

**THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

**PADM 590 – UNM SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

**SATURDAYS 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM (MT)**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed for future leaders of health care organizations to help them better understand the impact of the Affordable Care Act on Health Care Consumers and the Health Care System. The Affordable Care Act will be evaluated in both the context of Health Care Reform and Insurance Reform. Since the passage of the law, there have been multiple attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and the provisions of the law have been the subject of many Court Appeals including the Supreme Court of the United States. The Affordable Care Act is an important issue in the Fall Elections.

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### REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:

The Guide To Healthcare Reform: Readings and Commentary,  
Daniel B. McLaughlin, Editor, ISBN 978-1-56793-694-0, Health  
Administration Press, Chicago, IL, 2015.

Supplemental Readings to be assigned by Guest Lecturers

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

- 1) Identify and evaluate the provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) passed in 2010.
- 2) Understand and evaluate the impact of the Affordable Care Act on the estimated Twenty Million Health Care Consumers who have gained access to Health Insurance as a result of the ACA passage.
- 3) Understand and evaluate the impact of the Affordable Care Act on the Health Care System of the United States.
- 4) Describe and discuss the impact of the Affordable Care Act on Population Health and the increased focus on prevention.
- 5) Evaluate provisions of the Affordable Care Act that should be considered for modification or deletion to improve the law.

**COURSE EXPECTATIONS**

**Graduate Students in the School of Public Administration are presumed to be adult learners who are taking PADM 590, Health Care Reform, to improve their leadership capabilities for Health Care Management or Policy Roles. Students are expected to regularly attend class on a timely basis, actively participate and contribute to a positive learning environment and actively engage in the discussion of class assignments in the Textbook and other assigned materials all of which will be critical for successful learning. If unusual circumstances require you to miss a class, please send an explanatory E-Mail or Text Message to Professor Aldrich in advance of the class.**

**GRADING SYSTEM**

**Final Grades for PADM 590, Health Care Reform, will be based 30% on Participation, 30% Mid-Term Exam and 40% on the Final Exam. Exams will be Essay Questions which will provide the Students the opportunity to demonstrate both learning and integration of knowledge. Participation grades will be strongly influenced by the Student class room engagement.**

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**COURSE SCHEDULE & READING ASSIGNMENTS:**

**Saturday, August 27, 2016, The Guide To Health Care Reform, Chapters 1, 2 & Additional Reading Chapter 2.**

**Saturday, September 3, 2016, The Guide To Health Care Reform, Chapter 3 & Additional Readings Chapter 3**

**Saturday, September 10, 2016, The Guide To Health Care Reform, Chapter 4 & Additional Readings Chapter 4**

**Saturday, September 17, 2016, The Guide To Health Care Reform, Chapter 5 & Additional Readings Chapter 5**

**Saturday, September 24, 2016, The Guide To Health Care Reform, Chapter 6 & Additional Readings Chapter 6**

**Saturday, October 1, 2016, The Guide To Health Care Reform, Chapter 7, 2016, Chapter 7 & Additional Readings Chapter 7**

**Saturday, October 8, 2016, The Guide To Health Care Reform, Chapter 8 and Additional Readings Chapter 8**

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**Saturday, October 15, 2016, UNM Fall Break (No Class)**

**Saturday, October 22, 2016, The Guide To Health Care Reform, Chapter 9 and Additional Readings Chapter 9**

**Saturday, October 29, 2016, The Guide To Health Care Reform, Chapter 10 & Additional Readings Chapter 10**

**Saturday, November 5, 2016, Guest Lecture on Centennial Care, Larry Martinez, Chair (To Be Invited)**

**Saturday, November 12, 2016. Guest Lecture on New Mexico Health Connections, Martin Hickey, MD (To Be Invited)**

**Saturday, November 19, 2016, Guest Lecture on NMHIX, Amy Dowd (To Be Invited)**

**Saturday, November 26, 2016, UNM Thanksgiving Holiday (No Class)**

**Saturday, December 3, 2016, Guest Lecture on State of New Mexico Department of Human Services Role (To Be Invited)**

**Saturday, December 10, 2016, Guest Lecture on Future of ACA (To Be Invited Dependent On National Elections Outcome)**

**Saturday, December 17, 2016, Review and Discussion of Final Examination & Student Feedback and Course Evaluation**