

Course Outline

Overview of Prescription Drugs

One-Credit Course

Introduction

- I. The Impact of Prescription Drugs in the United States
- II. Spending Trends

Estimated Time to Complete: 5 minutes

Sources of Prescription Drug Coverage

- I. Employer-Sponsored Prescription Drug Coverage
- II. Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs)
- III. Government Programs
- IV. Medicare Part D
- V. ACA Marketplace Coverage
- VI. Private Insurance

Estimated Time to Complete: 20 minutes

Types of Drugs

- I. Drug Manufacturers
- II. Patents and Marketing Exclusivity
- III. Brand-Name and Generic Drugs
- IV. Specialty Drugs
- V. Biologic Drugs
- VI. Biosimilar Drugs
- VII. Gene Therapy
- VIII. Pharmacogenomics

Estimated Time to Complete: 20 minutes

Prescription Drug Plan Structure

- I. Participant Costs within Prescription Drug Plans
- II. Drug Tiers
- III. Formulary
- IV. Open and Closed Formularies
- V. Examining a Formulary

Estimated Time to Complete: 30 minutes

Using Prescription Drug Coverage

- I. Retail Pharmacies
- II. Mail-Order Pharmacies
- III. Specialty Pharmacies
- IV. Claims
- V. Drug Utilization Review (DUR)
- VI. Prescription Drug Misuse

- VII. Medical Fraud

VIII. Resources for Participants

Estimated Time to Complete: 20 minutes

NOTE: The estimated time to complete each lesson is based on word count and assumes uninterrupted consumption of the course. Actual time to complete each lesson can vary widely based on familiarity with the topics and other factors. Time required to complete the course final exam is not counted in these estimates.