Cultural Awareness for the Healthcare Professional focuses on the differences found in cultures. It also focuses on how healthcare professionals can improve health outcomes and quality of care by understanding and contributing to the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities. This course explores the national standards of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) to decrease health disparities as healthcare professionals search for effective ways to provide care to a diverse population. There are no prerequisites for this course.

Competencies

- **Cultural Intelligence Skills**
  The graduate analyzes how cultural intelligence skills are used in planning interventions and delivering services while addressing the needs of unique and diverse populations to support the elimination of health disparities.

- **Building Cultural Intelligence**
  The graduate applies strategies to build community relationships with strategic partners to support the elimination of health disparities.

- **Supporting Cultural Intelligence**
  The graduate develops innovative strategies and materials for the organization to support cultural intelligence and to mitigate health disparities.

Learning

**Getting Started**
Welcome to the Cultural Awareness for the Healthcare Professional! This course explores the national standards of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) to decrease health disparities as healthcare professionals search for effective ways to provide care to a diverse population. When you are ready to begin the course, select the “Go to Course Material” button to access the course content and learning resources. Each course topic will be included via the course’s learning platform. A pacing guide is provided as a suggestion for weekly goals and time management. Your course instructor will inform you how best to schedule time for reading and coursework, help you prepare for the pre-assessment, and provide feedback on your progress. Frequent communication with your program mentor will help you succeed. Competency will be demonstrated by the successful completion of a performance assessment.
Course Instructor Responsibility

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