



# HCR 220: Introduction to the Health Professions and the US Healthcare System

## Overview

Do you ever wonder why our healthcare system seems so complicated? Perhaps you are an innovative thinker wondering what healthcare might look like in the future and how healthcare technology works. Or maybe you are thinking about going into the healthcare field but are unsure just what path you want to take - and what getting there looks like. This course will set you on a path to discover the answers to all of these questions and more. In this course you will explore the historical, social, political, and economic factors that influence healthcare. You will take a critical look at why interprofessional teams are so important, how ethics factors into healthcare, and look at some of the significant historical events that have created the healthcare system we have today.

## What You'll Learn

- Explore the historical and contemporary evolution of healthcare professions
- Explore the historical and contemporary evolution of the healthcare system in the United States
- Describe the relationship among the United States healthcare system and the political, social, and economic forces
- Discuss the roles and preparation of members of the interprofessional healthcare team
- Identify current and future challenges to the U.S. healthcare system, delivery, funding, access and innovation

## How to Succeed

To be successful in this course, we recommend English language fluency and computer literacy. We also encourage you to make sure your laptop or desktop computer meets the [technical requirements](#).

## Earn College Credit

This course appears on your transcript identically to how it appears on the transcript of an enrolled ASU student.

This course satisfies 3 credit hours toward the Historical Awareness (H) General Studies requirement for Arizona State University. It is strongly encouraged that you consult with your institution of choice to determine how these credits will be applied.

In order to receive academic credit for this course, you must earn a grade of "C" or better. You have one year to add the course to your transcript.

## Exams and Grading

TBD

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## Time Commitment

This is an asynchronous, online course. This means, while you will have deadlines, you do not need to be at your computer at specific times or participate in live activities.

To be successful in this class, you must view all course pages and complete all graded work by the deadlines indicated. Also, keep in mind that "attendance" in an online course means logging into the platform on a regular basis, checking for course announcements, and visiting and participating in the discussion forums.

This 3 credit, 8 week course requires about 135 hours of work. Therefore, expect to spend approximately 15-20 hours per week preparing for and engaging in this course.

## Materials

This course makes use of open educational resources (OERs) provided within the course, **no purchase necessary**.

## Graded Assignments

Graded assignments are required and count towards your final grade. Students must submit all assignments via the course site unless otherwise instructed.

## Assignment Deadlines

Your instructional team will provide all content and learning activities on or through your course site. It is your responsibility to review all content, fulfill all assignments on time, and ask any questions you have in the designated discussion area. It is also your responsibility to determine the due dates and times for all course assignments according to your time zone. Due to the large-scale format of Universal Learner Courses, late assignments will not be accepted at any point during the course, and we cannot make exceptions.

## Course Communication

All communication will take place via the discussion forums and course announcement page. There will be a discussion forum where you can post general questions, comments, and direct inquiries for the instructor and course team. Please use these forums to ensure a timely response. Your instructor will not be able to respond to email.

## Additional Information

If you have questions about Universal Learner Courses and how they work, please visit [ea.asu.edu](http://ea.asu.edu) or contact our support team at [ulcourses@asu.edu](mailto:ulcourses@asu.edu).