**Course Name:** GNDS 280 Special Topics  
**Gender and Health**

**Contact Hours**  
Lecture: Thursday 8:30-11:30am  
Office Hours: Thursdays 11:45 am to 1:30 pm or by appointment.

**Course Description**  
In this course, students will be introduced to material related to gender and health with a focus on Indigenous genders and Indigenous meanings of health. Students will be guided through broad themes using a variety of media: peer-reviewed journal articles, blogs, motion pictures, video files, and audio files. We will discuss contradictions and incongruencies in an open, respectful, and thought-provoking manner.

**Course Objectives**  
- To introduce perspectives of gender and health  
- To explore how Indigenous Peoples describe genders  
- To develop and appreciation a variety of Indigenous meanings of health and wellness  
- To understand how gender and health are intertwined  
- To engage with Indigenous scholarship and in a kind, considerate, and appreciative manner

**Topics in Course Outline**  
- gender, health, leadership, kinship, wellness, Two Spirit health, Indigenous midwifery and doula services, Indigenous ceremony and health, and climate change.

**Course Instructor**  
Karen Lawford

**Required Course Materials**  
No required textbook. All readings will be posted to the course ARES page.

**Course Evaluation**  
- Participation: 10%  
- Three reflections: 15% x 3= 45%  
- Fact Sheet: 20%  
- Take home final exam: 15%