

Unit Outline

HM001: The Australian Healthcare System: Contemporary Challenges

Unit Description:

This unit will deliver a structured introduction to the Australian health system in terms of funding by commonwealth and state governments, policy, public and private sectors, international comparisons, and contemporary challenges and emerging trends in healthcare practice in Australia.

A core feature of this unit is the emphasis on the inclusive approach to the understanding of health that will consider aged care, disability, mental health, and rural and indigenous health.

Students will actively engage in discussion around contemporary research literature, policy documents and case studies to apply and consolidate the theoretical material. Embedded within the unit is the need to draw on learning through their personal reflections of health care, and their assumptions regarding health and healthcare and how it is delivered. Learning activities and assessments will allow demonstration of understanding of the system, its strengths and weaknesses, equality and equity of delivery as well as the role of a leader in the delivery of care in this context.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, students will be able to:

- Critically analyse the Australian Healthcare System and identify funding models
- Assess contemporary challenges in healthcare delivery in Australia
- Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the Australian health system in comparison to healthcare systems in other countries
- Determine culturally respectful strategies to address health challenges prevalent in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other disadvantaged populations
- Critically reflect on their role as future leader in a changing and challenging healthcare environment

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Unit Summary

Location	Sydney and Brisbane
Courses and Total Credit Points Required for Completion	Graduate Certificate in Health Management (24 Credit Points); Graduate Diploma in Health Management (48 Credit Points); Master of Health Management (96 Credit Points)
Study Level	Postgraduate
Unit Level	Core
Prerequisites	Nil
Credit Points	8
Duration	One Trimester – 12 week study period
Delivery Mode	On-campus
Assessment	Post Entry Language Assessment: 10% Reflection: 20% Essay: 40% Reflection: 30%
Prescribed Textbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willis, E., Reynolds, L. & and Keleher, H. (2016). <i>Understanding the Australian Health Care System</i>. Chatswood, NSW: Elsevier • Duckett, S. & Willcox, S. (2015). <i>The Australian Health Care System</i>. South Melbourne: Oxford University Press.
Expected Student Workload	Four hours timetabled classes plus at least eight hours personal study hours.

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