Social determinants of health: “The array of social, economic, and political circumstances, including the built environments, that strongly shape and are shaped by those circumstances, in which people live and work.”

Paula Braveman, MD

ABC’s Design for Community Health
[Inter-professional Curriculum]

Professional students from the School of Medicine and School of Architecture and Planning participated in this pilot course to:

- Understand the impact of built environment on social determinants of health
- Value social inclusion and prevention for improving health at the community level
- Learn and practice principles of community engagement.
50 Students from the School of Medicine + College of Pharmacy

6 Faculty Participants

3 Workshops

3 Student Research Projects

2 Master Faculty Visitors

2 Semesters

1 Film Series

- Windshield Surveys
- Local Case Study
- Best Practices Research
- Film Series
- Seminars:
  - Pedestrian Injury
  - Obesity + Diabetes
  - Asthma

EATING:
design, healthy communities...and FOOD

Frank Russell, AIA - University of Cincinnati

Student Responses:

As a result of this course, during my training I will “incorporate ideas about patient’s need and advocate for change in the community and political level.”

...in the next week, I will “be more observant and aware of how communities and buildings are designed and what changes could improve health.”

...during my training, I will “talk to patients about their community and how they can utilize/change it to improve their health.”