

Course Description

This course provides an overview of the health care delivery system including the organizations that provide health care, professionals that provide the services, as well as a historical perspective of healthcare delivery in the United States.

Credits/Modes of Instruction

1 credit hour

This one-credit course is entirely web-based offered through the Canvas learning platform. This web-based course is accessible only to students enrolled in this course and may be accessed at moodle.rutgers.edu once a NetID and password is received. The web resources include the syllabus, weekly “lecture notes”, reading assignments, internet search assignments, quizzes, discussions and a final assessment. The mode of instruction is directed study. Directed study is an active learning method that emphasizes what the learner does, not the teacher. In this method, the student engages the content via structured assignments and activities, i.e., learn by doing

Prerequisites

None. This course is open to all medical, dental, public health and health related professions students. Students must have access to the internet.

Course Goals and Objectives:

Goals

This course is intended to familiarize the student with healthcare in the United States.

Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

Name significant milestones in each of the following: medicine and medical education, hospital systems and public health.

Define terms used in hospital classifications: private, public, voluntary, proprietary

Identify the regulators of health care, including government and non-government entities.

Identify and describe the major stakeholders and their roles in healthcare.

Describe the role of the federal, state, and local governments in the provision of health care.

Describe the core public health functions and their role in public health organizations.



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Describe the various types of outpatient services including ambulatory surgery center, home health agencies, community health centers, home health agencies, respite care, hospice, and adult day care.

Describe the difference between primary, secondary and tertiary care and prevention

Name and define at least six allied health professions.

Identify the various specialties physicians and nursing personnel found in health care.

List four mental health professionals and describe their role.

Describe the differences in the levels of medical care