

Health Policy – Core Competencies

1. Describing and critically assessing the political, legal, philosophical, economic, financial, and/or social framework of U.S. health policy, and demonstrating proficiency in applying that understanding to analysis of current health policy issues.
2. Locating, assessing, appropriately using, and synthesizing policy-relevant qualitative information relevant to key issues in US health policy, including a full range of evidence related to the legislative, regulatory, and judicial processes, peer-reviewed literature, and “gray” literature produced by policy analysis entities and organizations.
3. Locating, assessing, and appropriately using statistical and other data and the ability to conduct basic manipulations of data.
4. Comparatively analyzing legislation and administrative regulations, and analyzing and interpreting judicial opinions and agency rulings.
5. Assessing the methodology and quality of research results, and synthesizing findings for policy analyses.
6. Applying the core elements of a policy analysis to key issues in US health services and public health policy through both short and long written papers, and in oral presentations of policy analyses.