

U54 Research Education Core (REC)
2026 Special Topics in
“Addressing Cancer in our Catchment Areas”

Course Objectives: The objective of this course is to introduce students to the field of cancer research across the cancer continuum as it relates to addressing needs in the catchment areas. The course will utilize a mix of lectures, reading assignments, and in-person discussion.

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Week	Content and Format	Readings (should be done prior to lecture) * Indicates mandatory readings
June 1st – June 5th <i>Live Session</i>	<u>Topic:</u> Cancer Outcomes <u>Date:</u> June 3 rd from 10:00 am-11:00 am <u>Room:</u> MCC-MRC 3064 / PHSU-RCMI Conference Room <u>Faculty:</u> Dr. Shannon Christy and Dr. Clement Gwede	• Genomics is failing on diversity* • American Cancer Society’s report on the status of cancer disparities in the United States, 2025* • R&E disparities in genomic sequencing TCGA2* • Cancer Facts & Figures for Hispanic/Latino People 2021-2023* • https://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov/quick-profiles/index.php?statename=florida • https://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov/quick-profiles/index.php?tabSelected=2&statename=puertorico
June 8th – June 12th <i>Live Session</i>	<u>Topic:</u> Basic Science Research and Cancer Outcomes <u>Date:</u> June 12 th from 10:00 am-11:00 am <u>Room:</u> MCC-MRC 3064 / PHSU-RCMI Conference Room <u>Faculty:</u> Dr. Doug Cress	• Cancer facts and figures for African-Americans/Black People 2022-2024* • Cancer facts and figures for Hispanic/Latino People 2024-2026* • Cancer statistics for African American and Black People 2025*
June 15th – June 19th <i>Web-Based Module</i>	<u>Topic:</u> Clinical Research and Cancer Outcomes <u>Location:</u> https://phsu-mcc.moffitt.org/moodle <u>Faculty:</u> Dr. Kosj Yamoah	
June 22nd – June 26th <i>Live Session</i>	<u>Topic:</u> A Team Based Approach to Address Cancer in our Catchment Areas <u>Date:</u> June 26 th from 10:00 am-11:00 am <u>Room:</u> MCC-MRC 3064 / PHSU-RCMI Conference Room <u>Faculty:</u> Dr. Susan Vadaparampil	• Building a Funded Research Program in Cancer Health Disparities: Considerations for Young Investigators*

June 29th – July 3rd <i>Live Session</i> <i>(July 3rd – Observed Holiday)</i>	<u>Topic:</u> Immunology Research and Cancer Outcomes <u>Date:</u> July 1 st from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm <u>Room:</u> MCC-MRC 3064 / PHSU-RCMI Conference Room <u>Faculty:</u> Dr. Jose Guevara-Patiño	
July 6th – July 10th <i>Live Session</i>	<u>Topic:</u> Planning a Career to Address Cancer Needs in our Catchment Areas <u>Date:</u> July 10 th from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm <u>Room:</u> MCC-MRC 3064 / PHSU-RCMI Conference Room <u>Faculty:</u> Dr. Clement Gwede, Dr. Jessica Islam, Dr. Sarimar Agosto Salgado, Dr. Lauren Peres, and Dr. Vani Simmons	

Web Based Modules: Yairí will provide instructions on how to create an account and register for the course website (<https://phsu-mcc.moffitt.org/moodle>). Once your account has been created, you will receive an automatic email with instructions to complete your registration. If you do not receive this email, please contact Yairí as soon as possible. Once your registration is complete, you will immediately have access to enroll in the course. **Students must be enrolled in the course by May 22, 2026.**