



Unit Outline (Higher Education)

Institute / School:	Institute of Health and Wellbeing
Unit Title:	POLICY IN HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT
Unit ID:	BUHEA6902
Credit Points:	15.00
Prerequisite(s):	Nil
Co-requisite(s):	Nil
Exclusion(s):	Nil
ASCED:	060301

Description of the Unit:

This unit builds skills in the politics and policies related to health services management. It primarily focuses on public policy but also draws on policy applicable globally as well as the students country of origin. Policy analysis includes both the process of identifying, structuring, and analysing information to design better policy within the health sector, and evaluation of existing policies.

Grade Scheme: Graded (HD, D, C, P, MF, F, XF)

Work Experience:

No work experience: Student is not undertaking work experience in industry.

Placement Component: No

Supplementary Assessment: Yes

Where supplementary assessment is available a student must have failed overall in the Unit but gained a final mark of 45 per cent or above, has completed all major assessment tasks (including all sub-components where a task has multiple parts) as specified in the Unit Description and is not eligible for any other form of supplementary assessment

Course Level:

Level of Unit in Course	AQF Level of Course					
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Introductory						

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Intermediate	■	■	■	■	✓	■
Advanced	■	■	■	■	■	■

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

- K1.** Review politics and policy and their relation to each other in health in Australia and other countries
- K2.** Appraise the philosophies that underpin the development of health policy and the allocation of resources
- K3.** Differentiate between the political, social and economic factors and evaluate their influence on policy decision making
- K4.** Analyse the policy development cycle and assess how it informs different approaches to policy analysis
- K5.** Debate the response to policy failure both in government policy and the broader health sector

Skills:

- S1.** Analyse and critically reflect on the political agenda in health policy development
- S2.** Conduct policy analysis and apply to a range of health contexts
- S3.** Critically and systematically evaluate health policy and the impact on the individual, the organisation and the broader community
- S4.** Interpret and transmit knowledge, skills and ideas on identified gaps in policy and the need for effective policy in healthcare to specialist and non-specialist audiences

Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Take initiative to apply knowledge and skills in health policy in professional practice, particularly in service planning, quality and safety and health services management
- A2.** Demonstrate ethical practice in all aspects of policy analysis, development, and be accountable in reviewing other policy in light of ethical practice

Unit Content:

Topics may include:

- introduction to public policy
- rationale for public policy
- problem and solution analysis in policy
- the policy development cycle
- cost benefit analysis
- policy analysis

- examination of policy failure and ethics in policy development

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1,K2,K5 S2,S3 A1	Students are required to identify a second contemporary health policy in Australia or their home countries, analyse and discuss the issues and suggest possible solutions.	Essay	40-60%
K1,K2,K3,K4,K5 S1,S2,S3,S4 A1,A2	Students are required to review and analyse a contemporary health policy in Australia or their home country and make a presentation and report.	Presentation and report	40-60%

Adopted Reference Style:

APA

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