Pharmacy / Human Health Services

Healthcare Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow: A Comparison of U.S. & United Kingdom Health Systems

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Course:
Credit Hours: 3
Course Levels Offered: Upper Division (300-400 level) or Graduate (500+)
Can this course be taken to fulfill major and minor requirements? NO
Can this course be taken to fulfill general elective credit? YES
Local Course Designator at University of Kentucky: PPS895-xxx
Prerequisites: Students should have explored the healthcare system in the U.S.A, through course work or other experiences

Description:
This course will allow the students to explore the shared past of U.S. and United Kingdom healthcare systems through visits to historical sites and collections including the Royal College of Physicians, the Florence Nightingale Museum and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. Discussions about current healthcare systems will be amplified by visits to practice sites, such as hospitals, pharmacies and general practices. Students will have the opportunity to develop their thoughts about the future of U.S. healthcare through discussion and debate. This course may also be of interest to medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, public health, health science and pre-professional upper level students.

Content:
This course will allow the student to explore the shared past of American and United Kingdom healthcare systems through visits to historical sites and collections including the Royal College of Physicians, the Florence Nightingale Museum, and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. Discussions about current healthcare systems will be amplified by visits to practice sites, such as hospitals, pharmacies, and general practices. Students will have the opportunity to develop their thoughts about the future of American healthcare through discussion and debate.

At the end of this course the student should be able to:
Describe historical events that underpin the current healthcare systems in the USA and the UK;
Identify problems with previous healthcare practices and describe resulting innovations;
Compare and contrast current healthcare systems worldwide with particular emphasis on the USA and the UK;
Discuss the future of healthcare in the USA through discussion and debate.


**Assessment Methods:**

**ASSESSMENT - POINTS**

- Preparatory Exercises -20
- Interview Questions - 10
- Journal - 20
- NHS News Reaction - 5
- NHS Advertising Reaction - 5
- Final Paper - 30
- Discussion/Participation - 10

Total - 100