WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE TITLE: Politics and Policy in Health Care Systems
COURSE NUMBER: MSN 7741

I. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course provides the student with the skills to:
1. Critically examine the role and value of advanced practice nurses in health policy development and political processes.
2. Apply a policy analysis framework in the evaluation of contemporary health policies in and related to health care systems.
3. Assess the social, economic, legal, and ethical implications of major health policies on health care systems.
4. Discuss the legislative, regulatory and political processes related to health policy development and the effect those processes have on the current health care system.
5. Demonstrate awareness of contemporary health policy issues and resources at the national, state, and local levels.
6. Articulate the role of advanced practice nurses in health policy development and thereby the health care system.

II. SUPPLEMENTAL OBJECTIVES

1. Critically examine the role and value of advanced practice nurses in health policy development and political processes.
   Role of APN in policy development
   Role of APN in health care system
   Policies affecting APN practice

2. Apply a policy analysis framework in the evaluation of contemporary health policies in and related to health care systems.
   Review of contemporary “in the news” health policy
   Use of analytical framework to critique health policy issues

3. Assess the social, economic, legal, and ethical implications of major health policies on health care systems.
   Use of UAP’s
   Clinical Research
   Evidence based practice
   Insurance issues
4. Discuss the legislative, regulatory and political processes related to health policy development and the effect those processes have on the current health care system.
   - Legal issues such as FDA drug approval, immunizations
   - State vs. federal jurisdiction of health policy
   - The making of a bill from policy into practice

5. Demonstrate awareness of contemporary health policy issues and resources at the national, state, and local levels.

6. Articulate the role of advanced practice nurses in health policy development and thereby the health care system.
   - APN role as change agent