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General Syllabus

ISL 4223 Contemporary and Critical Topics in Healthcare: A Global Perspective

Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: admission into the BSIS-Leadership program

Effective Catalog: 2018-2019

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Introduces the student to global health concepts and the network of organizations working to advance healthcare internationally. Emphasis is on the global burden of disease and determinates of health, healthcare economics, the political process and its impact on the health of individuals and populations.

B. Additional Information - None

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Evaluate health and development within a global health context.
2. Breakdown and assess global demographics and health determinants.
3. Prioritize global health challenges and issues.
4. Utilize the process of critical thinking to develop strategies for dealing with social and ethical dilemmas in delivering healthcare in low and middle resource settings.
5. Discuss the major communicable and non-communicable disease burdens impacting global health.
6. Critique programmatic approaches to specific global health issues.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills: Students will use critical thinking skills to generate solutions to problems occurring in global healthcare internationally.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently by composing coherent documents discussing various aspects of global healthcare.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will apply ethical frameworks to resolve a variety of ethical dilemmas faced in global healthcare.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will demonstrate understanding of their discipline in a global environment while learning how to improve healthcare internationally.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Principles and Goals of Global Health
- B. Health Determinants, Measurements, and Trends
- C. Health, Education, Poverty and the Economy
- D. Ethical and Human Rights Concerns in Global Health
- E. Global Health of Women and Children
- F. Communicable and Non-communicable Disease
- G. Science, Technology and Global Health
- H. Health System Sustainability