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## **General Syllabus**

### **MHCA 5603 Population Health**

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisites: MHCA 5033 Healthcare Law and Ethics, MHCA 5043 Research in Healthcare Administration

Effective Catalog: 2017-2018

#### **I. Course Information**

##### **A. Catalog Description**

Examines key concepts of population health management and strategies aimed at reducing health disparities and improving health outcomes by fostering a culture of health and wellness within the context of healthcare reform.

##### **B. Additional Information**

Serves as an intermediate core course for students.

#### **II. Student Learning Outcomes**

##### **A. Subject Matter**

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

1. Explain population health and its foundations, and why it is necessary.
2. Identify health disparities and potential ways to improve health outcomes.
3. Describe the interrelationships of the challenges and opportunities related to implementing a population health approach.
4. Interpret the political landscape and policy implications of population health.
5. Analyze the role of health advocacy and assistance programs in population health.

##### **B. Program Learning Outcomes**

This graduate course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

1. Goal: Healthcare Systems and Environment - Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of healthcare systems and the environment in which healthcare managers and providers operate.
  - a. Objective: Demonstrate understanding of population health and community health needs in terms of healthcare trends, societal wellness and disease, and healthcare delivery.
  - b. Objective: Demonstrate knowledge of the broad healthcare environment, including the role of healthcare policy, law, regulation, and ethics.
2. Goal: Communication and Relationships - Demonstrate clear and concise communication skills, establish and maintain relationships, and facilitate constructive interactions with individuals and groups.  
Objective: Demonstrate effective interpersonal relations by developing and maintaining cooperative and collaborative relationships.

### **III. Major Course Topics**

- A. The foundations of population health
- B. Eliminating health disparities
- C. Population health and interprofessional education
- D. The political landscape in relation to population health
- E. Healthcare consumerism and health advocacy
- F. Healthcare quality and safety across the care continuum
- G. The business value of a healthy workforce