



Economics of Healthcare
HCA315
Southwestern College Professional Studies

COURSE SYLLABUS

I. Course Catalog Description

This course examines the nature of health economics and the related public and private sector influences on healthcare systems. The healthcare markets and how healthcare services operate within the healthcare markets are examined.

II. Required and Supplementary Instructional Materials

Feldstein, P. J., (2012). *Health care economics* (7th ed.). Clifton Park, NY: Delmar, Cengage Learning.

III. Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes describe the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes that learners gain as the result of a particular learning experience. Southwestern College Professional Studies has learning outcomes specific to each course and each [undergraduate](#) and [graduate](#) program of study, as well as [institution-wide outcomes](#) related to the mission and vision of the college. Outcomes can help learners and instructors focus on the big picture of the learning experience and can help inform potential employers about a graduate's knowledge and skills.

Upon successfully completing this course, the learner will be able to:

- Synthesize the organization and financing of healthcare services including alternate organizational and financial solutions
- Analyze government and officials roles in the formation and implementation of healthcare policy

At the end of the course, learners may vary in their ability to achieve these outcomes. You are more likely to achieve these outcomes only if you attend class and/or online activities as required by the syllabus, complete the requirements for all assignments to the best of your ability, participate actively in class activities and group work as directed, and study diligently for exams.

IV. Course Policies

Students are expected to read and abide by the course policies located in the instructor-specific syllabus in the blackboard course.

V. Course Requirements:

Requirements	Number of Assignments	Points Possible	Percent of Grade
Discussions	7	250	25%
Case Studies	4	500	50%
Research Project	1	250	25%
Total Points		1000	100

VI. **Course at a Glance:**

Unit	Reading & Preparation Activities	Graded Work Due
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Feldstein Chapters 1, 4, and 5 • Read Unit 1 Lecture • Review Introduction to Healthcare Economics • Review Healthcare Economics Glossary • Review Expenditures slides • Review Healthcare Industry slides • Review Healthcare Analysis slides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1 Introduction • Unit 1 Discussion • Unit 1 Case Study: The Purpose of Price
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Feldstein Chapters 2 and 3 • Read Unit 2 Lecture • Review Role of Government slides • Review Government Intervention slides • Participate in Collaborate session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 2 Discussion • Unit 2 Case Study: The Government
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Feldstein Chapters 6 and 8 • Read Unit 3 Lecture • Review Supply and Demand slides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 3 Discussion • Unit 3 Case Study: Hospital Demand
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Feldstein Chapters 7 and 10 • Read Unit 4 Lecture • Review Demand for Insurance slides • Review Need for Insurance • Participate in Collaborate session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 4 Discussion • Unit 4 Case Study: Health Insurance Demand
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Feldstein Chapters 9, 11, 12, and 14 • Read Unit 5 Lecture • Review Market and Competition slides • Participate in Collaborate session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 5 Discussion
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Examples of Reform Initiatives slides • Review Cost slides • Review Economics, Values and Healthcare Reform article • Review Hospital Economics and Healthcare Reform article • Review ACA Overview • Participate in Collaborate session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 6 Discussion • Unit 6 Research Project

VII. **Other Policies and Requirements**

Follow this link to the Southwestern College Professional Studies [Standard Syllabus](#) in Blackboard. You may be required to log in.