

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: Allied Health Services
2. Course Number: AHS 100
3. Course Title: Introduction to US Health Care System
4. Credit Hours: 3
5. Catalog Description:

Overview of the inner workings of the health care industry and the political, cultural, and socio-economic forces that shape the delivery of health services. Predominant health care systems in the U.S. including Medicare and Medicaid will be examined along with the availability and utilization of various resources, health ethics and law, and quality of care. Pre-requisite: RDG 099, or placement test score(s) beyond prerequisite course(s), or consent of instructor. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals:

The focus of this course is on the available health care systems in the U.S. The student will gain an understanding of the components of each of the systems, including the eligibility processes and services provided. This course is designed to familiarize the student with the inner workings of the healthcare industry, the forces that drive the delivery of health care services, and the evaluation of health care services from a quality of care and ethical-legal perspective.

C. Course Outcomes:

Students will:

1. Describe the historical evolution and current delivery of health services in the United States;
2. Analyze the political, economic, and socio-cultural bases for change in the various U.S. health care system components (hospitals, long term care facilities, mental health systems, ambulatory care services);
3. Describe the current providers of health services;
4. Compare the characteristics of each of the health care systems and the

- appropriateness of each to various populations;
5. Describe the role and features of managed care and how it drives health care services;
 6. Identify the financial resources for health services;
 7. Analyze the major approaches to the evaluation and regulation of quality of care;
 8. Apply ethical and legal concepts in the evaluation of selected case studies; and
 9. Critique national health policy as it exists today.

D. Course Outcomes Assessment:

**Will include: pre and post quiz
Expectation and Reflection Paper
Chapter quizzes
Final Examination**

E. Course Content:

- Will include:**
1. Historical evolution and overview of health services in the U.S.
 2. How health care institutions have emerged in the U.S.
 3. The technological, socio-cultural, and political environment of health care.
 4. Indicators and predictors of health services utilization.
 5. Detailing of major barriers to seeking health care.
 6. Financial health care: social and economic issues and managed care.
 7. Medicaid and AHCCS: structure and benefits.
 8. Ambulatory health services.
 9. The changing practice of medicine.
 10. Health services personnel.
 11. Long-term care and the Arizona Long-Term Care System (ALTCS).
 12. Mental health services.
 13. Health care and research.
 14. The future of health care.
 15. Health care ethics and law – utilizing previous knowledge to identify and resolve ethical-legal issues and dilemmas in contemporary health care problems.
 16. Medicare, Medigap, and other government health programs.
 17. Private health insurance: the uncovered and the under covered.
 18. Issues in health care reform.