Course Information
Division: Health Science Division
Contact Hours: 3
Theory: 45
Total Credits: 3

Prerequisites: ENGL 090 and RDG 090 or qualifying scores on accepted placement tests

Course Description
The purpose of this course is to develop an increased awareness of multiple health-care professions. Students will examine the principles of health care including ethics, patient-centered care, communication, informatics, patient safety, and quality improvement in health care. Students will also learn techniques for obtaining a career in health care. Students will complete a Basic Certificate in Quality & Safety through the Institute for Health Care Improvement.

Course Outcomes
In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe multiple health-care professions and settings.
2. Discuss principles of professionalism and ethics in health care.
3. Examine how the health-care professional creates a safe, patient-centered environment.
4. Examine the importance of communication and informatics in health care.
5. Discuss quality improvement and its role in patient safety.
6. Implement strategies that increase opportunities to obtain a successful health-care career.