

PBHL 517: Health Policy and Administration I

This course provides an analysis of the current organizational arrangements and patterns for provision and financing of medical care services in the U.S. Specifically, topics would include: the medical care process, policies, and factors which affect need, access, and use of services; factors affecting supply and distribution of health professionals and health facilities; current issues pertinent to these healthcare services; factors related to healthcare costs; quality assessment and assurance; and, financing of care through health insurance and governmental programs. Additionally, the course covers the various components of the U.S. healthcare system over the entire continuum of care. Attention will be given to private and public financing mechanisms, the forces of market competition, government regulation, and the impact of health policy on key stakeholders.

Learning Objectives

- Describe main components, issues, legal, and ethical bases of organization, financing, and delivery of health services and public health systems in the U.S.
- Describe and analyze current issues of health policy, quality, and legislation
- Discuss policy process for improving the health status of populations
- Identify and apply principles of program planning, development, budgeting, management, and evaluation in organizational and community initiatives

Sample syllabus is subject to change.

Credits: 2

Class Type: Graduate Course

Program: Public Health