UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
COLLEGE OF NURSING
COURSE SYLLABUS
Summer 2015

COURSE NUMBER NGR 7891 - Sections 8023, 8075, 8076, 8084

COURSE TITLE Health Policy and Finance in Advanced Nursing Practice

CREDITS 3

PLACEMENT Master’s or DNP Program

PREREQUISITE None

COREQUISITE None

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COURSE DESCRIPTION This course provides knowledge and understanding needed to participate in health policy development, analysis and implementation. The impact of policies on the delivery of health care and nursing services will be explored. The relationship of health policies to the financing of health care will be presented. Students will be introduced to health economics with a focus on the elements of financial management including the language and basic concepts of cost, the budgeting process and systems of reimbursement. Global, national, state, and local systems of financing health care will be compared.

COURSE OBJECTIVES Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Analyze the influence of health policy, social factors and other variables on advanced nursing practice roles and methods of health care delivery.
2. Analyze the effects of health policy on health promotion for selected aggregates.

COURSE OBJECTIVES (continued)

1. Critique health policy issues at the local, state, national, and international levels that affect the health care system and the nursing profession.
2. Construct a plan to enhance the role of advanced nursing practice in the formulation, analysis and implementation of health care delivery policies.
3. Examine methods of health care financing and how these affect advanced nursing practice.
4. Formulate strategies for active participation in financial activities within health care settings and within other larger systems that influence the distribution of fiscal resources.

COURSE SCHEDULE

E-Learning in Canvas is the course management system that you will use for this course. E-Learning in Canvas is accessed by using your Gatorlink account name and password at <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/>. There are several tutorials and student help links on the E-Learning login site. If you have technical questions call the UF Computer Help Desk at 352-392-HELP or send email to helpdesk@ufl.edu.

It is important that you regularly check your Gatorlink account email for College and University wide information and the course E-Learning site for announcements and notifications.

Course websites are generally made available on the Friday before the first day of classes.

TOPICAL OUTLINE

1. Perspectives on health, health care and health policy
2. Comparison of the U.S. and International Health Care Delivery Systems
3. Health Policy:
4. Policy Making
5. Policy analysis
6. Power and Politics as they relate to Health Policy

4. Critical Health Policy Issues: Finance, Delivery Systems, Populations and the Nursing Profession

5. Health Care Economics

6. Health Care Financing:

1. Language of Finance: Cost, Price, Revenue, Expenditures, and Reimbursement
2. Methods of Finance and Reimbursement

7. The Budget: Form and Process

8. Nursing roles in all aspects of health policy and health care financing.

TEACHING METHODS

Lectures (synchronous/asynchronous web-based), discussion, web-based learning activities.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Team discussions and projects, web-based research, written assignments.

EVALUATION METHODS/COURSE GRADE CALCULATION

Unit assignments (discussions, short papers): 30%

Written assignment: 35%

Team Business Plan Project: 35%

*Assignments will be returned within 3 weeks unless otherwise notified.*

MAKE UP POLICY

There are no exams in the course. Instructors will make an effort to accommodate reasonable requests regarding due dates of assignments.

GRADING SCALE/QUALITY POINTS

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| A | 95-100(4.0) | C | 74-79\* (2.0) |
| A- | 93-94 (3.67) | C- | 72-73 (1.67) |
| B+ | 91- 92 (3.33) | D+ | 70-71 (1.33) |
| B | 84-90 (3.0) | D | 64-69 (1.0) |
| B- | 82-83 (2.67) | D- | 62-63 (0.67) |
| C+ | 80-81 (2.33) | E | 61 or below (0.0) |

\* 74 is the minimal passing grade

For more information on grades and grading policies, please refer to University’s grading policies: http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=4&navoid=907#grades

REQUIRED TEXTS

There are no required texts in this course. Required readings will be posted for each of the three Units of the course.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

Mason, D. J., Leavitt, J. K., & Chaffee, M. W. (2012). *Policy and politics in nursing and healthcare* (6th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Saunders ISBN: 9781437714166 ***Note: the 5th edition is acceptable, also.***

Shi, L., & Singh, D. A. (2011). *Delivering health care in America: A systems approach* (5th ed.). Sudbury, MA: Jones & Bartlett ISBN: 1449626505 ***Note: the 4th edition is acceptable, also.***

Getzen, T.E. (2013). *Health economics and financing* (5th ed.)*.* Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons. ***Note: the 4th edition is acceptable, also.***

WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE Readings and online activities posted on course website.

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| **WK** | **DATE** | **TOPIC** | **ASSIGNMENTS****Due by 11:55 pm** |
| **UNIT 1: Health Care Delivery** |
| 1 | **5/13****Live online** | Introduction to coursePerspectives on health, health care, health policy  | **Discussion 1** **& Twitter Account** (individual) **Due 5/20** |
| 2 | 5/20 | Comparison of US & International Health Care Delivery Systems  |
| **UNIT 2: Policy & Politics** |
| 3 | 5/27 | Health Care Policy Making & Policy Analysis | **Discussion 2 & Tweet** (team)  **Due 6/10** |
| 4 | **6/3****Live online** | Power and Politics in Health Policy |
| 5 | 6/10 | Critical National and Global Health Policy Issues |   |
| **UNIT 3: Economics & Finance** |
| 6 | 6/17 | Health Care Economics | **Writing Assignment** **Due 6/17****Team Business Plan project description of practice** **Due 6/17** |
| 7 | Week of 6/23 | ***Summer Break*** |
| 8 | **7/1****Live online** | Language of Finance: Cost, Price, Revenue, Expenditures, and Reimbursement  | **Discussion 3 & Tweet** (team)  **Due 7/1****Team Business Plan** **Project Outline Due 7/8** |
| 9 | 7/8 | Methods of Finance and Reimbursement |
| 10 | 7/15 | Creation of Business Plan | **Team Business Plan Project Presentation Post & PowerPoint Due 7/29** |
| 11 | **7/22** **Live online** | Budgeting |
| 12 | 7/29 | Nursing Roles in Health Policy & Finance |
| 13 | **8/5** **Live online** | Team Business Plan Project Discussion |

University and College of Nursing Policies:

 Please see the College of Nursing website for a full explanation of each of the following policies - <http://nursing.ufl.edu/students/student-policies-and-handbooks/course-policies/>.

Attendance

Academic Honesty

UF Grading Policy

Accommodations due to Disability

Religious Holidays

Counseling and Mental Health Services

Student Handbook

Faculty Evaluations

Student Use of Social Media

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 Faculty: 11/04, 01/05, 04/13

 UF Curriculum: 03/05