



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
School of Medicine

Office of Curriculum

Elective Name: Healthcare Public Policy

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Campus: Lubbock

Department: School of Medicine

Course Description:

[LINK TO APPLY](#)

This elective will educate interested medical students about healthcare public policy in the US. This course will cover a broad range of topics, including advocacy at the national, local, and state level, impact of policy on physician-patient relationships, medical malpractice, rural healthcare, medical student involvement in government relations.

Duration: Fall 2024-Spring 2025

Prerequisite: TTUHSC student status

Purpose: Provide an established, structured method of exposure to public policy in healthcare.

Goals and Objectives:

1. Expose TTUHSC students to various aspects of healthcare public policy and how it impacts local, state, and national interests.
2. Help students to better understand the history and breadth of healthcare policy.
3. Discuss the best routes of communication and contact with applicable public policy representatives.
4. Develop a basic understanding of topics such as: advocacy at the national, local, and state level, impact of policy on physician-patient relationships, medical malpractice, rural healthcare, medical student involvement in government relations.

Course Format:

The elective will be structured around six lectures over the entire 2023 – 2024 school year. The first lecture will be an introduction to the elective. All other lectures will provide an overview of various subjects, focusing on various aspects of healthcare policy on local, state, and nation levels. There will be five lectures in the fall semester, and one lecture in the spring semester.

Location:

Sessions will be held via Zoom/in person based on logistics and current policy guidelines. The lecture series will be presented by various physicians, faculty, and community members.

Grading:

The course will be graded Pass/Fail, with attendance at lectures used to determine students' participation. Attendance at a minimum of **four out of five** lectures. There will be some additional events that can count as bonus meetings towards the five. It is the student's responsibility to meet the requirements to the best of their ability.

Application:

Interested students should complete the application at the link provided by the course coordinator.

Scheduled Speakers:

Date/Time	Topic	Speaker	Location
08/27/24 12:00PM	Introductory Meeting & Public Policy Overview (intro to TMA, AMA, etc)	Clayton Stewart MD TMA Vice President of Public Affairs-Chief Lobbyist	In person ACB 240
9/03/24 12:00PM	County Medical Societies	Shiraz Yazdani MD President of the Lubbock County Medical Society	Zoom
10/22/24 12:00PM	Local Public Policy	Katherine Wells Ph.D, MPH Director of Public Health-City of Lubbock	Zoom
11/5/24 12:00PM	The Economics of Healthcare	Russell Dabbs Ph.D, M.S Professor of Economics, LCU	TBD
12/09/24 12:00PM	Policy Advocacy and Building a Network	Lisa Gittner Ph.D Associate Professor, TTUHSC Department of Public Health	Zoom

