

# PHE 210 : INTRODUCTION TO THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

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## Transcript title

Intro to Health Care System

## Credits

3

## Grading mode

Standard letter grades

## Total contact hours

30

## Lecture hours

30

## Recommended preparation

PHE 100.

## Course Description

Provides tools to examine and critically assess the U.S. health care delivery system, its components, and the challenges created by its structure. Considers the U.S. health care system from the perspective of multiple players and partners, including consumers/patients, primary health care, hospitals, providers, insurers, and government. Compares and contrasts the U.S. health care system to health care systems in other developed and emerging countries.

## Course learning outcomes

1. Explain the relationship between human behavior and/or conditions and health.
2. Describe the characteristics and trends of the major components of the US.
3. healthcare delivery and financing systems.
4. Explain the political, social, and systems processes that underpin and helped shape the US healthcare system, within the context of historical forces.
5. List and evaluate the major motivations behind the structure of the US.
6. healthcare system.
7. Describe the critical challenges to sustainability and affordability facing the US.
8. healthcare system today.
9. Critically evaluate the role of government in supporting healthcare delivery in the US and in a selection of other developed, emerging, and developing countries.

## Content outline

1. Overview of the major characteristics and foundations of health care delivery in the U.S.
2. Role of cost, access and quality in health care delivery and health outcomes
3. Health technology and its impact on health care delivery and health outcomes

4. History of health insurance in the U.S. and financial and reimbursement methods
5. Managed care and integrated systems, including the Affordable Care Act
6. Outpatient services and Primary Care in the U.S. and other countries, including how public health and primary care interact
7. Long-term care services
8. Mental health and mental illness
9. Populations with special needs, e.g. vulnerable populations
10. Health policy in the U.S. and around the world
11. The future of health services delivery in the U.S., including health workforce development

## Required materials

Required textbook.

## General education/Related instruction lists

- Social Science
- Health