

Bachelor of Science in Health Administration Degree



Approx. program length:

4 years

Credits:

120

Cost per credit:

\$398

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

Online & campus

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Get into the business side of patient care, and help healthcare organizations better deliver patient outcomes. Our Bachelor of Science in Health Administration degree can help you gain the skills for a variety of healthcare facilities.

Coursework in this program, and its four [elective track options](#), align with the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society's (HIMSS) rigorous standards for quality health information technology or healthcare education, and we've been named an Approved Education Partner (AEP).

You'll learn how to:

- Apply management and leadership skills relevant to the changing healthcare industry
- Evaluate risk and quality management practices to help improve patient outcomes
- Address challenges and opportunities faced by health service administrators
- Communicate effectively across diverse healthcare environments
- Leverage data and technology to improve overall healthcare system performance

Projected job growth:

18%

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

What can you do with a Bachelor of Science in Health Administration degree?

A BSHA can prepare you to be a:

- Health manager
- Office manager (GM)
- Practice administrator
- Program manager

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for medical and health services managers is projected to be much faster than average between 2018 and 2028.

BLS projections are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.

Institutional accreditation

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), hlcommission.org. Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.

Total credits required:

120

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 120 credits to complete this Bachelor of Science in Health Administration degree. Your course schedule may vary based on transferable credits or credits earned through the University's Prior Learning Assessment.

17 Core courses

Here's where you'll pick up the bulk of your program-specific knowledge. By the time you finish these courses, you should have the confidence and skills needed in a healthcare environment.

- SCI/256: PEOPLE, SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT
- ETH/120: CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE UNITED STATES
- PSY/320: HUMAN MOTIVATION
- HCS/120: MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS
- HCS/131: BUSINESS COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS
- HCS/235: HEALTH CARE DELIVERY IN THE U. S.
- HCIS/140: FUNDAMENTALS OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS
- HCS/305: HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- HCS/335: HEALTH CARE ETHICS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
- HCS/325: HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT
- HCS/370: ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR
- HCS/341: HUMAN RESOURCES IN HEALTH CARE
- HCS/380: HEALTH CARE ACCOUNTING
- HCS/385: HEALTH CARE FINANCE
- HCS/490: HEALTH CARE CONSUMER - TRENDS AND MARKETING
- HCS/457: PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH
- HCS/483: HEALTH CARE INFORMATION SYSTEMS
- HCS/451: HEALTH CARE QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND OUTCOMES ANALYSIS
- HCS/465: HEALTH CARE RESEARCH UTILIZATION
- HCS/499: HEALTH CARE STRATEGY CAPSTONE

15 General education courses

These courses lay the foundation for all our degree programs. Because communication, math and writing skills aren't just universally applicable in healthcare – they're useful in daily life.

- GEN/201: FOUNDATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY SUCCESS
- PSY/110: PSYCHOLOGY OF LEARNING
- ENG/100: CRITICAL READING AND COMPOSITION
- HUM/115: CRITICAL THINKING IN EVERYDAY LIFE
- FP/100T: EVERYDAY ECONOMICS AND FINANCES
- ENG/200: RHETORIC AND RESEARCH
- SOC/110: TEAMWORK, COLLABORATION, AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION
- SCI/220T: HUMAN NUTRITION
- HCS/245: INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH AND DISEASE
- SOC/100: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
- REL/134: WORLD RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS II
- HUM/186: MEDIA INFLUENCES ON AMERICAN CULTURE
- ETH/316: ETHICS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
- ENG/340: CREATIVE WRITING
- MTH/215T: QUANTITATIVE REASONING I
- MTH/216T: QUANTITATIVE REASONING II

3 Elective courses

Elective courses allow you to learn about topics you're interested in, whether they're related to your degree or not. That means you'll have a degree that's unique to you and your education goals.

- HCS/430: LEGAL ISSUES IN HEALTH CARE: REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE
- HCS/446: FACILITY PLANNING
- HCS/455: HEALTH CARE POLICY: THE PAST AND THE FUTURE
- HCS/456: RISK MANAGEMENT
- HCS/475: LEADERSHIP AND PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT

5 Upper Division Health Admin elective courses

Once your core courses are complete, you'll focus on your healthcare interests by selecting an elective track in Health Administration, Lifespan Management, Retail Health Management or Health Information Systems.*

Schedule

Both the on-campus and online healthcare administration degrees feature the same courses, and your academic advisor will help you schedule them. Please note that on-campus students are required to physically attend class one day a week, typically from 6-10 pm.

Depending on your location, this program may be offered as Blended. This means you'll start at a local campus* to complete your general education courses, and then transition to online learning for your core program courses.

*During COVID-19, while our campuses are temporarily closed, your local campus classes will be held virtually so you can get face-to-face learning at home.

What you'll learn

When you earn your Bachelor of Science in Health Administration degree, you'll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

[Download learning outcomes](#)

Topics covered in this degree include:

- Electronic health records
- Medical terminology
- Business communications
- Organizational behavior
- Healthcare accounting

*The Health Information Systems elective track educationally prepares you to sit for the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Certified Associate in Healthcare Information and Management Systems (CAHIMS) exam.

While widely available, not all programs are available in all locations or in both online and on-campus formats. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.