

Montgomery County Community College
PBH 201
Public Health Administration and the U.S. Healthcare System
3-3-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to provide a foundation for understanding the organization of the U.S. healthcare system. The role of public health in the administration of health care services and strategies to improve healthcare efficiency are critically examined. Also addressed is the quality and cost of health care and how policy, planning, ethical issues, and public and private systems can and do impact the health of individuals and populations.

REQUISITES:

Previous Course Requirements

- PBH 200 Public Health Education

Concurrent Course Requirements

None.

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Analyze the main components and issues of a U.S. healthcare organization considering fiscal resources, delivery of services, and public health systems.	Lecture Text Book Readings Online Resources Videos Case Study Class Discussion Written Assignments Student Presentations	Written Examinations Case Study
2. Apply essential management principles of planning, organizing, staffing, influencing, and controlling to public health programs, services, and organizations.	Lecture Text Book Readings Case Study Class Discussion Written Assignments Student Presentations	Written Examinations Case Study

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3. Use legal and ethical principles in public health decision making.	Lecture Case Study Text Book Readings Online Resources Videos Class Discussion Written Assignments Student Presentations	Written Examinations Case Study
4. Analyze the impact of planning, resource allocation, and financing on public health programs, services, and organizations.	Lecture Class Discussion Written Assignments Journal Article Reviews	Case Study
5. Analyze current public health systems issues using U.S. and international historical models of health care delivery.	Lecture Class Discussion Written Assignments Journal Article Reviews	Written Examinations Case Study
6. Prepare a plan for continuing education within Public Health.	Review of Public Health program and plan Discussion Goal Setting Activity	Professional Plan Assignment

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of the students will meet or exceed outcome criteria.*

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. Major Characteristics of U.S. Health Care Delivery
2. Foundations and Historical Overview of U.S. Health Care System
3. Health Care Providers (doctor-level). Plus their educational process.
4. Health Care Providers and Professionals and their educational process.
5. Hospitals/Medical Centers
6. Outpatient Services and Primary Care

7. Long-Term Care Services

8. Public Health Services – Discuss different type of public health services; public health facilities; public health at the different governmental levels (Federal, State, Local) and the affiliated organizations: The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), The National Institutes of Health (NIH), and State Health Department, etc.

9. Insurance and Reimbursement

10. Populations with Special Health Needs

11. Managed Care and Integrated Services

12. Technology in Health Care

13. Cost, Access, and Quality

14. Health Policy

LEARNING MATERIALS:

Shi, L. and Singh, D. (2013). *Essentials of the U.S. Health Care System (3rd edition)*. Jones & Bartlett Learning.

Other readings and/or films are also required and are selected each semester at the discretion of the instructor.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:

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Date: 2/16/2015

VPAA/Provost or designee Compliance Verification:

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Date: 6/16/2015

This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.