



HSU Course Outline

Health Services Credential Course

HS1Cred

3 Days

Description

The health services credential is a specialized Head Start credentialing program for health workers that want to improve the health quality of Head Start families they serve. Being a “**Head Start**” credentialed health worker makes all the difference. Head Start health workers who want Head Start recognition for their professional achievement and who want to unlock new Head Start career paths come to HS University for their credentials. Using the Head Start Program Performance Standards, the Head Start Act and the Head Start health services milestones as our curricula, HS University's health service credentialing course focuses on obtaining valuable support services and strategies through hands on learning, health knowledge and detailed understanding of state, local and federal health compliance. Obtaining a “Health Service” credentialing status is the next progression in a Health Services worker's professional career. Beyond the educational degree, a “Health Service” credential denotes professional commitment and achievement and represents a “plus” feature of Head Start health knowledge and experience that meets or exceeds excellence in ensuring appropriate health care services. Head Start health workers that enroll in this program agree to a critical review process that includes evaluation of the candidate's educational preparation, practice experience and examination process of skills and abilities. The Professional Credential in Health Services is a competency-based training program and curricula environment relevant to the work of a Head Start Health Worker. This 3 day in-depth health credentialing course is designed for Head Start health service staff with less than 5 years experience working in health services in Head Start. It is also designed for family support staff that has the responsibility of collecting and monitoring health services in a Head Start program. Using the health milestones as the core of this credential, the course will teach students how the provisions of Head Start health services relate to other components, such as education, early childhood development, program governance, management systems and procedures, human resources and facilities. This course will help staff become more knowledgeable about observing and recognizing significant child health and behavioral changes, understand and develop processes for notifying appropriate staff and parents about health concerns, work with Health Services Advisory Committees to develop staff training on pertinent health conditions, determine protocols for notifying staff of health conditions and procedures that facilitate center staff participation in health services.

Prerequisites

- Knowledge of EPSDT
- Knowledge of State health requirements
- Knowledge of Performance Standards

Who Should Take This Course?

This course is designed for health service staff with less than 5 years experience collecting, documenting and monitoring health services. Designed for health managers, coordinators and specialist, this course will also be helpful for family service workers, teachers, center managers, bus drivers, directors, disabilities services managers, and education services managers. All Head Start staff would benefit from this course.

Objectives

- ✓ Develop health policies and procedures that support the health goals for children, families and staff
- ✓ Link children to ongoing sources of continuous, accessible health care
- ✓ Integrate health within the Head Start program curriculum
- ✓ Respond to questions about strategies to address community health problems
- ✓ Ensure center environments support a healthy child's social, emotional, cognitive and physical development
- ✓ Engage parents in identifying and accessing health services and resources
- ✓ Support parents as advocates for their children's health

- ✓ Support efforts to improve health in the community
- ✓ Develop comprehensive health services for children and pregnant mothers
- ✓ Educate providers and other professionals on the need and issues of Head Start children and families
- ✓ Advocate for community systems changes that support the health of children and families

Outline

Day 1

Health Services Milestones: Designing Quality Services
 Health Services in Head Start
 Health Service Milestones
 Head Start History
 Terminology for Health Requirements
 Compliance & Finding: Maintaining Quality
 About The Standards
 1304.20(a-f)
 1304.41(f) Advisory Committees
 1304.24(a) Mental Health Services
 1304.22(a) Child Health Services
 1304.23(a) Child Nutrition
 1304.52(h) Standards of Conduct
 1304.51(i) Program Self-Assessment & Monitoring

Day 2

The First 90 Days: Meeting the Requirements
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 Follow-up Services: Timely Intervention & Treatments
 Screenings & Assessments: Defining Quality
 How to Select Screening Tools: A 10-point Checklist
 Blood-Lead Screening
 Lead Screening: Strategies for Meeting the Lead Screening Requirements in Head Start
 Follow-up Services: Timely Interventions and Treatment
 Promoting Health Families: Quality in Services
 Health & Safety of Each Child
 Helping Families: Assessing Oral Health Care
 Nutrition Services: Designing & Implementing Services
 Healthy Meals: Ensuring Safe Handling
 Healthy Behaviors: Effective Oral Hygiene
 Safe Environments
 Record Keeping & Tracking: Documenting Services
 Partnering with Parents: Meeting Community Challenges

Individualization: Addressing Each Child's Needs
 Why is Individualization Important?
 Who Should Have an Individual Health Care Plan?
 Annual Self-Assessment
 The Roles in Managing Health Services

Day 3

Partnering with Families: Advocating for Services
 Parents Advocating for Services
 Community Partnership
 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
 A Link for Families Program
 Coordination: Working with Community Partnerships
 Coordination: Working Together
 HIPAA: Confidentiality & Security Policies
 Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act
 Who is covered by HIPAA rules?
 General Principals for Use & Disclosure
 Head Start, Medicaid & CHIP
 Federal Partnerships to Maximize Resources
 Federal Program to Ensure the Health of Children
 Head Start & Early Head Start
 Medicaid
 The State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
 Title V Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant
 Federal Partnerships to Share Outreach
 The Outreach Role of Head Start
 Linking Head Start Families to Health Information & Services
 Addressing Barriers
 Serving the Needs of the Head Start Population
 Outreach Partnerships-Federal, State & Local
 The Importance of Forming Links
 Credential Review & Exam Q & A (Credential Students Only)
 Pre-Exam Discussion
 Exam Review
 Health Services Exam