



New Rutgers program offers advance training for health care managers

October 19, 2016 -- After holding a series of focus groups with New Jersey health systems and other providers, the Rutgers School of Health Professions and Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations have collaborated to create a Certified Health Care Manager program that will begin its first semester in February. The three-semester program, which costs almost \$9,000, aims to attract a wide range of health care professionals interested in preparing themselves for careers that align with the value-based models that are becoming more common since the passage of the Affordable Care Act, said Janet Reid-Hector, assistant professor of health care management at Rutgers. Prerequisites include a bachelor's degree and an established full-time career in the health care industry. For the first semester, classes meet once a week at night for three hours. "As we roll this out, we may also have to do some customization," said Reid-Hector, noting that some health care systems have expressed interest in offering a version of the course to their employees on-site.—C.L.