Online Course Description: This course is a competency and skills-based course designed to give students a systematic understanding of how health literacy impacts health outcomes. Students view health literacy from an ecological perspective and evaluate the impact of influencers including, but not limited to, education, economics, culture, communication, and public policy.

✔ Are you seeking a way to set yourself apart from others in the workforce?
✔ Are you interested in the potential to do research in an emerging and important area?
✔ Would you like to be a health smart consumer yourself?
✔ Are you comfortable with taking a course on-line?
✔ Do you have time to take a 3-hour course in 3 weeks?

Then this online course is for you.

We created the course to educate the current and emerging public health workforce about health literacy and its impact on health outcomes. We want to prepare students for a career in public health that incorporates health literacy science, skills and practices.

You will learn about key findings in health literacy science and professional practice through interactive and reflective class sessions, scholarly readings and field experience.

You will develop or expand your knowledge and understanding of associations between health outcomes and health literacy, literacy, education, health services, demands of health systems and culture and the relationship to public policy like the Affordable Care Act.

You will build capacity to practice specific health literacy skills. And, you can use the skills as a consumer of health.

Our course is offered by the Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy and the Department of Behavioral and Community Health, University of Maryland College Park School of Public Health.

We hope to see you in Winter!