I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours:

A supervised field experience in a healthcare related setting involving at least 150 supervised contact hours. (Credit/no credit, 3 credit hours)

II. Prerequisites:

The successful completion of 18 hours in the Masters of Science in Healthcare Management Program or approval consent of the Program Director of Graduate Studies.

III. Purposes or Objectives of the Course:

A. To provide students with an opportunity to observe, study, and participate in solving specific healthcare problems for an existing organization.
B. To enhance the student’s ability to apply theory and principles from business to “real-world” situations.
C. To provide the student an opportunity to develop interpersonal skills in working with a healthcare organization and/or healthcare professional.
D. To assist the student in developing professional attitudes.
E. To create a greater appreciation for the complexities of healthcare problems.
F. To assist the student in understanding how to develop effective team relationships to accomplish activities assigned.

IV. Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course the students will be able to:
A. report on their observation and participation in solving specific healthcare problems for an existing organization (the contracted internship site).
B. demonstrate how their graduate healthcare management courses relate to professional work experiences.
C. critique the training and learning experiences received from the supervisors and work colleagues at the contracted internship site location(s).

V. Expectations of Students:

A. Participate in discussions which focus on the healthcare problem(s) addressed in the internship.
B. Supplement the field experience with appropriate readings.
C. Participate in all field experiences as outlined by the professor supervising this internship.
D. Provide an oral and written report/case study pertaining to the specific healthcare problem under study to the professor and executives involved.
E. Complete a minimum of 150 hours of supervised contact.

VI. Course Content or Outline (Indicate number of class hours per unit or section):

The course content will be established for each student by the professor within the parameters of the healthcare management problem(s) under study.
VII. Textbook(s) and/or Other Required Materials or Equipment:

No textbook. Selected reading materials will be assigned for each student, depending upon the healthcare problem involved.

IX. Grading Scale

Graduate
90 – 100% = A
80 – 89.99% = B
70 – 79.99% = C
<70% = F

The weight of the evaluation criteria may vary according to each instructor and will be communicated at the beginning of the semester.

X. Academic Policy Statement:
Students will be expected to abide by the University Policy for Academic Honesty regarding plagiarism and academic honesty. Refer to:
http://www6.semo.edu/judaffairs/code.html

XI. Student with Disabilities Statement:
If a student has a special need addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and requires materials in an alternative format, please notify the instructor at the beginning of the course. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate special needs.