GA(T) Position – (Full Time)

HSOC 311 – Introduction to Health Services and Health Systems
Winter 2020 term
Bachelor of Health Sciences Program, Cumming School of Medicine

Position Requirements:
A Full-Time Graduate Assistant (Teaching) position is available for Winter 2020 for HSOC 311 – Introduction to Health Services and Health Systems (12 hrs/week on average, for a total of 204 hours).

Course Description:
Introduction to the Canadian health system, the health policy process, institutions and providers in the health system, health care insurance, financing and delivery of health care, population and public health, a systems approach to health in a national and international perspective.

Overarching Themes:
• This course builds on foundational knowledge and perspectives regarding services and systems that impact people’s health, on the one hand, and the distribution of the conditions for health, on the other hand.

• Students will develop and demonstrate their knowledge about health services and systems by applying perspectives from the social sciences.

Global Objectives:
• The assignments will include academic exercises as well as modes of communication that are current in policy circles. In doing so, students will think critically and present ideas cogently, verbally and in writing.

• This class will involve collaboration, including during scheduled classes. Advance preparation is crucial for effective collaboration: therefore, students will take responsibility for mastering foundational knowledge about health services and systems, independently and with guidance.

Learning Objectives:
By the end of this course, students will demonstrate the following knowledge and skills:
1. Describe the historical development of health services and systems across Canada, with reference to similarities and differences in other countries
2. Reflect on the organization and delivery of health services and systems in different parts of Canada
3. Identify some of the main challenges to and opportunities for health in Canada, with attention to geographic and socio-demographic considerations
4. Assess the extent to which health services and systems meet the needs of different groups
5. Debate possible solutions to gaps in health services and systems
6. Recommend changes to health services and systems, with appropriate justifications

7. Draw defensible conclusions after identifying, assessing, and synthesizing pertinent resources, including textual and audiovisual sources (i.e., scholarly and disciplinary literacy)
8. Contribute effectively to teamwork, including advance preparation and constructive comments on the work of peers
9. Present ideas, verbally and in writing, in ways that enhance the learning environment to the benefit of peers.

The successful applicant will be mature, responsible and reliable; preferably in their 2nd year or higher of their Master’s or PhD program, with substantial training in health-related services and systems, including public policy. This position will require a strong grasp of the fundamentals of health-related services and systems in Canada, and who enjoys interfacing with undergraduate students. Outstanding verbal and written communication skills are essential for success in this position.

The role of the GA(T) will be to support Dr. Rock in all aspects of HSOC 311, including:

- attending class sessions on Wednesdays from 3:00 pm to 5:50 pm
- managing submissions of assignments
- liaising in a timely and effective fashion with the instructor and with students (e.g., weekly office hours, appointments outside of these times as required, class emails, follow-up with submissions)
- providing timely grading support for verbal presentations and written assignments, including a midterm exam and take-home assignment that will be due on the last day of class
- assisting with facilitation of in-class and online small group activities and discussions

There will be at least one opportunity to deliver a lecture and lead a class session.

Qualified students should send a completed BHSc GA(T) Application, a statement of interest and CV by email (with the HSOC-311 in the subject heading), to:

Dr. Melanie Rock
Email: mrock@ucalgary.ca

Deadline: Posted until filled