

Course Syllabus

Course: 5510, Principles of Healthcare Management

Academic Year: 2012/13 **Semester/Quad:** Fall A

Credit Hours: 2

Prerequisites: None

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Availability:

I am generally available to meet with students 30 minutes prior to class. I am available via email or telephone after 6PM during the week.

Course Description:

Course Materials:

This course will provide the student with a comprehensive review of the United States healthcare system. Class discussions will focus on the various stakeholders, incentives, policies, and future development of the healthcare delivery system. Emphasis will be placed on developing an understanding of the economics, delivery models, and market and political forces that influence the shape of the US healthcare system.

Course Materials:

Text: Sult, Harry A., Youg, Kristina M Health Care USA, 7th Edition, Jones 7 Bartlett Learning, Sudbury MA 01776

Supplemental readings will be made available.

Essential IDEA Objectives:

1. Gaining factual knowledge (terminology, classifications, methods, trends).
2. Learning fundamental principles, generalizations, or theories.
3. Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions).

Course Methodology:

The course will largely be lecture and discussion format. Emphasis will be placed on student participation. Students will need to come to class prepared and having completed the reading assignments prior to class. Students will complete a mid-term essay exam and a final paper assignment.

Computer Requirements:

In order to effectively participate in and successfully complete this course, each participant will need to have access to a computer and a high-speed internet connection. Please visit <http://www.northpark.edu/Current-Students/Computer-Services/Network/Minimum-Requirements.aspx> for information on computer requirements.

Schedule of Weekly Assignments:

Week	Topics	Assignment(s)
1	Course Overview. Introduction of US healthcare	Chapters 1,2
2	Hospitals, ambulatory care, and the healthcare continuum	Chapters 3,4
3	Medical education and professional development	Chapters 5,6 Mid-term distributed
4	Healthcare Finance: medicare, medicaid, commercial insurance, uninsured	Chapters 7,8,9. Mid-term due.
5	Role of government in healthcare	Chapter 10
6	Future of healthcare in US	Chapters 11, 12.
7	Research paper presentations	

Grading:

Assignment	Points	Grade %
Class Participation		25%
Mid-term Exam		35%
Final Paper		40%
Total		100%

Grade Mapping:

Numeric Grade	Letter Grade	Numeric Grade	Letter Grade	Numeric Grade	Letter Grade
	A (95-100%)		B- (80-82%)		D+ (67-70%)
	A- (90-94%)		C+ (77-79%)		D (63-66%)
	B+ (87-89%)		C (73-76%)		D- (60-63%)
	B (83-86%)		C- (70-72%)		F (<60%)

Assignment Grading Policies:

The mid-term and final paper assignments are due at the beginning of class in week 4 and week 7 respectively. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Student Responsibilities:

Students will need to complete the class reading assignments prior to class. Students should be prepared to participate in class discussion.

Instructor Responsibilities:

The instructor will come prepared each class, incorporating relevant current industry news into weekly discussions. The instructor will be available to answer questions or clarify class content.

ASSIGNMENT SPECIFICATIONS**ASSIGNMENT #1 Student Participation**

Assignment Specifications: There is tremendous value in class dialogue and learning from our peers. Discussion will be encouraged throughout class lectures and student perspectives, supported opinions, and participation will enrich the class experience for all.

ASSIGNMENT #2 Mid-term Exam

Assignment Specifications: The mid-term exam is a take-home essay exam. Students will be free to select 7 of 10 questions to which they must write short essay responses. The questions will be largely based on material covered in class lectures and the reading assignments.

Completeness of answers and integration of course content.	100-95	94-80	79-70	69 and less
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ASSIGNMENT #3 Final Paper

Assignment Specifications: Students will be able to select the specific topic of their healthcare research paper. The objective of the paper is to develop a more complete understanding of a particular issue within healthcare finance, delivery, management, or effectiveness on population health. The paper must be between 5 and 8 pages, single spaced.

Clear writing, relevance of topic, integration of course material, and introduction of new perspectives.	100-95	94-80	79-70	69 and less
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POLICY STATEMENTS

Academic Honesty

In keeping with our Christian heritage and commitment, North Park University and the School of Business and Nonprofit Management are committed to the highest possible ethical and moral standards. Just as we will constantly strive to live up to these high standards, we expect our students to do the same. To that end, cheating of any sort will not be tolerated. Students who are discovered cheating are subject to discipline up to and including failure of a course and expulsion.

Our definition of cheating includes but is not limited to:

1. Plagiarism – the use of another’s work as one’s own without giving credit to the individual. This includes using materials from the internet.
2. Copying another’s answers on an examination.
3. Deliberately allowing another to copy one’s answers or work.
4. Signing an attendance roster for another who is not present.

In the special instance of group work, the instructor will make clear his/her expectations with respect to individual vs. collaborative work. A violation of these expectations may be considered cheating as well. For further information on this subject you may refer to the Academic Dishonesty section of the University’s online catalog.

In conclusion, it is our mission to prepare each student for a life of significance and service. Honesty and ethical behavior are the foundation upon which such lives are built. We therefore expect the highest standards of each student in this regard.

Attendance Policy for Graduate Courses

The graduate courses in the SBNM are all 7 weeks in length. Missing one class session is allowed without penalty as long as all readings and assignments are made up by the student within a reasonable time period (the following week). Failing to log into an online course site for an entire week is allowed, but a penalty may be applied at the instructor's discretion. Missing a second class session is allowed only in unusual circumstances by prior arrangement with the instructor. Since this represents almost 30% of the engagement time for the course, the student runs the risk of receiving a lower overall grade for the class. Faculty are encouraged to drop the course grade by a full letter grade in this situation. A student who misses three classes (or the equivalent for an online class) will automatically fail the course, unless the student drops the course before the seventh week of class. Students who drop a course will be held responsible for tuition, based upon the current North Park University policy outlined in the University Catalog (found on the NPU website).

APA Requirement

The School of Business and Nonprofit Management (SBNM) has adopted the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA) as the standard and required format for all written assignments in SBNM courses.

Our goal in adopting the APA Manual is to enhance student learning by:

- 1) Improving student's writing skills.
- 2) Standardizing the required format of all written assignments in all SBNM courses.
- 3) Emphasizing the importance of paper mechanics, grammatical constructs, and the necessity of proper citations.
- 4) Holding students accountable for high quality written work.

If you are unfamiliar with the requirements of the APA Manual, we recommend that you purchase the reference manual and/or that you consult one or more of the suggested resources as listed on the Student Resources section of the SBNM website. **It is your responsibility to learn and ensure that all written work is formatted according to the standards of the APA Manual.**

Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact your program's office (Business: 773-244-6270). Please do so as soon as possible to better ensure that such accommodations are implemented in a timely manner. For further information please review the following website: <http://www.northpark.edu/ada>