

Course Title/Code: Perspectives in Health Care Management (MMPH6158)

Department: School of Public Health

Objective: The module aims to stimulate concerns about important problems and issues facing health administration at both global and local levels, and to provide a comprehensive look at public health management and administration. Students will explore the characteristics, contemporary issues and controversies of health administration. Various theories and concepts in administrative science regarding strategic planning, governance and accountability, quality and risk management, human resources management, information management, and leadership will be appraised and applied in the practice of administrative medicine. Students will also compare, contrast and evaluate cases in different health systems (e.g. Hong Kong, US, UK, China), as well as formulate solutions to problems in healthcare administration.

Content: Topics include:

- Introduction
- Policies and Prioritization
- Governance and Accountability
- Globalisation and International Health
- Quality and Risk Management
- Health Care Reform and Change Management
- Working with People for Health
- Cultural Competence in Health Care
- Contemporary Issues of Health and Their Impact on Health Administration
- Outcome Evaluation of Health Interventions
- From Strategies to Operational Efficiency
- Group Presentations

Learning Outcomes: On completion of the module, the students are expected to:

- Identify the core issues and problems in health care administration
- Describe and discuss various theories and concepts of administrative science, including strategic planning, governance and accountability, quality and risk management, human resources management, and information management, to identify and address problems and challenges facing public health organizations.
- Analyze and critique selected organization/management problems and cases in health organizations, and propose solutions for them by applying principles of public health management and administration.
- Discuss different leadership styles and identify personal leadership orientation and strengths.
- Develop appropriate frameworks or approaches for a public health organization to foster the achievement of public health goals.

Prerequisite: Principles of health care management (MMPH 6115) or previous healthcare work experience

Duration: 2 hours/week; 24 contact hours

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Continuous assessment 100% in-course assessment
Examination ratio:

Remarks: Approval from the Department must be sought prior to enrollment.

