

Health Administration (HADM) 488

Risk Management and Safety in Health Services (Revision 3)

Delivery mode: [Individualized study online](#) with [eText](#)

Credits: 3

Areas of study: Arts or Social Science

Prerequisites: None

Precluded: None

Challenge: HADM 488 is not available for challenge.

Faculty: [Faculty of Health Disciplines](#)

Status: Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#)
[for the current revision](#)

Overview

HADM 488: Risk Management and Safety in Health Services is an undergraduate course designed to introduce students to risk management concepts. The course provides a thorough introduction to health-care risk management as it should be practiced in health-care environments. It is appropriate for direct care providers, supervisors and managers, executives, patient representatives, quality managers, patient safety officers, and risk managers.

Outline

- Unit 1: The Risky Business of Health Care
- Unit 2: Brief History of Risk Management in Health Care
- Unit 3: Enterprise Risk Management
- Unit 4: Relation of Risk Management to Other Critical Health Care Management Functions
- Unit 5: Risk Information Sources and Loss Control Processes
- Unit 6: Special Topics in Risk Management
- Unit 7: Clinical and Sector Risks in Health Care Systems


Evaluation


As you work through *Risk Management and Safety in Health Services*, you will complete two assignments, a term paper and a closed-book final examination. The table below shows the weight accorded each credit activity.

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for HADM 488, you must achieve a **D (50 percent)** [📄](#) or higher on each evaluation activity. The weighting of the course grade is as follows:


Activity	Weight
Assignment 1	20%
Term Paper	25%


Activity	Weight
Assignment 2	20%
Final Exam	35%
Total	100%


The **final examination** for this course must be taken online with an AU-approved exam invigilator at an approved invigilation centre. It is your responsibility to ensure your chosen invigilation centre can accommodate online exams. For a list of invigilators who can accommodate online exams, visit the [Exam Invigilation Network](#) .

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .



Materials

American Society for Healthcare Risk Management (2009) *Risk Management Handbook for Health Care Organizations*, (Student Edition). R. Carroll, (Ed.). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass  (eText)


American Society for Healthcare Risk Management.(2006). *Risk Management Handbook for Health Care Organizations*. (5th ed.) Volumes I, II, III. Roberta Carroll (Ed). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.  (Print)

The Canadian Style: A Guide to Writing and Editing (1987). Ottawa: Dundurn Press.  (eText)

eTexts

Registration in this course includes electronic textbooks. For more information on [electronic textbooks](#) , please refer to our [eText Initiative site](#) .





Note: The three-volume, 2006 version of the Risk Management Handbook is available for students to consult through the Athabasca University library.

Students are also recommended to consider the following writing and educational aids: The Memory Jogger II, Healthcare Edition. GOAL/QPC. 1st Edition. 2008. Available at www.goalqpc.com .

Other Materials

All other materials will be accessed online.

Important links

- › [Academic advising](#) 
- › [Program planning](#) 
- › [Request assistance](#) 
- › [Support services](#) 

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