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Course Description

This course provides an introduction to health sciences libraries and information centers. Topics include: characteristics of health information services, organization and management of collections, facilities, users and user services, the role of information technology, and professional activities of health information management specialists, including the growing interest in evidence-based practice.

Course Goals

Students will be able to:

1. Describe the current health care environment and implications for information management
2. Explain the structure, flow, and use of health information
3. Identify and explain various functions in a health information management organization
4. Articulate issues facing health sciences libraries (e.g., managing electronic resources, intellectual property issues, evidenced-based practice)
5. Effectively present in-depth information about a specific type of health information environment

6. Demonstrate ability to assess information management situations and make appropriate recommendations for action

**Course Requirements and Grading**

Class participation (attendance, participation in discussion, evidence of completing reading assignments) 20%
Presentation and fact sheet for selected disease 10%
Fact sheet on assigned type of health information environment 10%
Presentation #3 on specific health information environment 30%
In-class exercises 15%
Homework assignments 15%
100%

**ADA Accomodations**

Any student with a disability that will require accommodation under the terms of federal regulations must let the instructor know on the first day of class and present a written accommodation request to the instructor by Jan 30, 2003. Copies of the School's ADA Compliance Policy are available through the School's office. It is also recommended that the student register with the Office of Disability Accommodation of the University of North Texas.