

INHL 6110 HEALTH ECONOMICS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (3)

Learning Objectives

At the end of the course students will be able to:

1. Identify and describe potential health systems barriers to scaling up priority health care services in developing countries
2. Describe the health systems strengthening policy process
3. Compare alternative frameworks for understanding and assessing health systems performance
4. Describe the context and design of alternative policy options for improving health systems performance, including: financing (out-of-pocket payments, general revenue, social insurance, community-based insurance, private insurance), payment (salaries, fee-for-service, capitation, performance-based payment), organization (decentralization, contracting, task-shifting and health worker retention strategies), regulation and behavior
5. Demonstrate the use of economic evaluation methodologies (cost-effectiveness, cost-benefit, cost-utility) in strengthening health systems and health, population and nutrition programs
6. Interpret and discuss the policy implications of findings from health economics research on the barriers to improved health outcomes and the effectiveness of reform initiatives in overcoming these barriers