Course Number: PH 290
Course Title: Health Professions and Organizations
Credit Hours: 3
Time: Tuesday, 4:00 - 6:40 pm
Location: PG-242
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Course Description:
This course offers an overview of the health care system in the United States with a focus on its challenges and strengths. Historical perspectives as well as current information on health care reform will be discussed. Specific information about careers in public health and other health careers will be presented. Types of public health care agencies, hospitals and clinics will be introduced.

Scope of Course:
On completion of the course, the student will:
1. Understand the United States health care system’s strengths and challenges
2. Identify expected future trends in the health and care of the population
3. Describe and list the various types of healthcare settings
4. Identify the major types of health services and their functions
5. State the basic functions of public health agencies
6. Learn about the pay or mix and health care
7. Differentiate between skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities
8. Learn about healthcare reform
9. Provide examples of different community health agencies and their functions
10. Discuss future trends in long-term health care
11. Identify employers of health professionals and health-related personnel
12. Understand the specialized knowledge and skills necessary for a given health profession
13. List and discuss the different health professions involving patient care and non-patient care
Evaluation Procedures
1. Quizzes: periodic quizzes will be based on the assigned readings, lectures and presentations. No make-up quizzes will be given.
2. Exam: based on readings, lectures and presentations. Bring Scantron F-289. No make-up exam.

Grading is Based on These Components
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Grading
Letter grades will include + and – as follows:
* You need a minimum grade of “B” in order to meet criteria for Health Sciences Major
*These are approximations since the course is graded on a curve

Instructor’s Expectations
- Attend all lectures
- Be prepared by addressing all assignments and readings
- Do not be late for classes
- Participate in class discussions
- Refrain from private conversations during classes

Important Class Information:
- Please turn off and put away all cell phones, Blackberry and other electronic devices before class begins.
- Please refrain from talking with your neighbor(s) when the instructor is lecturing or your fellow students are asking questions because it distracts others.
- Exam and quiz content will come completely from readings and lectures.
- A make-up exam/quiz will be given only with appropriate documentation of an illness or emergency. If given, it will be in a different than the one taken by the class.
- There are no extra credit assignment opportunities.
- Homework assignment and all lectures will be announced and posted on Blackboard. Students are responsible for checking Blackboard.
- Assignment must be submitted no later than their specified due date. Must be typed. Handwritten assignments will not be graded.
- Homework will not be accepted past the due date. If you are unable to attend class the day an assignment is due, emailed assignment will be accepted.
- Emailed assignment will be accepted only if you are not in class the day it is due. The assignment must be sent no later than 4:00pm on the due date.
- If students are absent from class, it is their responsibility to get missed class lectures from a fellow class member.
• Announcements will be posted on Blackboard. Check frequently, especially on Tuesdays.
• Attendance will be taken randomly on selected class meetings.
• Cheating or plagiarism violates SDSU academic standards and makes offenders liable to penalties. Refer to the SDSU Academic Senate Policy regarding “Handling Cases of Suspected Plagiarism.”
• If a class must be cancelled without prior notification, it will be posted on Blackboard the day of the class, no later than 12:00pm.