MSN 590 : Health Policy, Legislation, Economics and Ethics

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	Spring
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	Social, political, and economic factors influence policies that impact health outcomes in communities, nationally and globally. Nurse leaders need to understand the determinants of health as well as how legal and regulatory processes, healthcare finances, research, the role of professional organizations, and special interest groups/lobbyists impact health outcomes. This course provides a framework for understanding the organization of healthcare delivery and financing systems in the U.S. and other nations. It addresses how policies are made and the factors that influence policies at local, national, and global levels, impacting health/wellness and the nursing profession. The roles of values, ethical theories, stakeholder interests, research, and recent legislation related to health policy and health outcomes will be explored. The graduate learner will gain expertise in effecting change through active participation in influencing or developing policies that impact health.