Course Description
The purpose of this course is to develop an awareness of the current trends and issues in health care. Students will examine how legal, ethical, political, and economic principles affect the health care professional and their ability to deliver high quality patient care. Students will also explore the concepts of health, wellness, and illness as they apply to the changing population. Contemporary issues including social justice, advancements in technology, the COVID-19 pandemic, interprofessional collaboration, and changes in the health care environment will also be discussed.

Course Outcomes
In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to:
1. Describe digital social trends and their impact on health care.
2. Examine skills to promote successful interprofessional collaboration.
3. Explain the impact of widespread illness on health care delivery.
4. Discuss the expanding need for community health care and telehealth.
5. Describe how the social determinants of health affect access to health care.
6. Discuss recent health care reforms and their impacts on health consumers.