Community-Based Research (CMRE)

Courses

CMRE 2000 Introduction to Cmty-Bsd Rsrch (4 Credits)
This introductory class provides an overview of community-based research (CBR) principles and practices and the unique characteristics of this approach to knowledge creation and social change. Students explore the philosophical underpinnings of CBR as well as practical issues relating to community partnerships, research strategies, ethical concerns, and the use of local knowledge for empowering social change. This exploration of CBR invites students to examine the privileges, potential blinders and insights of their life experiences and social location, and to build on their connections to neighborhood and community. Case studies highlighting issues and promise in the “doing” of CBR also introduce students to international community-based research. Students explore these issues through extended weekly class sessions drawing on lecture, class discussion, individual student presentations based on short writing projects, and small group work conducted during class time. To appreciate how CBR is actually done, we reserve time to watch videos produced by CBR community partners, faculty and students, and learn from guest lectures by community researchers and partners as well as faculty and students engaged in CBR. Prerequisites: WRIT 1122 and WRIT 1133. Course open to Colorado Women's College students only.

CMRE 2100 Community-Based Field Preparation (4 Credits)
This is the second course in the Community-Based Research Certificate. This course engages students in active dialogue with several community partners for the purposes of planning a 3-term Community-Based Research project. This is a planning course involving students in developing appropriate mechanisms for working with their community partner; collaboratively identifying concerns or community problems to be addressed; conducting literature reviews; developing core research questions; identifying and studying appropriate research methods and gaining familiarity with IRB procedures and funding proposals. Students work in learning teams (campus/community) on their choice of 2-4 possible projects. In this class, we also use some class time each week to plan (and carry out in part) a “mini Community-Based Research project” that assesses the development of this new subject area and certificate. Some class time is devoted to off-campus site visits and external lecturers help present modules on research methodologies. Course open to Colorado Women's College students only.

CMRE 2200 Research Project Development (4 Credits)
This course provides students the opportunity to conduct research on 1-3 core research questions selected. Students work in learning teams (campus/community) on their community-based research project. Significant off-campus time is devoted to data collection and analysis and regular dialogue with community partners, other students, and Community-Based Research faculty. Prerequisite: CMRE 2100. Course open to Colorado Women's College students only.

CMRE 2300 Community-Based Research in Action (4 Credits)
This is the fourth course in the Community-Based Research certificate. In this course, students work in collaboration with community partners and faculty members on the proposed research project. Student work in research teams to collect and analyze data, and each team presents their research findings to the community partner. Additionally, each student begins to develop an individual research project. Prerequisite: CMRE 2200. Course open to Colorado Women's College students only.

CMRE 2400 Community-Based Research Culminating Project (2 Credits)
This is the fifth and final course in the Community-Based Research (CBR) certificate. In this course, students compile a CBR portfolio which includes key findings of the research project, as well as reflections on the research process, self-assessment, and an evaluation of the overall experience in the CBR program. Additionally, students work collaboratively with the community partner to compile a presentation on their CBR project to present to the college and invited members of the community. Prerequisite: CMRE 2300.

CMRE 3992 Directed Study (1-5 Credits)
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