

Syllabus for HCA 780

Current and Emerging Topics in Healthcare

NOTE: This syllabus document contains the basic information of this course. The most current syllabus is available in the full course.

Course Description

This course investigates current and emerging trends influencing healthcare today, including policies and politics, ethics, emerging technologies, healthcare population and disease demographics, and reimbursement models. You will explore and understand the differences between rural, urban, and global settings.

Prerequisite(s)

HCA715
HCA 760

Course Outcomes

Upon completing this course, you will be able to do the following:

- Critique discussions related to the impact of social factors and the social determinants of health that influence the US healthcare system.
- Identify methods used to investigate controversial, novel, or emerging healthcare topics.
- Defend an opinion on critical issues facing the US healthcare system in the 21st century.
- Discuss the emergence and re-emergence of infectious diseases and evaluate the factors contributing to these trends; understand the burden of disease.
- Evaluate the global health impact of natural disasters and emergencies.
- Explain the impact of technology on the healthcare industry.
- Analyze the factors necessary to create a more equitable healthcare system.
- Compare the government's impact on health regulations and reform in various healthcare systems.
- Discuss common ethical principles applied to critical healthcare issues.
- Explore the differences between various healthcare providers and setting of rural and urban health needs.
- Design tools to engage in contemporary healthcare debates in order to develop tactics and strategies that will help influence health care decisions on a personal and organizational level.

- Defend the healthcare system, politics, and healthcare administrator's role.
- Understand the role of healthcare administrator's role in a variety of sets/settings in relationship to health issues.

Course Requirements/Components

- Discussions
- Autoethnography
- Final project
- Peer Critique

Grading

The following grading scale will be used to evaluate all course requirements and to determine your final grade:

Grade	Percentage Range
A	94% - 100%
A-	92% - 93.99%
B+	89%-91.99%
B	85%-88.99%
B-	83%-85.99%
C+	81%-82.99%
C	75%-80.99%
C-	70%-74.99%
D	65%-69.99%
F	Below 64.99%

Assignment	Points
Discussions	200
Autoethnography	50
Final project	160
Individual assignments	65
Total	475