

PUBH 102
Survey of the U.S. Healthcare System
3 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County
Common Course Outline

Description

PUBH 102 – Survey of the U.S. Healthcare System: provides a broad overview of the structure of the U.S. Healthcare System. Students examine the components and roles of the system and gain a better understanding of how it functions and how the components are related. Major issues facing the system are explored including political, economic, and social factors. Patient care, careers in healthcare settings, healthcare policy, and comparisons to global healthcare systems are investigated.

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. define the roles and functions of each component of the U.S. Healthcare System;
2. explore the complexity and interconnectedness of the components of the U.S. Healthcare System;
3. analyze the performance of the U.S. Healthcare System;
4. discuss the role of government in the function of the healthcare system;
5. explain how the political influence in the U.S. Healthcare System impacts healthcare delivery to communities;
6. identify the relationship between health and medical care issues;
7. explore the range of career opportunities available in the policy, planning and administrative fields;
8. compare the U.S. Healthcare System to global healthcare systems;
9. describe how quality, safety, and competition within the healthcare industry impact patient care;
10. analyze the latest trends and changes in American healthcare;
11. investigate social, political and economic concerns related to the U.S. Healthcare System;
12. Explain the need for cultural competence and ethnic diversity in healthcare;
13. identify the differences between non-profit and for-profit healthcare organizations; and
14. understand the cost of healthcare and role of insurance in relation to paying for healthcare.

Major Topics

- I. Components of the U.S. Healthcare System
- II. Global Healthcare Systems
- III. Political Influences

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- IV. Patient Care
- V. Trends in American Healthcare
- VI. Patient Care
 - a. Quality
 - b. Safety
 - c. Competition within the healthcare industry
- VII. Concerns related to the U.S. Healthcare System
 - a. Social
 - b. Political
 - c. Economic
- VIII. Career Opportunities
 - a. Policy
 - b. Planning
 - c. Administrative
- IX. Cultural Competence and ethnic diversity
- X. Non-Profit v. Profit Healthcare Organizations

Course Requirements

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

- One debate
- Two exams
- One oral or written presentation

Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to the style selected by their professor.

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