

Human Rights Syllabi for the College Classroom

University of the Western Cape

Winter School Programme in Public Health

Health and Human Rights Train-The-Trainers Course

17th to 21st July 2000
Economics and Management Sciences Building

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Training in human rights for health professionals has increasingly been identified as a critical need for the health sector. This is particularly the case in light of the findings of the Truth Commission that highlighted the role played by training institutions in human rights abuses under apartheid.

The course is aimed at teaching staff in institutions training health professionals -- Universities, Technicons, Nursing Colleges and other Training Facilities. Participants should ideally be teachers active in undergraduate or postgraduate teaching in a position to introduce or facilitate ongoing sustainability of training initiatives beyond the course.

The aim of the course is to:

- o enable participants to understand the conceptual framework for human rights, its relationship to health, the historical context and national and international human rights debates relating health and human rights.
- o Promote understanding of professional and ethical codes to support human rights
- o Explore the past and future roles of institutions in the health sector with regard to human rights
- o Recognise the importance of self-study, reflection on the past to plan for the future
- o Explore strategies for curriculum change, including multidisciplinary teaching, identifying clinical settings in which human rights abuses take place, and exploring the relationship between ethics and human rights
- o Identify core and discipline-specific competencies in human rights
- o Share resources available (electronic and other)

The course is based on a previous pilot course run at UWC Winter School in 1998. With this course, however, we aim to maintain a network of human rights teachers beyond the life of the course, through ongoing communication and support.

Programme Outline

Monday 17th

Session One: Introduction

8.30-9.00	Introduction	LB , LL , KP
9.00-9.30	Course learning objectives	LB
9.30-10.30	The Context for the course	LL
10.30-11.00	TEA	

Session Two: Human Rights violations and the health worker

11.00-11.45	A case study of a Human Rights violation involving a health worker	LL
	Plenary discussion	
11.45-12.30	Group work on case studies	Groups
12.30-13.00	Report back	Class
13.00-14.00	LUNCH	

Session Three: The origins and underpinnings of human rights

14.00-15.00	What are human rights?	KP
15.00-15.15	TEA	
15.15-16.00	Group work	Groups
16.00-16.45	Report back	Class
16.45-17.00	Debriefing	

Overnight

- o *Readings on the basis for Human Rights*
- o *Exercise on Human Rights*
- o *Journals*

Tuesday 18th

Session Four: The South African situation

8.30-9.00	Buzz groups: Human rights in the SA Constitution	Buzz groups
9.00-9.30	Plenary discussion: Human rights in South Africa	KP
9.30-11.00	Inputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o SA Human Rights Commission o PAWC: Patient Rights Charter o Operationalising the right of access to health care o Plenary discussion 	KP, CM , CH
11.00-11.30	TEA	
11.30-12.45	Case Study: ToP in South Africa Inputs and Plenary discussion	KP, MoS , SL Class
12.45-13.45	LUNCH	

Session Five: Curricula Issues (I): Objectives-based Health and Human Rights Curricula

13.45-14.00	Input of objectives-based curricula	LB
14.00-15.00	Group work: What are core competencies in HHR?	Groups
15.00-15.30	TEA	
15.30-16.45	Examples of Objectives-based HHR curricula	LB , PM
16.45-17.00	Debriefing	
<i>Overnight</i>	<i>Readings:</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>TRC Submissions to the Health Sector hearings</i> ○ <i>South African Medical Journal article on hearings</i> ○ <i>Monograph on the Interim Medical and Dental Council</i> ○ <i>Health Rights and Patients Rights Charters</i> ○ <i>Journals</i> 	

Wednesday 19th

Session Six: Institutional Change (I)

8.30-9.00	Feedback and responses to material-issues Input on overall TRC health sector findings	LL LB
9.00-9.15	TRC recommendations on health sector training	LL
9.15-10.00	Group work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What should your institutions be doing? ○ What challenges face the Councils and Professional Associations? 	Groups
10.00-11.00	Input concerning the Councils and Professional Associations Plenary discussion	Reps Class
11.00-11.30	TEA	

Session Seven: Institutional Change (II)

11.30-12.00	The relationship between bioethics and human rights-implications for teachers	DB
12.00-12.30	Plenary discussion	Class
12.30-13.30	LUNCH	

Session Seven: Institutional Change (III)

13.30-13.50	The WITS experience-The Wits IRC	WO
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13.50-14.30	Responses from the Panel	GP , RK , CV
14.30-15.00	Plenary discussion	Class
15.00-15.30	TEA	
15.30-16.30	Plenary discussion (continued)	Class
16.30-16.45	Debriefing	
<i>Overnight</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Readings</i> ○ <i>Journals</i> 	

Thursday 20th

Session Eight: Curricular Issues (II): Implementation

8.30-8.45	Debriefing	
8.45-9.30	Small group work to revise core competencies in light of new information	Groups
9.30-10.00	Feed-back in plenary	Class
10.00-10.30	TEA	
10.30-10.45	The Hidden Curriculum	LB
10.45-11.45	Small group work: how to implement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ your own environment and experience ○ barriers and obstacles 	Groups
11.45-12.45	Plenary feedback and discussion	Class
12.45-14.00	LUNCH	

Session Nine: Human Rights developments within the health sector

14.00-15.30	Resources for Health and Human Rights teaching	JB
15.30-16.00	TEA	
16.00-17.00	Reflection on Journals, newspaper cuttings	LL
<i>Overnight</i>	<i>Exercise-devising a teaching material</i>	

Friday 21st

Session Ten: Developing Teaching Materials

8.30-9.30	Feedback on ideas for teaching materials	Class
9.30-10.30	Group work: Development of teaching ideas	Groups
10.30-11.00	TEA	

Session Eleven: Consolidation and Sustainability

11.00-12.30	Feedback and discussion on materials How to develop further Future support and networking Future activities	Class
12.30-13.00	Evaluation and post-course questionnaires CLOSURE	Class

CH: Chloe Hardy, Gender Commission
CM: Charlotte Maclean, SA HRC
CV: Charles Villa-Vicencia, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation
DB: David Benatar, UCT Philosophy Department
GP: Gonda Perez, UCT Health Sciences Transformation Officer
PM: Pat Mayers, UCT Nursing
JB: Joshua Bloom, visiting Human Rights Intern
LB: Laurel Baldwin-Ragaven, Co-convenor
LL: Leslie London, Co-convenor
MoS: Michelle O'Sullivan, Community Law Centre
PM: Pat Mayers, UCT Nursing
RK: Rhoda Kadalie, IDASA
SL: Sheila Lapinsky, PAWC Human Resources
WO: Wendy Orr, WITS Transformation Officer

Course Reader

Conventions and Codes

- United Nations. (1984). Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.
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- Levy, J. (undated). Perilous Purge. *Democracy in Action*.pp 5-7.
- Cape Times. (5/8/97). TRC Must Look at 'Ordinary' Apartheid - 2-part series of articles.
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