

GUIDELINE FOR UNDERGRADUATE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

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Introduction

The Department of Health Promotion encourages their undergraduates to take part in outreach activities which would enhance students' capabilities and competencies. The areas of outreach activities include research, community-based interventions, training programs, workshops, innovations, competitions, and exhibitions. The opportunities for these outreach activities are developed through the links created with different government and non-government institutions. These institutions have a strong relationship with the Department of Health Promotion after witnessing Health Promotion competencies developed in the country. Hence, an opportunity is created for undergraduates to take part in various outreach activities with these institutions. These outreach activities would contribute positively in creating job opportunities for graduates in the future.

Objective/s

- Enhancing undergraduates' competencies in health promotion research and community-based health promotion programs
- Providing opportunities to work with different institutions and exposure to outside programs which are relevant to Health Promotion study program

Opportunities for outreach programs

When opportunities are identified or communicated students will be notified by the department after discussing with other staff members for scheduling lectures and other formal academic activities.

Registration for outreach activities

The department informs all students who are interested to get register themselves in advance. The selection of students for the relevant program depends on the number of students requested and the requirement of the program. Equal opportunities are given to both males and females. Language capabilities are considered when allocating students for the programs in different areas of the country.

Coordination and facilitation

Students are guided by the staff members of the health promotion department for every outreach program. Facilities which are provided from the department vary according to the outreach program.

Permission and Support

All students are required to get prior permission from the department to participate in all outreach activities. In special situations, students' requests for permission will be referred to the Dean of the faculty in order to take a decision. .

Incentives

No incentive will be provided by the Department of Health Promotion or the Faculty of Applied Sciences. However, by nature some outreach activities are supported by an incentive or travel support by the particular organization. Students are entitled for these incentives if provided.

Monitoring the outreach program

At the end of each program, the student has to submit a report individually or as groups to the health promotion department and the relevant outside institution upon their request. Outreach report format could be obtained from the department upon request.

Appreciation of outreach outcomes

Outcome of outreach programs openly discussed in a common forum organized by the department. Appreciation letters and certificates are awarded for students who complete the activity successfully.