

# University Minor in Nursing and Health Services Management

## **Purpose:**

Increasingly, the delivery of health care involves decisions that entail considerations beyond clinical or medical issues. With the rise of managed care in the United States, it is important for health professionals and those associated with health care delivery systems to understand not only the clinical factors that affect patients, but also the business environment in which health care institutions function. Recognizing this fact, the School of Nursing, the Wharton School, and the College of Arts and Sciences offer a University minor in Nursing and Health Services Management. This group of courses allows students throughout the University to understand both the nature of the economic and managerial constraints that face health care organizations and how these constraints can be effectively managed to provide the best possible health care for patients.

In recognition of the fact that several different disciplines can contribute to the objective stated above, the proposed minor includes courses from the Wharton School, the School of Nursing, and the School of Arts and Sciences, as detailed below.

## **Course work:**

Students who wish to pursue a minor in Nursing and Health Services Management will be required to take a total of eight courses. The program of courses is designed to give students broad exposure to an interdisciplinary approach to understanding various economic and managerial factors that affect the delivery of health care in the United States.

Note: Wharton students pursuing a concentration in Health Care Management may not also declare this minor.

## **Approved Courses for the Minor:**

Students are required to take Economics 001 (microeconomics). Wharton students entering fall 2006 or later may substitute Economics 010. In addition, students are required to take at least two courses from the Wharton school and two courses from the Nursing school, selected from the list below. The additional three courses can be selected from any of the courses listed below.

Economics 001 (required) – Wharton students entering fall 2006 or later may substitute Economics 010

Nursing 334: Health and Social Policy

Nursing 359: Case Study: Quality Care Challenges in an Evolving Health Care Market

Nursing 400: Advances in Health Systems Research and Analysis

Nursing 518: Nursing, Health and Illness in the US, 1860 – 1985

Nursing 540: Current Issues in Health and Social Policy

HCMG 101: Health Care Systems

HCMG 202/Economics 39: The Economics and Financing of Health Care Delivery

HCMG 203: Clinical Issues in Health Care Management

HCMG 204: Comparative Health Care Systems

HCMG 211: Legal Aspects of Health Care

HCMG 212: Health Care Quality and Outcomes

HCMG 213: Management and Economics of Pharmaceutical, Biotech, and Medical Device Industries

HCMG 215: Management and Economics of Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Industry

HSOC 150: American Health Policy

Students may complete an independent study with a faculty member of the non-home school to be counted toward the minor. In order to complete an independent study through Wharton, a 3.4 cumulative GPA is required. Students who are interested in this option should contact the respective school advisor for more information. Advising contacts are listed below.

Nursing students can obtain a minor declaration form from the School of Nursing Office of Student Information (NEB, Suite M-24) and online at <http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/students/forms/>. Wharton students can obtain a declaration form from the Wharton Undergrad Division (G95 JMHH) and online at [http://undergrad.wharton.upenn.edu/forms/minors\\_for\\_wharton.pdf](http://undergrad.wharton.upenn.edu/forms/minors_for_wharton.pdf). Students should discuss their plans with the respective school advisor.

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