Complete this	diary:
Step during	
Days 3-4 of class.	• Record every occasion when you engage in this behavior (time, place, surrounding events, people you are with, triggers for the behavior, your mood, etc.)
	 Keep this diary for at least 5 days. Each entry should be between 200-300 words.
	Step 4: Redefine your goal and develop an action plan
	After completing Step 3, use the information contained in your diary to identify
	potential challenges you may face when you attempt to change you behavior.
	Reassess if you can reach the goal in the amount of time you indicated in Step 2.
Complete this	Adjust your goal or change your time frame if necessary. Develop a plan to enable
Step during Day 5 of	you to reach your goal. Write a 2-page behavior change plan listing specifically:
class.	• Your revised goals and timeframe.
	• How you propose to change your behavior. List and explain the specific steps
	you will take to begin the behavior change process (i.e. what specific changes
	will you make in your life?)
	• List and discuss multiple ways that you will deal with temptation and failure
	during the behavior change process.
	Step 5: Implement your behavior change plan
Complete this	Put your plan into action. Keep a diary of your "plan in action" for at least five
Step during	days. Each entry into your diary should be between 200-300 words and include the
Days 6-15 of	date and the time it is written. In your diary, you should list and discuss your
class.	success, failures, temptations, triggers, new habits, people who are supporting you
	(or not supporting you), ideas for continued success, personal
	thoughts/ideas/emotions/struggles.
	Step 6: Evaluate your progress
	Near the end of the semester, you must evaluate your plan, even if you are not yet
	done. Write a 2-page summary of where you are at in terms of changing your
~	behavior?
Complete this	
Step during	• Did you reach your goal? How does that make you feel? What differences do
Days 16-19 of	you notice in your life? Will you be able to maintain the change?
class.	• Is your plan still ongoing? For how much longer will your behavior change
	process last? What changes in your life/health have you noticed thus far?
	• Did you not reach your goal? Why didn't you fully meet your behavior change
	goal? What could you do differently next time to ensure success?
	☑ Discuss in detail your plans/hopes for the future as they relate to this specific
	behavior.

DUE DATE	1/14 at Noon
SUBMISSION GUIDELINES	Your responses to steps 1-6 of the assignment should be typewritten and in one report in the order that appears below.
	The completed assignment will include at least:
	 The ranked list of negative behaviors from RealAge Report from Step 1 Do not submit your entire RealAge report The 2 page description from Step 2
	 The 5 journal entries from Step 3 The 2 page behavior change plan from Step 4
	 ✓ The 5 journal entries from Step 5 ✓ The 2 page summary from Step 6
	Include a cover page with your name, name of the course, name of your instructor, the date submitted, and a title.
PROJECT EVALUATION & GRADING	10% - Step 1: Well written, thoroughly addressing the behavior, the behavior change process, and including all of the information indicated above.
GIMIDING	10% - Step 2: Well written, thoroughly addressing the behavior, the behavior change process, and including all of the information indicated above.
	20% - Step 3: Well written, thoroughly addressing the behavior, the behavior change process, and including all of the information indicated above.
	20% - Step 4: Well written, thoroughly addressing the behavior, the behavior change process, and including all of the information indicated above.
	20% - Step 5: Well written, thoroughly addressing the behavior, the behavior change process, and including all of the information indicated above.
	20% - Step 6: Well written, thoroughly addressing the behavior, the behavior change process, and including all of the information indicated above.
NOTES	12 Font, Double Spaced, Normal Margins