



FACULTY OF MEDICINE
eHealth Strategy Office

THE UNITED NATIONS MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (UN MDG)

- 1. ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY & HUNGER**
- 2. ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL PRIMARY EDUCATION**
- 3. PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER WOMEN**
- 4. REDUCE CHILD MORTALITY**
- 5. IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH**
- 6. COMBAT HIV/AIDS, MALARIA AND OTHER DISEASES**
- 7. ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**
- 8. DEVELOP A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT**

How can Academic Institutions Contribute to Attaining MDG Targets?

*****WOULD YOU JOIN US? AN INVITATIONAL UN MDG WORKSHOP 2010*****

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UN MDG INTRODUCTORY COURSE FOR HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENTS

The UN MDG Introduction Course seeks to assist health sciences students to increase their awareness, understanding, and personal adoption of the UN MDGs for their local and global practice and education. The course aspires to facilitate international, interprofessional collaboration through having a core curriculum, multiple case studies, expert excerpts and videos, self reflections, course evaluation, and digital multimedia platform development.

University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine eHealth Strategy Office, in conjunction with Hong Kong University, Tec de Monterrey University under the Universitas 21 (U21) partnership, and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs NGO Section, founded this effort in 2007 in forming the UN MDG Education Steering Committee. Since then, in synergy with schools and Faculties - Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy – of different U21 member universities, we have developed interprofessional educational materials and evaluation instruments for flexible adoption into a health sciences training program to advance and promote the development of the UN MDG Introduction course and its related materials.

Currently, the U21 UN MDG Steering Committee is composed of interdisciplinary faculty members from six universities: UBC, Tec de Monterrey, University of Nottingham, Hong Kong University, Korea University, and the University of Melbourne. The committee is actively facilitating the growth of content materials, a Web 2.0 platform to support discussion and the exchange of material, as well as an evaluation framework to assess how academic institutions contribute to UN MDG target attainment through education, research, and knowledge translation. Several other schools have also agreed to trial the course in various formats.

WE NEED YOU: EXPANDING GLOBAL INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

In order to achieve the set UN MDG targets by year 2015, it will take every global citizen's and organization's efforts. Academic institutions can do our part in contributing to target attainment through education of our faculty members and students, global research, and effective knowledge translation. We cordially invite you and your university, Faculty, and school to join us by contributing your educational and research expertise, your enthusiasm, and your passion to collaborate together in this important and highly meaningful initiative.

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