DIVERSITY & INCLUSION CURRICULUM RESOURCE DOCUMENT

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Background

The demographic mosaic of Canada is ever changing. Aside from the increase in culturally diverse populations, demographic changes are also evident in terms of age, religion, ability, socio-economic status, and sexual/gender identity. The populations being served by public health professionals are also becoming more diverse. Due to health disparities in diverse populations and as a result of systemic barriers (including discrimination and lack of culturally sensitive practices), these barriers affect the accessibility of health care services by vulnerable populations. Recognizing and addressing these disparities is essential. It is one of the many challenges facing the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Diversity and Inclusiveness is the fifth category within the Core Competencies for Public Health in Canada Release 1.2 (2008). “This category identifies the socio-cultural competencies required to interact effectively with diverse individuals, groups and communities. It is the embodiment of attitudes and practices that result in inclusive behaviours, practices, programs and policies” (Core Competency Manual 2008, page 5). Socio-cultural competency can be achieved through an engaged process of training, reflection and evaluation at the individual level of practice and through policies, management and environment tone, hiring/retention practices and accountability at the organizational level of practice. The attainment of socio-cultural competence is also a process from awareness to an ability to apply knowledge that includes leadership at an organizational level.

The Access, Equity & Social Justice Committee, Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) determined that public health professionals would benefit from diversity training to improve skills necessary to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse community. The position paper Diversity Competent Public Health Professionals (2006) outlines that “Public Health professionals require a number of concrete skill sets. Among these are key ones relating to diversity competence” (p.2). The position paper also includes two resolutions made by OPHA: To make this position paper the position of the
OPHA and to “implement all-staff diversity training using best practices” (p. 7). Diversity training has the potential to equip public health professionals with the necessary skills to ensure personal competence in dealing with the diverse populations, and transformation of public health practice through increased understanding that social inclusion is necessary at both individual and organizational level of public health practice. Developing this competence is seen as a critical step toward addressing health disparities.

**Purpose**

This document has been prepared to analyze and compare the Core Competencies 5.1 – 5.3 outlined in *Core Competencies for Public Health in Canada* Release 1.0 (2008) and the learning objectives of the *Draft Learning Outline* (November 2007) to determine alignment. It is also the purpose of this document to make recommendations regarding possible revisions or additions to the existing documents. The final purpose is to create a resource document that will “provide public health training to develop and increase curriculum related to diversity, access, equity and social inclusion” (p. 8) as outlined in the OPHA 2006 resolutions.

The Diversity and Inclusion Core Competencies 5.1 - 5.3 and learning objectives of the draft Learning Outline were analyzed and compared with careful attention to language. After reviewing the learning objectives, it was possible to align the learning objectives to corresponding core competencies (see Table 1, p.5). There were similarities in language between Core Competency 5.1 and the five learning objectives listed under the heading of Diversity Dimensions. Both concentrate on recognition, awareness and acknowledgement, all related terms. With more difficulty similarities were drawn between Core Competency 5.3 and Anti-racism, Anti-oppression, and Social Inclusion. The major focus appeared to be on the ability to apply knowledge both at the individual and organizational levels. The focus of Core Competency 5.2 and Service Delivery, Programming, and Organizational Changes appear to be on implementation and evaluation of programs and policies and a concentration on organizational processes.
Summary

An analysis of the resources outlined in the Annotated Bibliography was completed with careful attention to themes within the language. Specific themes relating to competency were isolated. The initial analysis included a variety of terms such as sensitivity, awareness, attitudes, values, knowledge, skills, techniques and practices. Many of these terms were used interchangeably for individual and organizational practice. The theme of leadership developed as an outcome of developing/implementing competency at an organizational level in the form of policies and practices that reflected competence (Cultural Competence in Health Care: Emerging Frameworks and Practical Approaches, 2002; Understanding the Cultural Self in Promoting Culturally Competent Care in the Community, 2002; A Cultural Competence Guide for Health Professionals in Nova Scotia, 2005; Cultural Competencies for Health and Social Service Organizations, 2005).

Drawing on the alignment of Core Competencies and learning objectives outlined above, the analysis was organized into three themes. The three themes are awareness, knowledge and leadership. The first theme was best aligned with Core Competency 5.1 and the learning objectives included within Diversity Dimensions. Terms such as sensitivity, values, and attitudes best fit under the theme of awareness. Within the literature and resources these terms were often linked with personal awareness and an initial phase of cultural competence. Awareness is defined as “having or showing realization, perception or understanding” (http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/awareness). It is an ability to recognize how social factors such as race, sexual/gender identity or income can contribute to disparities in health and access to health services.

The second theme identified in the literature was knowledge. This area best aligned with Core Competency 5.3 and the learning objectives included within Anti-racism, Anti-oppression, and Social Inclusion. The literature seemed to indicate that competency development proceeded from awareness to knowledge. This second category
included terms such as skills, ability, practice and competence. Knowledge is “the fact or condition of knowing something with familiarity gained through experience or association. Knowledge applies to facts, or ideas acquired by study, investigation, observation or experience” (http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/knowledge). At this level of competence an individual or organization has the ability to use knowledge with skill and experience. At this level of competence it is not only an understanding, but an ability to act.

The third theme identified was leadership and best aligned with Core Competency 5.2 and the learning objectives included within Service Delivery, Programming, and Organizational Changes. This are of focus most commonly discussed the role of organizations in attending to policies and procedures. Leadership is “a position; an ability to lead; an act or instance of leading, guidance, direction” (http://dictionary.reference.com/browse-leadership). Leadership ensures that “inclusion is a process as well as an outcome”. It is practice/competence that originates from those within the agency/organization who determine the scope and direction, set the tone and lead by example. It is action based. For an overview of alignment between Core Competencies 5.1 – 5.3 and Learning Objectives with selected themes, see Table 1.
Table 1 – Comparison - Core Competencies & Learning Objectives

A. AWARENESS

Core Competency 5.1
Recognize how the determinants of health (biological, social, cultural, economic and physical) influence the health and well-being of specific population groups.

Learning Objective - Diversity Dimensions
1. To increase understanding and valuing of the dimensions of diversity in order to fully integrate these dimensions into daily individual and organizational practices.
2. To increase/enhance self-reflection and acknowledgement (individual and organizational) of one’s own values, attitudes and culture.
3. To become familiar with examples of individual and organizational self assessment tools that foster increased awareness of diversity.
4. To increase/enhance the use of inclusive language and effective communication skills to foster mutual respect in a diverse environment.
5. To increase understanding of the need for tailored health promotion strategies for diverse population groups.

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B. KNOWLEDGE

Core Competency 5.3
Apply culturally-relevant and appropriate approaches with people from diverse cultural, socioeconomic and educational backgrounds, and persons of all ages, genders, health status, sexual orientations and abilities.

Learning Objective - Anti-racism, Anti-oppression, and Social Inclusion
1. To increase awareness and understanding of the impact of the determinants of health upon the individual, community and population as a whole.
2. To increase awareness and knowledge of the continuum of local data on health disparities.
3. To increase awareness among staff regarding principles of community engagement.
4. To encourage discussion/knowledge exchange that examines barriers and power relations that result in inequities.

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C. LEADERSHIP

Core Competency 5.2
Address population diversity when planning, implementing, adapting and evaluating public health programs and policies.

Learning Objective – Service Delivery, Programming, and Organizational Changes
1. To increase staff skills to work with diverse communities in the provision of programs and services in the community.
2. To ensure that diversity is considered and reflected throughout all aspects and levels of the organization (e.g. positive imaging, signage for a more welcoming environment).
3. To appreciate the value of clear policies in support of an inclusive, diverse work environment (e.g. use of translation, interpretation, communication support, inclusive language).
4. To appreciate the importance of eliminating health disparities in all aspects of health unit program design, implementation, and evaluation.

Recommendations

After concluding the analysis of the three documents, Core Competencies 5.1 – 5.3, Draft Learning Outline and the Annotated Bibliography some final recommendations were suggested. For alignment between Core Competencies and learning objectives included within the Draft Learning Outline several suggestions were made. In some cases, the recommendations include revisions to the language used, while others recommendations suggest a change of location within the objectives. With consensus
from the group the recommended changes have been made to the Draft Learning Outline.

The following table outlines the recommendations made:

Table 2 – Recommendations for revision of Learning Objectives

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<th>Diversity Dimensions</th>
<th>Recommended Revision</th>
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<td>Learning Objectives as found in the Nov 07 Draft</td>
<td>Recommended Revision</td>
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<tr>
<td>1. To increase understanding and valuing of the dimensions of diversity in order to fully integrate these dimensions into daily individual and organizational practices.</td>
<td>No change</td>
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<td>2. To increase/enhance self-reflection and acknowledgement (individual and organizational) of one’s own values, attitudes and culture.</td>
<td>No change</td>
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<td>3. To become familiar with examples of individual and organizational self assessment tools that foster increased awareness of diversity.</td>
<td>No change</td>
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<td>4. To increase/enhance the use of inclusive/accessible language and effective communication skills to foster mutual respect in a diverse environment.</td>
<td>Recommend a word change from “use” to “awareness” of and the addition of accessible to inclusive/accessible language.</td>
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<td>5. To increase understanding of the need for tailored health promotion strategies for diverse population groups.</td>
<td>No change</td>
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<td>1. To increase staff skills to work with diverse communities in the provision of programs and services in the community.</td>
<td>Recommend that this objective is moved to Anti-racism, Anti-oppression and social inclusion section. This objective focuses on skill development of individual staff and may be a better fit within the theme of ‘knowledge’.</td>
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<td>2. To ensure that diversity is considered and reflected throughout all aspects and levels of the organization (e.g. positive imaging, signage for a more welcoming environment).</td>
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<td>3. To create clear policies in support of an inclusive, diverse work environment (e.g. use of translation, interpretation, communication support, inclusive language).</td>
<td>Recommend a sentence change from “to appreciate the value of clear policies” to “create clear policies”.</td>
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<td>4. To reduce health disparities in all aspects of health unit program design, implementation, and evaluation.</td>
<td>Recommend a sentence change from “to appreciate the importance of eliminating” to “to reduce”.</td>
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Within the Draft Learning Outline, recommendations were made to expand the Core Training Content to include a section on ‘Review and Evaluation.’ This was to ensure that this component was not left out in the planning stages for implementing diversity training. With consensus from the group the recommended changes have been made. The new section has been added. The following includes the original recommendations as outlined to the group.

DRAFT LEARNING OUTLINE – ADDITION

1. Review and Evaluation

Review and evaluation of diversity training and training objectives are required to ensure that objectives are being met and if not, training programs are adapted or revised.

Many resources included sections on effectively reviewing and evaluating training programs as an essential step in providing diversity training. This would be an important inclusion in providing a learning curriculum resource for the purposes of diversity training. Please see list for possible resources that could be referenced. Some of the resources are specifically for program assessment; however include the importance of evaluating diversity training.

Possible Resources:


- Tip sheets for Evaluation Tools for Racial Equity, see http://www.evaluationtoolsforracialequity.org


Finally, within the Annotated Bibliography, recommendations were made to add children to the Priority Populations under Children & Youth as well as to
expand the Low Literacy section to include language accessibility. With consensus from the group the recommended changes have been made. The new resource material has been added to the Annotated Bibliography. In addition, a fourth column has been added to the Annotated Bibliography entitled “Resource Access”. This section provides additional information regarding how to access resources that are not available on the Internet and if fees are applicable. The following includes the original recommendations as outlined to the group.

**ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY – ADDITIONS TO PRIORITY POPULATIONS**

1. **Children**

Several resources discuss children in context with other issues such as poverty, women and abuse. It may be an important resource area to include as a priority population. Alternatively, resources referencing children could be including under other subheadings such as Aboriginal People, Women or as an additional option, Youth could be expanded to include Children and Youth. Please see list for possible resources that could be referenced.

**Possible Resources:**


- **Social Inclusion as Solidarity: Rethinking the Child Rights Agenda** By Michael Bach

- **Social Inclusion Through Early Childhood Education and Care** By Martha Friendly and Donna S. Lero

- **Feminist Perspectives on Social Inclusion and Children’s Well-being** By Meg Luxton

- **Leave No Child Behind! Social Exclusion and Child Development** By Clyde Hertzman

- **Does Work Include Children? The Effects of the Labour Market on Family Income, Time and Stress** By Andrew Jackson and Katherine Scott

2. Accessible Language (Low Literacy in Priority Populations could be expanded to include Language).

Language inclusion is discussed in the Learning Outline. Comments were made regarding how to incorporate inclusive language in the environment and being aware of communication. Several resources went further to address language proficiency. Both the Learning Outline and Annotated Bibliography address the issues of low literacy or non-inclusive language. However, accessible language for persons who do not speak the two official languages of Canada has not been addressed significantly. Several resources provided guidelines for uncovering language disparity in service and using/implementing interpreter services and making resources available in the language that people read/speak in communities. For the purposes of diversity training, there are resources that discuss the difficulties associated with not providing services in the language of those using the service. Please see list for possible resources that could be referenced.

Possible Resources:


- Inclusive language should also mean information is available in the language a person speaks/reads. One recommendation made by the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia. [http://www.crnns.ca/documents/PositionStatementCultural06.pdf](http://www.crnns.ca/documents/PositionStatementCultural06.pdf)


Curriculum Resources

The following resources can be accessed using the Annotated Bibliography. The resources have been organized using the Core Training Content outlined in the Draft Learning Outline. This section outlines the material covered in the resources that align with the learning objectives identified for each Core Training section. The documents contained within each section are outlined based on the topics they cover and the information sheets that would be useful for lesson plans, exercises and online learning modules.

Exercise / Lesson Plan Development

1. Community Make-up:
   a. Learning Objectives: Diversity Dimensions #1
   b. Anti-racism, Anti-oppression and Social Inclusion #1, #2
   c. A brief demographic picture of Ontario


   - Includes suggested presentation outlines and slides that can be copied for presentations / trainings. Topics covered include:
   - Factors that combine to make people and communities healthy (or unhealthy).
   - Explains that equity affects the health of everyone, not just those who are poor and excluded.
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- New learning – To attain cultural competence in individuals.

#2 Organizational Recommendations with guidelines:
- Workplace policies and procedures – To move forward on environment of cultural safety organizations.
- Recruitment – To recruit a diverse nursing workforce, employers, and unions.
- Retention – To retain a diverse nursing workforce, employers, and unions.
- Internationally educated nurses – to better support internationally educated nurses.

#3 External Recommendations with guidelines:
- Academic curriculum – To support the development of a culturally competent workforce, leaders in academia.
- Research and researchers – To support the development of a culturally competent workforce, researchers.
- Governments – To support the development of culturally competent workforce, governments.
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- Includes a checklist for making organizational systems more inclusive. Topics covered:
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- Includes elements of inclusion / exclusion, how an inclusion lens can be used by different organizations and key questions for creating your own lens.

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#5 Elements of Inclusion / Exclusion Template

A brief demographic picture of Ontario - Examples of demographic resources:

Census Data (CMA) - http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/reference/dictionary/geo009.cfm
Canadian Community Health Survey - http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/surveill/nutrition/commun/index-eng.php
Stats Can - http://www.statcan.gc.ca/
Cultural Interpretation Services - http://cisoc.net/CISOC_en.php
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2. **Understanding Diversity Dimensions:**

   a. *Learning Objectives: Diversity Dimensions #1, #2, #3*

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Approaching Diversity through Learning Communities. Decker Lardner, E. Washington Center for Improving the Quality of Undergraduate Education, 2, p.1-12. (http://www.evergreen.edu/washcenter/resources/upload/Winter2003-Number2.doc). Topics covered - Three central elements for approaching diversity through learning communities are as follows:
1) Designing learning communities for particular groups of students;
2) Using learning communities as sites for curriculum transformation;
3) Developing pedagogical practices that support diverse learners.

Information Sheets:
#1 Case Studies
#2 Group Worksheet – What do we mean when we talk about diversity and what might it mean in practice?
#3 Ground Rules for Class Discussion
#4 Worksheet – Comparison between Low Context and High Context Cultures
#5 Worksheet – Comparison between Field-independent and Field-dependent Children


Topics Include:
- History lesson on racism
- Whiteness and privilege
- Looking at language
- Questionnaires with answers
- Group activities
- Scenarios for group activities

Topics Include:
- Methods and Models
  i. Principles-Based education
  ii. The Basic Model
- Materials
  i. Warm-up activities
  ii. Building vision for the future
  iii. The interplay of oppression and privilege
  iv. Awareness-building Activities
  v. Sensitivity-enhancing Tools

**Information Sheets:**
#1 Handouts for each topic
#2 Questionnaires
#3 Group Activity sheets
#4 Teaching / training materials
#5 Role playing scenarios
#6 Strategies to take home
#7 Evaluations

Topics included:
Section 1 - Covers changes in a variety of areas within a diverse Canadian reality as well as benefits.
Section 2 - Proposes a model for culturally competent organizations.
Section 3 - Presents nine tools that examine specific organizational functions.
  - Governance
  - Administration and management
  - Policy development
  - Program development and
  - Service delivery
Section 4 - Suggests a guideline for funding assessment.
Section 5 - Provides additional resources.
## Exercise / Lesson Plan Development

### 3. Diverse Populations—Barriers to Access and Inclusion:

- **a. Learning Objectives:** Diversity Dimensions #5
- **b. Anti-racism, Anti-oppression and Social Inclusion #4**
- **c. Service Delivery, Programming, & Organizational Changes #2, #3**

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(http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/canada/regions/atlantic/Publications/Tides_of_change/turning_tide_e.html)

- Includes suggested presentation outlines and slides that can be copied for presentations / trainings.

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Topics Include:
- Barriers to comprehensive action
- Enablers for comprehensive action
- Strategies
- Next steps

**Count Me In! Tools for an Inclusive Ontario Workbook.** Ontario Prevention Clearinghouse. ([http://www.count-me-in.ca/tools.htm](http://www.count-me-in.ca/tools.htm)).

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Topics Include:
- Defining Cultural Competence
- Barriers to Culturally Competent Care
- Benefits of Cultural Competence
- Models of Culturally Competent Care
  - Academia
  - Government
  - Managed Care
  - Community Health
- Key Components of Cultural Competence
  - Framework for Culturally Competent Care
  - Strategies for Implementation
- Practical Approaches: Linking Cultural Competence to the Elimination of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care
  - Organizational Cultural Competence
  - Systemic Cultural Competence
  - Clinical Cultural Competence
- Appendix I. Methodology
- Appendix II. Key Informants

**Feminist Perspectives on Social Inclusion and Children’s Well Being.** Luxton, M. York University, School of Women’s Studies. ([http://www.laidlawfdn.org/cms/file/children/luxton.pdf](http://www.laidlawfdn.org/cms/file/children/luxton.pdf)).

Topics Include:
- Putting children into the agenda
- Defining social inclusion from the perspective of children
- Social inclusion and the politics of diversity

Topics Include:
- History lesson on racism
- Whiteness and privilege
- Looking at language
- Questionnaires with answers
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Included: Key questions provided for each step.
Step 1 – Screening
Step 2 – Scoping
Step 3 – Impact Identification
Step 4 – Assessment of Impacts
Step 5 – Recommendations
Step 6 – Evaluation & Monitoring


Included:
Checklist for Conducting Cultural and Linguistic Competence Organizational Self-Assessment
Phase 1: Establish a Structure to Guide the Work
Phase 2: Create a Shared Vision
Phase 3: Collect, Analyze, and Disseminate Data
Phase 4: Develop an Action Plan

Included:
Section 1 – Understanding Diversity and Inclusion
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- Things to consider when planning training  
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*Approaching Diversity through Learning Communities.* Decker Lardner, E. Washington Center for Improving the Quality of Undergraduate Education, 2, p.1-12. ([http://www.evergreen.edu/washcenter/resources/upload/Winter2003-Number2.doc](http://www.evergreen.edu/washcenter/resources/upload/Winter2003-Number2.doc)).

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**Cultural Competency: A Self-Assessment Guide for Human Services Organizations.**
Hieu Van Ngo Canadian Heritage (Calgary Office)

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2. How social exclusion and oppression operates in the workplace
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Knowledge:

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APPENDIX

The following section outlines three sample modules developed to correspond with the three themes identified earlier. They are awareness, knowledge and leadership. The three themes correspond with the alignment of Core Competencies and learning objectives as outlined in Table 1.

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- List the determinants of health and discuss how they influence the health and well-being of specific populations.
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- Develop understanding of inclusive language and effective forms of communication to foster respect for diverse populations.
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The aim of the module is to (1) introduce models and methods to enhance personal competence and (2) enhance knowledge of anti-oppressive practice, diversity and cultural competence

Objectives

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• Identify and apply culturally relevant approaches to in the provision of programs and services in the community.

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The goal of the module is to introduce the basic principles and steps to plan, implement and evaluate population diversity within policies and programs.

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Lesson 1 – Ensure that the principles of diversity are reflected throughout all levels of your organization.
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