**Transforming the Delivery of Healthcare Services**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course provides an advanced, critical analysis of the delivery and payment of healthcare services in the U.S. with a specific focus on actions innovative healthcare providers and health insurers are taking to improve the quality of patient care, manage the escalating costs of providing such care, and enhance business performance. It will analyze the attractiveness and feasibility of new approaches to address the challenges facing providers, payers and patients operating in an inefficient, misaligned, and fragmented healthcare system. Particular focus will be given to the impact of the 2009 HITECH Act and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010. There will be guest lectures by a variety of major leaders in healthcare business and policy. The course will be useful for students interested in careers in health system management, health insurance, HCIT, healthcare consulting & banking, private equity, investment management, health policy, entrepreneurship in the healthcare services sector and pharmaceuticals, medical devices & diagnostics.

**\*Note:** Students must have a good working knowledge of the U.S. healthcare delivery and payment system including :

* the structure, organization and financing of hospitals and health systems
* physician practice patterns and compensation systems
* public and private payment systems including FFS, DRGs, RBVs, and capitation
* the Medicare and Medicaid systems including Medicare managed care
* insurance companies and types of health plans including PPOs, POS, HMOs, high deductible health plans, etc.
* the role of employers in providing healthcare including the difference between fully insured and self-funded organizations