Overview

Healthcare Ecosystems explores the history and state of healthcare organizations in an ever-changing environment. This course covers how agencies influence healthcare delivery through legal, licensure, certification, and accreditation standards. The course will also discuss how new technologies and trends keep healthcare delivery innovative and current. There are no prerequisites for this course.

Competencies

- **Organization of Healthcare Systems**
  The graduate analyzes the implications of key historic, economic, social, and legislative events that influenced the evolution of medical care in the United States, including the roles of health professionals and technology in the organization of contemporary healthcare systems.

- **Components and Operation of Healthcare Organizations**
  The graduate analyzes how the components and operation of healthcare delivery systems across the continuum of patient care influence cost, access, and quality of care.

- **Licensure, Certification, and Accreditation Standards**
  The graduate analyzes how licensing, certification, and accreditation agencies for healthcare organizations impact healthcare delivery at federal, state, local, and organizational levels.

- **Quality, Reimbursement, and Patient Access to Healthcare**
  The graduate analyzes how relationships between clinical healthcare quality, reimbursement for services, and patient access to medical care influence the services that are provided at various levels of healthcare organizations.

- **Federal Healthcare Legislation and Programs**
  The graduate analyzes how federal legislation and programs influence the provision of services at all levels of healthcare organizations.

- **Trends in Healthcare Delivery**
  The graduate analyzes how emerging technologies and trends in healthcare informatics and medical practice, as well as federal government initiatives, impact contemporary healthcare delivery.

Learning

Getting Started
Welcome to Healthcare Ecosystems! This course investigates the past and current environment of the healthcare system in the United States. When you are ready to begin the course, select the “Go to Course Material” button to access Soomo, the primary learning platform where you will find your learning materials. Each topic in the course will relate to specific modules in Soomo. 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 a performance assessment.