PRELIMINARY COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT MEDICAL SCIENCES 613.01 EPIDEMIOLOGY OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Offered at the University of Calgary

What is the purpose of this course?

The purpose of this course is to explore the impact of infectious diseases on populations rather than individuals using the principles of epidemiology.

In this course, we will examine the basic concepts of infectious diseases epidemiology and explore the determinants and distribution of infection and disease in populations and the factors that influence the frequency, spread and distribution of infectious diseases.

What will be covered in the course?

Course topics will include basic concepts of infectious diseases epidemiology as well as the principles of and mechanisms for spreading, detecting, monitoring and controlling infectious diseases in populations. Examples will be used to demonstrate and to explore these principles and mechanisms. See the detailed course outline for more information on the course content at http://chs.myweb.med.ucalgary.ca/x.pro/ModShow/ShowPage/965 look for MdSc 613.01 – Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases.

Who can take this course?

This graduate level course is being offered for credit to any individuals who wish to expand their knowledge in the Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will be capped at 15 students. An undergraduate degree is not required to take the course; however, permission from the instructor is required.

How will the course be offered?

MdSc 613.01 is a web-based course which will be offered through Blackboard using Elluminate with a combination of in-class and geographically remote students. Students will regularly participate in discussions held through a variety of media including online chats and discussion boards using Blackboard, as well as guest lectures and web-based conferences using Elluminate.

What is the course timeline?

The course runs from September to December 2006. Students will attend (either in person or on computer) a 3-hour lecture each week starting September 12 and ending December 12, 2006.

How computer literate do I need to be?

As the readings and discussion will be web-based, you will need internet access, preferably high speed access. You do not have to be a computer expert but a basic level of comfort with your computer is necessary. You will need to know how to move around the course web page and type in your comments and questions (instructions will be provided). As part of the course you will learn how to access journals online. Instructions on the basic use of Blackboard (the application the course reside on) will be provided to you.

Information about Medical Sciences 613.01 – Epidemiology of Infection Diseases courses you need to know:

- A detailed preliminary course outline can be downloaded at http://chs.myweb.med.ucalgary.ca/x.pro/ModShow/ShowPage/965 look for MdSc 613.01 – Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases.
- Registration will be on a first come first serve basis total number of registrants is 15 students.
- When registering, you must all of the items below:
 - o Include payment of registration fee (\$35) and deposit (\$100)
 - o Include a copy of your transcripts (these do not have to be official copies)
 - Complete forms in Appendix A Forms for Course Registration
 - Complete the attached registration form
 - Complete the contact information sheet

Fax all these documents to: Dr. Betty Ann Henderson at 403-944-2484. (All the documents must be sent together)

- Students registered after <u>August 18, 2006</u> will not be processed until after September 5, 2006 which could result in delayed access to the course materials particularly for those students taking the course on-line.
- Fees must be paid as follows:
 - Payment to the University of Calgary Registrar's Office
 - Registration Fee \$ 35 + Deposit \$100 at registration
 - Fees for MdSc 647.13 \$ 609 + any additional fees Deadline September 22, 2006

What are the minimum computer requirements for these courses?

You will need:

- Internet access (preferably high speed)
- Windows operating system (Windows 98 or later)
- Java enabled browser (Internet explorer 5.5 or later)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader 6 (or later)
- Microsoft Word and Powerpoint or equivalent

If you are unsure as to your computer's software or are missing some of the software, contact your IT department at work.

For more information about the courses, contact:

Dr. Betty Ann Henderson Telephone: 403-944-4373

Fax: 403-944-2484

Email: ehenders@ucalgary.ca or Elizabeth.Henderson@calgaryhealthregion.ca

APPENDIX A – Forms for Course Registration

Contact Information Sheet

The following information will be used for the instructors to contact you should the need arise during the courses, to organize the class for optimal learning and to send out course materials by mail. This information will not be made available to anyone else.

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OPEN STUDIES STUDENT APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION

An open studies student is a student who is permitted to register in credit courses, but who is not admitted to a program leading to a degree or diploma. No assurance is given that courses taken as an open studies student will be credited if the student subsequently seeks admission to a degree or diploma program.

Students who are currently under suspension (required to withdraw from a faculty or from another post-secondary institution within the last 12 months) are not permitted to register.

To be eligible for registration under this category students must be holders of an approved Bachelor's degree from an "accredited" institution with a minimum of three years of recognized university level course work **or** 18 years of age or older **or** holders of the Alberta High School diploma or equivalent.

Non-degree students (Persons who do not possess a university degree but are 18 years of age or older or holders of the Alberta High School diploma or equivalent.)

Open studies students who are not degree holders are limited to registering in a maximum of **two** half courses per session to a total maximum of ten half courses (including withdrawals). Students who wish to complete more than ten half courses must apply for admission to a specific faculty by the deadlines noted in the University's Academic Schedule and meet all of the requirements for admission.

Open studies non-degree students are allowed only one D or D+ grade. Students who obtain an F grade or a second D or D+ grade will be refused further registration under this category.

Non-degree students normally will not be permitted to register in undergraduate courses with limited enrolments unless there is space available at the start of classes. Students will be required to obtain Faculty/Departmental approval. Non-degree students are not permitted to register in 700-level or higher courses.

Degree holders

Holders of an approved degree are not restricted to the maximum number of courses stated above.

English Language Proficiency:

All applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency for purposes of admission. Information about ways of meeting this requirement can be found at: http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/2006/how/How_BR.htm

PROCEDURES

This form is used for both application and registration. Upon receipt of the completed form and the items noted below, your eligibility as an open studies student will be determined.

- 1. Fill in this form carefully and completely. Please print clearly.
- Complete the credit card information or enclose a cheque or money order for the \$100.00 registration deposit (or full fees). If you have not previously attended this University, you must also enclose a non-refundable \$35.00 application fee. Fee information is available in the University Calendar or at the Office of the Registrar upon request.

3. Required Transcripts:

- (a) If you do not possess a University degree you must submit high school transcripts and, if applicable, transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (colleges, universities, schools of nursing, technical institutes).
- (b) Holders of a University degree must enclose University transcripts showing the degree and the date awarded. High school transcripts are required only if registering in courses with high school prerequisites.

If your transcripts are already on file at the Office of the Registrar, you do not have to submit them.

- 4. Obtain approval if required. Students registering in senior level courses (numbered '300' or higher) may be required to obtain the approval of the Faculty/Department offering the course before submitting this form to the Office of the Registrar. Inquiries may be directed to the Office of the Registrar.
- 5. **Deadline:** The deadline to submit the completed application form with all enclosures to the Office of the Registrar is the last business day prior to the beginning of lectures for the session to which applied. See the University's Academic Schedule (www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar).

No form will be accepted unless completed in full and accompanied by all required items.

Open studies students may register using Infonet. Contact the Office of the Registrar for further information.

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

2500 University Drive N.W. Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1N4 Telephone: (403) 220-5517 Fax: (403) 289-1253 Email: reginfo@ucalgary.ca

The undergraduate rules and regulations of the University apply to all open studies students.

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