Overview

History of Healthcare in America will examine individuals such as Henrietta Lacks, Elizabeth Stern, Rita Levi-Montalcini, Bennet Omalu, Gertrude B. Elion, and J. Robin Warren who contributed to the development of healthcare in the United States, from its inception to present day. This course examines how specific individuals and their scientific contributions influenced healthcare delivery and the continued evolution of healthcare, teaching from a systems or a value-based care perspective. The course also focuses on the way healthcare interacted with culture, politics, and society throughout U.S. history and how the evolution of healthcare may not have been possible without these individuals and others. There are no prerequisites for this course.

Competencies

Legal History
The graduate analyzes how legal and regulatory requirements have been shaped by historical events and how these requirements continue to change practices across organizations and practice settings.

Historical Impact of Sociopolitical Drivers
The graduate analyzes how sociopolitical drivers historically impacted value-based models and healthcare processes.

Finance and Information Security History
The graduate analyzes the historical background and evolution of coding, insurance, reimbursement, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) across organizations and practice settings.

Historic Models of Case Management
The graduate identifies historical models of case management.

Learning

Getting Started
Welcome to the History of Healthcare in America! This course will examine how scientific contributions, including these individuals, influenced the evolution of how healthcare is delivered today and how healthcare continues to evolve, from a systems perspective or a value-based care perspective. When you are ready to begin the course, select the “Go to Course Material” button to access the course content and learning resources. Each course topic will be included via the course’s learning platform. A pacing guide is provided as a suggestion for weekly goals and time management. Your course instructor will inform you how best to schedule time for reading and coursework, help you prepare for the pre-assessment, and provide feedback on your progress. Frequent communication with
your program mentor will help you succeed. Competency will be demonstrated by the successful completion of an objective assessment.

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Course Instructor Responsibility

How to Work with Course Instructors