The Politics of Health Care

**Course description**

This course examines the politics and issues related to healthcare. The student will develop understanding of issues that confront the healthcare culture including regulation, economics, and other social issues.

**Credit hours**

3 hours (0n-line)

**Course objectives**

Upon completion of this course, the student is expected to:

1. Examine the role of federal and state government in healthcare
2. Analyze the regulatory process for its impact on healthcare.
3. Probe the social issues of allocating healthcare resources
4. Investigate moral, ethical, and legal issues surrounding the economics of the healthcare industry
5. Assemble concepts and principles of the arts, sciences, humanities, and nursing in order to make advanced practice nursing decisions concerning issues related to policy, economics, and resource allocation.
6. Synthesize responsibility and accountability using consistent behavior patterns and professional communication
7. Evaluate the role of evidence based practice in healthcare policy

**Topics 4 hours each unless noted**

Political impact on health care

Regulation awareness and influences

Social issues related to demographic trends, delivery of health care, and cultural awareness

Workforce issues

Health care demand and resources

Health and health care of different populations 6hours

Health care stakeholders; the patient, payors, and providers

Wellness and health behaviors

Healthcare delivery models

International competitiveness and rising health costs