Overview

Contemporary Topics and the Influence on Healthcare Today analyzes contemporary healthcare trends currently influencing health outcomes, as an individual or group, in the United States. The course helps the student develop a comparative explanation on how internal and external structures and social, cultural, economic, and political issues influence how care is delivered. The course critically evaluates current healthcare systems and examines how contemporary issues continue to shape healthcare. There are no prerequisites for this course.

Competencies

**Finance and Regulatory Issues**

The graduate analyzes contemporary healthcare finance and regulatory issues related to the compliance of reimbursement and financial models to provide overall value to patients.

**Contemporary Information Governance and Security**

The graduate applies contemporary methods in data and information governance to security measures at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels of practice.

**Analyzing Trends with Evidence-Based Practice**

The graduate analyzes how trends in the processes and application of evidence-based practice (EBP) improve quality of care.

**Compliance and Cultural Sensitivity**

The graduate evaluates contemporary issues related to advanced care coordination, scope of practice, and evidence-based practice (EBP) for ethical and legal compliance and cultural sensitivity.

**Delivery of Care**

The graduate analyzes how social, socioeconomic, and physical environments influence the delivery of quality care to diverse client populations.

**Influence on Certifications and Credentials**

The graduate identifies how certification and credentialing are influenced by current healthcare trends.

**Influence on Health Regulation and Law**

The graduate identifies how regulations and laws are influenced by current healthcare trends.

**Healthcare Trends and Practice**

The graduate evaluates how current healthcare trends impact interprofessional team dynamics, sociopolitical influences, and scope of practice to deliver quality care in dynamic environments.
Welcome to the Contemporary Topics and the Influence of Healthcare Today! The course helps the student develop a comparative explanation of how internal and external structures and social, cultural, economic, and political issues influence how care is delivered. 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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