

# **COURSE OUTLINE**

## **HEED 216**

### **Health Care in the US**

3 Semester Hours

## **HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **Description**

This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the complexity of the United States health care system. Issues will be discussed through an exploration of the technology, costs, quality of care and health care personnel associated with the delivery of health care. The course includes an overview of the health care system and an examination of the medical infrastructure with a historical perspective. (3 hours weekly)

A liberal education prepares students to lead ethical, productive, and creative lives and to understand how the pursuit of lifelong learning and critical thinking fosters good citizenship. General education courses form the core of a liberal education within the higher education curriculum and provide a coherent intellectual experience for all students by introducing the fundamental concepts and methods of inquiry in the areas of mathematics, the physical and natural sciences, the social sciences, the arts and the humanities, and composition. This course is part of the general education core experience at Howard Community College.

### **Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Describe influences upon patient and provider behavioral characteristics.
2. Compare and contrast different forms of health care providers including HMOs, PPOs, IPAs, and SHMOs.
3. Discuss factors that influence health promotion, disease prevention, mortality, and morbidity
4. Explain the role alternative health care currently has in the U.S. health care system.
5. Analyze, and compare and contrast current federal government policy relative to personal health insurance, employee-based health insurance, and government-based health insurance.
6. Identify and analyze current federal policies related to Medicare.
7. Compare and contrast managed care organizations in the context of the current delivery systems.
8. Identify the political, historical, and social factors influencing the availability and accessibility of health care in the U.S.
9. Provide a description of the history of medical and health care in the US.
10. Outline the development of health care delivery systems in the US.

## **Major Topics**

- I. Health Providers
- II. Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- III. Patient Decisions-Making
- IV. Treatment Options
- V. Managed Care Organizations
- VI. Legislative Regulations
- VII. Medicaid and Medicare
- VIII. Historical Perspective of the Health Care Delivery System
- IX. Cost of Care
- X. Health Insurance

## **Course Requirements**

Grading and course requirements can be determined by the individual faculty member; but the final grade will be calculated on the basis of performance on quizzes, exams and student projects.

## **Other Course Information**

HEED 216 is a HEED elective and an Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues Core Course.