

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The University of Wisconsin Master of Science in Healthcare Administration (<http://healthcareadministration.wisconsin.edu/>) program prepares patient-care professionals, hospital administration, or current management professionals to help accomplish the triple aim of improving access to care, impacting the quality of care, and reducing the overall cost of care in a variety of settings.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates will:

- Demonstrate professional communication and interpersonal skills appropriate for a healthcare setting
- Demonstrate strategic leadership and decision-making skills necessary in healthcare
- Evaluate operational performance across diverse healthcare organizations
- Develop strategies to recruit, train, and retain an effective healthcare workforce
- Evaluate financial strategies and techniques to meet healthcare organizational needs and goals

INTRODUCTION

The program is fully online and designed to provide a foundation for entry and advancement for professionals who are seeking management positions in the healthcare industry. The program's multidisciplinary curriculum balances theory with real-world applications relevant to the current field and draws primarily from the following academic disciplines: healthcare, public health, information technology, business and communications. The M.S. in Healthcare Administration represents a fully online degree geared toward working professionals seeking to obtain advanced-level competencies in the areas of healthcare leadership, management, marketing, communications, law and policy, and quality and performance improvement.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Admission to the Master of Science in Healthcare Administration requires:

- Prerequisite coursework in Elementary Statistics, Medical Terminology, and Oral Communication or Speech
- Employment résumé
- Two letters of recommendation
- A personal statement of not more than 1000 words

To be eligible for admission in full standing, a student must have an overall undergraduate grade point average of 3.0. Students who do not qualify for admission in full standing may be admitted in full standing on probation if justified by the admitting department and approved by the College Dean.

Program entrance requirements and degree completion requirements are consistent with those of the other collaborative degree-granting institutions offering this program. Applicants should follow the instructions found in the Admission Policies and Procedures section of this catalog.

SPECIAL STUDENTS

Students who have earned a bachelor's degree from a nationally or regionally accredited institution recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or U.S. Department of Education (USDE) may register as a Special Student. Students will receive academic credit for courses taken while on this status. Students can be considered for admission into a degree program if they maintain a 3.00 grade point average in all graduate-level work and all other admission requirements are met. With the program area advisor's approval, students may transfer up to 12 credits earned at UW-Platteville into a degree program. All graduate-level work will be included in computing a student's GPA.

CURRICULUM

HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

You'll earn your degree by successfully completing 37 graduate credits.. All courses listed are three credits unless otherwise stated. Graduate credits in which a grade lower than a "C" has been earned will not be counted toward a degree in Healthcare Administration; however, these lower grades will be reflected in the student's grade point average.

CURRICULUM

The Master of Science in Healthcare Administration is earned upon the successful completion of 37 credit hours. All courses are three credits unless otherwise noted.

Course	Title	Credits
HCA 7000	U.S. Healthcare Systems	3
HCA 7050	Population Health and Epidemiology	3
HCA 7100	Communications and Marketing in Healthcare	3
HCA 7150	Healthcare Technology, Data Analytics, and Information Governance	3
HCA 7200	Healthcare Financial Management	3
HCA 7300	Human Capital Management in Healthcare	3
HCA 7400	Healthcare Operations and Project Management	3
HCA 7500	Healthcare Quality and Performance Management	3
HCA 7600	Health Law and Policy	3
HCA 7700	Organization Development and Strategic Leadership in Healthcare	3
HCA 7800	Current and Emerging Topics in Healthcare	3
HCA 7890	Capstone Preparation	1
HCA 7900	Capstone	3
Total Credits		37

CERTIFICATE IN SENIOR LIVING AND SERVICES LEADERSHIP

The Certificate in Senior Living and Services Leadership represents an in-program certificate and credential within the existing and established collaborative online MS in Healthcare Administration (MS-HCA) program. The certificate program will be offered as a fully online, asynchronous curriculum. The program will serve as an additional and optional credential for in-program (i.e. MS-HCA degree-seeking) students as well as a freestanding certificate program for non-degree (i.e. certificate-only) students who may or may not elect to pursue the full MS-HCA degree following completion of the certificate.

For admission as a non-degree seeking student, students must meet the MS-HCA program admission requirements. Admission requirements include a Bachelor's degree and a 3.0 undergraduate GPA. Program prerequisites will include coursework in Elementary Statistics, Medical Terminology and Oral Communication/Public Speaking/Speech. Relevant work experience may be considered in lieu of this coursework.

UW-Platteville offers several graduate certificates. These certificates are distinct from the Master's degree, but credit earned for them might be applied toward the completion of the degree. To earn a certificate, students must complete all the required courses through the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, under the direction of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville faculty. Transferred courses or course substitutions are not allowed.

To obtain a graduate certificate, students must:

- Complete the certificate with a minimum GPA of 3.00
- Achieve a minimum grade of "C" in each course from the certificate program
- Request a certificate through their advisor within one year from completion of the final course of the certificate

To earn the certificate, students must complete the following requirements:

Course	Title	Credits
HCA 7010	Senior Care and Services Systems	3
HCA 7020	Leadership Practices Across the Senior Care Continuum	3
HCA 7200	Healthcare Financial Management	3
HCA 7300	Human Capital Management in Healthcare	3
Total Credits		12