Health Care Systems Administration/Long Term Care Administration Concentration

Required Courses

Why Choose Health Care Systems Administration?

As the health care industry continues to grow and expand, the demand for skilled health care managers also increases. Employment is expected to grow faster than average with the fastest growth in home health agencies, residential care facilities and practitioners' offices and clinics. This program has been designed in two formats, one for students who enter the program either as freshmen or who transfer into the program after having completed an associate degree and the second for students who wish to complete a bachelor's degree while enrolled in a clinical associate degree program.

The course work, which includes courses in management, marketing, accounting, quality assurance, health care finance, health care planning and long-term care management prepares you to work in many areas in health-care. Graduates are able to apply for an entry level administration position or enter graduate school to earn a master's degree.

In addition, the Health Care Systems Administration program also offers the option of a Long Term Care concentration which prepares students for leadership and administrative roles within the Long Term Care area of healthcare. As the healthcare system adjusts to providing care and services to a large aging population, this field affords many opportunities for graduates. See the program page for course information.

General education requirements may be taken at a local college or university and transferred to fulfill Ferris graduation requirements. A minimum of 30 semester credit hours must be earned at Ferris in order for the degree to be granted.

Career Opportunities

The term 'health services manager' encompasses individuals in many different positions who plan, organize, coordinate, and supervise the delivery of health care. Health services managers include both generalists (administrators who manage or help to manage an entire facility or system), and health specialists (managers in charge of specific departments or services found only in the health care industry).

Earnings of health services managers vary by type and size of facility, level of responsibility and geographic region. The May 2017 Occupational Employment and Wages Report distributed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics provides the following:

Medical and Health Services Managers 2017 median pay is $98,350 per year.
Job outlook: 20% (much faster than average)

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants for admission to the Health Care Systems Administration program must have a 2.5 GPA in high school or college work and one year of high school algebra with a 'C-' or better. Students can enter the program from any associate degree program or directly from high school.

**General Education Requirements**

All University General Education requirements for a Bachelor’s degree is [here](http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/colleges/alliedhe/csrchca/Health-Care-System-Admin/HCSA-Progression-Policy-Fall-2010.htm).

Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives.

Consult the Required Courses above or the program advisor for program specific General Education requirements.

**Graduation Requirements**

The Health Care Systems Administration program at Ferris leads to a bachelor of science degree. Graduation requires a minimum 2.25 GPA overall. Students must earn a 'C' or better in professional (HCSA) courses, many of the professional support, and core courses.

Please refer to the Progression Policy for Health Care Systems Administration Program at the following link:

http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/colleges/alliedhe/csrchca/Health-Care-System-Admin/HCSA-Progression-Policy-Fall-2010.htm

Students must meet all general education requirements as outlined on the General Education website. Also, students must either have an ACT math subscore of 24 or better, complete MATH 115 or pass a proficiency exam.

**More Information**

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