

Course ID	Course Description	Course Objectives
<p>HSM 6050 Health Systems Concepts</p>	<p>Health Systems Concepts is a graduate level course that introduces you to the historical development, current structure and operation, and future direction of the U.S. health system. The course serves as a foundation for understanding the characteristics and complexity of a sector of our economy that currently makes up 16% of our Gross Domestic Product. The material in the course provides an overview of the ways in which health is produced and supplied through public health activity and health care delivery systems, the factors that determine the allocation of health care resources and the establishment of priorities, and the relationship of health care costs to measurable benefits. The course content enables you to assess organized efforts to influence health delivery and policy formulation, the impact of these efforts on you as a manager and leader of your health care organization, and the role of societal values and individual behaviors on health system performance, reform efforts, and the health status of our population.</p> <p>Since almost every medical or technological advance or change in the way health care is delivered is accompanied by new and vexing ethical and legal dilemmas, class time is devoted to open discussion of these complex and value-laden issues. Course materials are drawn largely from the required text, supplemented by material from the current literature and on line.</p>	<p>A. Describe and place in context the defining characteristics of the U.S. health care system by:</p> <p>LO1: Identify the major categories, constructs, and data elements used to describe the health care delivery system and its performance LO2: Differentiate between public and private payers and the types of health plans within the public and private payment systems LO3: Contrast the domain of public health with personal health care LO4: Describe the evolution of federal, state and local government involvement in the U.S. health care delivery system LO5: Contrast the U.S. health care system with those of other wealthy nations in terms of organization, performance and citizen satisfaction.</p> <p>B. Articulate the relationships between the various components of and inputs to the US health system by:</p> <p>LO6: Describe the continuum of care from preventive and acute care through post acute and long-term care and chronic care and end of life treatment and discuss the principal organizations or institutions that deliver care across this continuum LO7: Identify the contributions of personal health practices to individual and population health outcomes LO8: Characterize the U.S. pharmaceutical and medical device industries and their growing role and importance in health care LO9: Explain the factors that influence the supply and demand of health care workers LO10: Contrast the role of the health services manager with that of the clinician and discuss major issues that stem from these role differences</p>