

BHM001 The Australian Healthcare System: Contemporary Challenges

Unit Description

This unit will deliver a structured introduction to the Australian health system in terms of funding by commonwealth and state governments, policy, public and private sectors, international comparisons, and contemporary challenges and emerging trends in healthcare practice in Australia. A core feature of this unit is the emphasis on the inclusive approach to the understanding of health that will consider aged care, disability, mental health, and rural and indigenous health. Students will actively engage in discussion around contemporary research literature, policy documents and case studies to apply and consolidate the theoretical material. Embedded within the unit is the need to draw on learning through their personal reflections of health care, and their assumptions regarding health and healthcare and how it is delivered. Learning activities and assessments will allow demonstration of understanding of the system, its strengths and weaknesses, equality and equity of delivery as well as the role of a leader in the delivery of care in this context.

Credit Points	8 credit points
Duration	12 weeks (10 teaching weeks and 2 revision and assessment weeks)

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, students will be able to:

1. Critically analyse the Australian Healthcare System and identify funding models.
2. Assess contemporary challenges in healthcare delivery in Australia.
3. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the Australian health system in comparison to healthcare systems in other countries.
4. Determine culturally respectful strategies to address health challenges prevalent in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other disadvantaged populations.
5. Critically reflect on your role as future leader in a changing and challenging healthcare environment.