



Policy Issues in Healthcare
HCA325
Southwestern College Professional Studies

COURSE SYLLABUS

I. Course Catalog Description

This course examines the challenges of health policy strategies; formulation, implementation, and evaluation of health care services; as well as regulatory policies that impact the healthcare industry. The impact of policy makers' objectives, constraints, and conduct on patients, providers, and payers is studied. The various policy makers that influence healthcare in society are explored.

II. Required and Supplementary Instructional Materials

Monroe, J. A., & Ehlke, D. C.. (2013). *Health politics and policy* (5th ed.). Stamford, CT: 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:

- Discuss the influence of factors such as values, morals, markets, politics, on health care policy, as well as the influence that private individuals and organizations have on the formulation of health care policy.
- Explain the role(s) of political institutions in the formulation of health care policy.
- Outline the formulation process for health care policy and its outcomes.
- Analyze the impact of those outcomes on patients, providers, and payers.
- Evaluate how the United States health care policy and system compares to that of other nations.

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
Discussion Board	6	300	30%
Final Project Topic Selection	1	25	2.5%
Weekly Research Papers	5	375	37.5%
Final Project	1	300	30%
Total Points		1000	100%

VI. Course at a Glance:

Unit	Reading & Preparation Activities	Graded Work Due
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post your Introduction in Discussion Board Read <i>Health Politics and Policy</i>, Introduction and Part 1 ("Ideas and Concepts") Review publisher's PowerPoint slides Read and complete the Unit 1 Research Paper assignment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 1 Discussion Final Project Topic Selection Unit 1 Research Paper
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read <i>Health Politics and Policy</i>, Part 2 ("Political Insight") Review publisher's PowerPoint slides Read and complete the Unit 2 Research Paper assignment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 2 Discussion Unit 2 Research Paper
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read <i>Health Politics and Policy</i>, Part 3 ("The Health Policy Process: Interest groups, Stakeholders, and Public opinion") Review the publisher's PowerPoint slides Read and complete the Unit 3 Research Paper assignment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 3 Discussion Unit 3 Research Paper
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read <i>Health Politics and Policy</i>, Part 4 ("Outcomes, Programs, Policies, and Problems") Review the publisher's PowerPoint slides View the YouTube video on Medicaid Reform Read and complete the Unit 4 Research Paper assignment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 4 Discussion Unit 4 Research Paper
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read <i>Health Politics and Policy</i>, Part 5 ("The United States in International Perspective") Review the publisher's PowerPoint slides Read and complete the Unit 5 Research Paper assignment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 5 Discussion Unit 5 Research Paper
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read <i>Health Politics and Policy</i>, Part 6 ("Epilogue") Review publisher's PowerPoint slides Read and complete the Final Project assignment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit 6 Discussion Final Project Paper

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.