

COURSE OUTLINE

HEAL-110

The Health Care Professional

2 Semester Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

The role of the health care professional is explored and includes an overview of careers in the health care system. Common issues to be studied include environmental health concerns, infection control, legal and ethical trends and professional responsibility. A major focus will include medical terminology and application of professional practices to both hospital and pre-hospital environments. Communication skills will include the effect of interpersonal relationships and the impact of working with diverse populations. Computerization and the use of technology in the health care field will be explored. (2 on-line chat room hours weekly)

Overall Course Objectives

1. Compare the roles of members of a health care team in the community or prehospital environment, acute care and long term care settings.
2. Use medical terminology in reviewing case studies and documenting simulated events.
3. Apply therapeutic communication techniques to effectively meet the physical and psychological aspects of health care.
4. Discuss professional, legal and ethical issues governing practice.
5. Examine the delivery of health care services in relationship to public health and safety.
6. Analyze potential causes and effects of stress for the health care provider and demonstrate intervention techniques.
7. Identify stages of growth and development across the life span, including multicultural perspectives; and integrate the differences created by diversity and human nature with assessment and communication strategies.
8. Define Standard Precautions and discuss the implications for medical and surgical asepsis within the health care setting. Explore the Occupational Safety and Health Act guidelines as the standard for protection of health care providers.
9. Describe equipment and special procedures being introduced to the health care delivery system with advances in technology.
10. Analyze treatment priorities when responding with first aid or as triage to a mass casualty incident in the community.

Major Topics

The Health Care Delivery System
Careers in Health Care
Legal and Ethical Issues
Professional Responsibility
Personal and Environmental Safety
Medical Terminology and Documentation
Communication Skills and Interpersonal Diversity
Growth and Development and Multicultural Diversity
Stresses for Health Care Workers
Technology in the Health Care System
First Aid and Mass Casualty Response

Course Requirements

1. Completion of CPR
2. Verification of health requirements.

Grading/Exams

The individual faculty member will determine the grading procedure which will include: quizzes, exams, and written assignments. Final grades will be calculated on the cumulative total

Writing

Written assignments will include three 3-5-page papers.