Online Course: Childbirth: A Global Perspective

Emory University is offering a free Coursera course from October 1 through November 19, 2014 on maternal and newborn health in the developing world. The online course, “Childbirth: A Global Perspective,” is taught by Dr. Lynn Sibley, who was the Principal Investigator on the MaNHEP project, [1] a four-year partnership begun in 2010 to demonstrate a community-oriented model that applied improvement methods [2] to strengthen the delivery of maternal and newborn health care in rural Ethiopia. As detailed further below, Dr. Sibley will discuss applying improvement methods at the community level in Week 5 and present the MaNHEP case in Week 6.

To register, click here [3].

Childbirth: A Global Perspective

This course provides a broad overview of maternal and newborn health issues facing low-income and transitional countries, where more than 2.6 million babies are stillborn and nearly 500,000 women die during childbirth or from pregnancy-related complications each year. In the developing world, many women deliver at home without a skilled care provider, drugs, or technological supports. Maternal and newborn survival can be improved by mobilizing communities and improving access to skilled care. Themes covered include the epidemiology of maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity, relevant issues for the global health workforce, community-based interventions to improve maternal and newborn health and survival, and sociocultural dynamics surrounding birth.

Through lectures, case studies and readings, course participants will learn about delivery challenges for maternal and newborn health services and how to utilize community-based strategies to improve the health and survival of mothers and babies.

Week One: Introduction to Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in the Global Context

Week Two: Introduction to Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in the US Context

Week Three: The Impact of the Health Care Workforce Shortage on Maternal and Newborn Care

Week Four: Emergency Obstetric Care: Health Facility Services that Support Maternal Health and Survival

Week Five: Improving Maternal and Newborn Care through Community-Based Interventions

Week Six: Case Study in Ethiopia: Educating the Community and Training Front-Line Community Health Workers to Deliver Maternal and Newborn Care

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Topic(s): Community Health [4], Community-Facility Linkages [5], Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health [6], Antenatal Care [7], Newborn Care [8]

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