

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Overview

Health Care administration is a highly specialized area of study, which has evolved over the last 75 years. Although having similarities to general business, health care is highly dependent on regulation by various levels of government and accreditation groups. In addition, changes in technology have radically altered the provision of care and these changes have impacted on third party players (insurance carriers). The Masters in Health Care Administration is designed to not only train professional administrators for the hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes of today but also for those of the future.

Admission Requirements

Qualified students are required to have a baccalaureate degree with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and either a GRE total score of at least 950 or a GMAT score of at least 450. In addition, students must have a personal interview with the director, submit a written essay about their interest in health care, and provide three letters of reference (excluding relatives) that speak about their ethics, accomplishments, and community involvement. The essay and letters are to be sent to the Coordinator of the Health Care Administration Program.

Provisional admission may also be granted to an applicant upon recommendation of the Program Admission Committee based on their review of the last sixty hours of baccalaureate course work, life experiences, and work experiences.

Mission

To provide a multi-disciplinary program, which offers advanced study, research, and training necessary for a Masters in Health Care Administration, supplying future leaders for hospitals, outpatient clinics, physician's practices, consulting, health insurance companies, and other health care corporations.

Vision

The program in Health Care Administration will become one of the leading masters programs at Louisiana State University in Shreveport, as well as being regionally and, ultimately, nationally recognized. It will be recognized for the quality of its graduates who will be leaders in their chosen careers, communities in which they live, and social consciences of their community's needs and diversity.

Goals

- To provide knowledge and skills necessary for advancement.
- To attract Health Care leaders for adjunct teaching positions.
- To develop a program which will attract working professionals, but will also attract other graduates regionally and nationally.
- To understand the unique nature and needs of all health care organizations.
- To teach administrative and organizational theories through research and practicum.
- To teach the qualities of a community leader, including ethics, diversity, and understanding community needs.
- To provide opportunities for faculty and students to be involved in defined community activities.
- To provide opportunities through formal colloquiums to listen, learn, and meet regional and national experts in health care.
- To provide through the Institute of Human Services and Public Policy, opportunities to research and develop position papers on key health policy, both state and nationally.
- To recruit sponsoring health care organizations throughout the region for internships.
- To develop opportunities for placement of graduates who have successfully completed the program.
- To develop a program which will be based on the philosophy of continuous improvement through the use of measured outcomes.

Prerequisites

Students must complete these courses prior to registration in certain Health Care Administration Courses:

- Human Resource Management
- Organizational Behavior
- Economics Micro (Health)
- Statistics
- Accounting, Managerial or Advanced Financial management
- BLAW 280

Course Study

The Master of Health Care Administration degree requires 42 hours of classroom credit and will cover areas such as organizational change, health economics, finance, and health care policy. Onsite experiences in health care institutions are an integral part of all the courses. Students will either complete a 12 hour internship or special project depending on their experience in the field of health care administration. A total of 54 hours of coursework is required to complete the degree.

Course Requirements

The Master of Health Care Administration requires a total of 54 semester hours.

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Total hours: 54

Course #	Course Description	Credit
BLAW 730	Health Care Law and Ethics	3 cr
HCAD 701	Organizational Behavior in Health Care	3 cr
HCAD 710	Human Resource in Health Care	3 cr
HCAD 716	Statistical Analysis & Decision Making in Health Care Administration (PSYC 216)	3 cr
HCAD 740	Strategic Administration of Health Care Organizations	3 cr
HCAD 750	Health Care Operational Research (Modeling)	3 cr
HCAD 760	Health Care Finance	3 cr
HCAD 770	Health Care Economics	3 cr
HCAD 780	Health Care Policy	3 cr
HCAD 790	Special Studies in Health Care Management	6 cr
HCAD 799	Internship in Health Care Administration	6 cr
MADM 735	Health Care and Management	3 cr
HSA 704	Data Administration in Human Service Administration (ISDS 150)	3 cr
HSA 706	Human Services Administration Research Methods (CJ 330/SOCL 285/PSYCH 317/MKT 489)	3 cr
SOCL 477/677	Sociology of Health (SOCL 105/107)	3 cr
MADM 730	Health Services System (BLAW 280)	3 cr