



HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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Degree Offering: B.S. in HCA, Master in HCA, Minor

Program Description:

The mission of the Department of Public Health is to provide quality learning experiences and professional preparation for students, and to promote excellence in learning, teaching, scholarship and community service. The Department of Public Health offers a bachelors of Science program in Health Care Administration (major with no minor requirements). This program prepares the student for management and administrative positions in various types of health care facilities, organizations, and agencies such as hospitals, long-term care facilities, group medical practices, health maintenance organizations, public health agencies and clinics. This program will also prepare individuals to work in medical sales companies, health planning agencies, insurance sector and other related health organizations. Individuals completing this program are academically prepared to enter graduate programs in health care administration provided that the student meets the entrance requirements of the particular graduate program to which (s)he applies.

Career Opportunities in Health Care Administration

Health Care Administration (HCA) is a profession that provides management leadership in one of the nation's largest service industries. Components of the health care delivery system include hospitals, nursing homes, group medical practices, personal care homes, retirement centers, health maintenance organizations, medical sales, insurance, companies, etc. The graduate in healthcare administration has a business foundation in accounting, finance, management, economics, personnel management, as well as, a specialized foundation in health care administration and related health areas. The environment of health care changes every day. Change, whether it be advances in technology, clinical practice, pharmaceuticals, diagnostic equipment, personnel requirements, information management, or many other areas of health care, is affecting the entire industry. The health care system in the United States is uniquely structured. This is where you, as a health care administration major, fit into the picture. Healthcare is one of the fastest growing industries in the nation and needs well-educated, energetic, competent, and creative managers and administrators that can not only prepare for the future of health care, but can also create that future.

Bachelor of Health Care Administration

The major in health care administration (reference number 559) requires a minimum of 73 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. No minor or second major is required. The program has full membership in the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA).

Minor

The minor in health care administration (reference number 386) requires a minimum of 23 semester hours. This minor is compatible with various majors such as business, social and behavioral sciences, allied health, nursing, communication, journalism, public health, etc. Requirements are HCA 340, 344, 440, 441 AND 442, AH 290; HCA 345 or 346 and PH 447. In addition, students must complete MGT 210 and ECON 202, as prerequisites to the above required courses. All courses in the minor must be completed with a minimum grade of "C". Students pursuing this minor must have approval from a health care administration advisor.

Health Care Administration

College of Health and Human Services Resources

The CHHS Academic Center of Excellence offers student personal advising, professional publications, academic enrichment activities, tutoring for CHHS courses, assistance with degree program completion and career exploration/planning, and a state-of-the-art computer lab with latest software for CHHS majors.

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Fall			First Year			Spring		
ENG	100	3	Introduction to College Writing	HIST	3	HIST 119 or HIST 120		
COMM		3	COMM 145 or COMM 161	BIOL	131	4	Human Anatomy & Physiology	
PH	100	3	Personal Health			3	General Education Course (Foreign Lang.)	
MATH	116	3	Fundamentals of College Algebra			3	General Education Course	
CHHS	175	3	CHHS—University Experience*			3	General Education Course	
Credit	Hours	15		Credit	Hours	16		

Fall			Second Year			Spring		
ECON	202	3	Principles of Economics (Marco)	AH	290	2	Medical Terminology	
ENG	300	3	Writing in the Disciplines	ENG	306	3	Business Writing	
ACCT	200	3	Introductory Accounting (Financial)	ACCT	201	3	Introductory Accounting (Managerial)	
ENG	200	3	Intro To Literature			3	General Education Course	
		3	General Education Course			3	General Education Course	
Credit	Hours	15		Credit	Hours	14		

Fall			Third Year			Spring		
MGT	210	3	Organization & Management	FIN	330	3	Principles of Financial Management	
HCA	340	3	Health Care Organization & Management	HCA	345	3	Long-Term Care Administration	
HCA	342	3	Human Resources Mgmt for Healthcare	HCA	344	3	Health Systems Management	
PH	383	3	Biostatistics/Health Sciences	HCA		3	HCA Elective	
HCA	383	1	Statistical Applications in Healthcare	HCA	446	3	Health Care Informatics	
				HCA	447	1	Information Systems Lab	
Credit	Hours	13		Credit	Hours	16		

Fall			Fourth Year			Spring		
HCA	343	3	Quality Management for Healthcare	HCA	445	3	Health Care Finance	
HCA	441	3	Legal Aspects/ Health Care	PH	384	3	Introduction to Epidemiology	
HCA	346	3	Ambulatory Care Administration	PH	447	3	Human Values and the Health Sciences	
HCA	440	3	Health Economics	HCA	442	3	Principles & Methods of Health Planning	
HCA		3	HCA Elective	HCA	448	3	Health Care Analysis & Evaluation	
Credit	Hours	15		Credit	Hours	15		

Summer

HCA 449 6 Internship in Health Care Administration

Total Credit Hours = 122

Student must maintain a "C" or better in each course in the major

* CHHS 175 recommended