



# Resources Available to Train Medical Educators in Health Disparity Course Facilitation

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## Background

- There is a significant need for the integration of Health Disparity (HD) curriculum in the current medical school landscape.
- Recognizing how HD impacts the health of our patients is valuable information for all health care providers to know and understand, as it greatly shapes the quality and access to patient care.
- Before students can be educated about HD in the classroom, we first need to ensure that the course facilitators leading these discussions are well versed in the subject matter.
- The Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) Chapter at the Chicago Medical School (CMS) decided to make educating faculty members in HD topics one of its priorities this year.

## Methods

- An extensive Google search was conducted to catalog available online courses in HD.
- A database was created compiling the courses found and other relevant information such as the type of credit received, availability of the courses, enrollment, cost, and associated modules.

## Results

Organization	Type (Health Disparity/ Course Facilitation)	Format	Credit	Availability	Cost	Modules
John Hopkins/ Coursera*	HD	Online	Certificate with fee	Always	Free; \$49 if certificate needed	14 Hours of course material
Harvard	HD	Online	CME Certificate	Always	\$267 for the full 5 modules - Module 1 only \$49 - Module 2 only \$75 - Module 3 only \$69 - Module 4 only \$25 - Module 5 only \$49	1. Introduction to the Mechanisms of Health Disparities 2. Recognizing Global Health Care Disparities 3. Researching Disparity: Methodology and Models 4. Caring for Refugees and Asylum Seekers 5. Health Care Access and Delivery in the US
U of I Chicago	HD	Online	U of I Course Certificate	Academic Calendar Only	\$70 Application Fee plus course fee - too cumbersome to find out	3 Semester Hour Course
PHTC	HD	Online	Certificate	Restricted to specific times	Free and open to public	One course credit
University of Florida	HD	Online	U of F Course Credit	Academic Calendar Only	Hard to find, need to be an enrolled student to find out	One course credit
NIH	HD	Online	NIH Certificate	Restricted; 10 month program	Hard to find, not in the enrollment	N/A
Stanford Medicine	HD	Online due to Covid only	Stanford Course Credit	Academic Calendar Only	Unable to find out	One course credit

## Discussion

- The decision between which course CMS will utilize for faculty development is currently under review.
- Based on cost, availability and content, we narrowed down to our two top choices, the John Hopkins and Harvard Coursera courses.
- While both courses appear to be very comprehensive, we recognize the need to include an additional training session for real-time discussions around HD topics with the facilitators.
- We hope that this hybrid model of utilizing existing courses and adding our own session would ensure that our facilitators are well versed in social issues around HD.

## Conclusion

- The students in the CMS GHHS Chapter conducted a search to determine what courses existed for faculty development and found two which may best fit the needs of our institution.
- While these courses appear comprehensive, we recognize the need to augment these courses with our own training session to ensure our faculty are sufficiently educated within HD subject matter.