

Approx. program length:

3 years, 2 months

Credits:

54

Cost per credit:

\$810

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

Online

Distinguish yourself as a healthcare leader

If you're a health professional who is seeking greater responsibility in shaping the future of the health sector, the Doctor of Health Administration can help you get there. You'll meet the challenges inherent to today's healthcare landscape, including economic fluctuations, burgeoning patient needs and industry-changing legislation.

The Doctor of Health Administration program prepares you to:

- Analyze the components and subsystems within healthcare to improve care
- Understand the economic and regulatory factors that impact healthcare sustainability
- Understand and guide healthcare policy
- Shape the direction of health organizations
- Apply research that informs evidence-based decision-making in health administration

Distinctive Learning Model

Our unique Scholar-Practitioner-LeaderSM model separates us from other doctoral programs. It fits into every aspect of your doctoral studies, preparing you with the advantages of:

- Scholarship – you'll understand how to design research and use its data to solve root problems
- Practitioners – you'll learn how to apply your skills to solve problems in your organization or community
- Leadership – you'll develop leadership skills that help you change organizations and communities

Better doctoral experience

In 20 years of delivering doctoral education, we've come to realize that the doctoral journey can be very focused and personal, yet also lonely. That's why we've restructured our programs to create a more supportive, motivating environment for doctoral students.

Here's how it works:

- You'll move through courses with the camaraderie and support of a cohort of students.
- You'll have dedicated faculty to explain the doctoral journey and provide feedback as you go.
- You'll research, write and defend your dissertation in manageable chunks throughout your program.

What sets us apart?

When you choose our Doctor of Health Administration, you can:

Spread your dissertation out

You'll research, write and defend your dissertation in manageable chunks throughout your program rather than saving it – and stressing about it – until the end.

Partner with dedicated doctoral faculty

You'll work with the same Dissertation Chair and University Research Methodologist (URM) throughout your program, allowing for critical feedback along the way.

Work with a cohort of students

You'll enjoy the camaraderie and community of being in a student cohort. Your cohort will move through the program together with the same Chair and URM.

Projected job growth:

10%

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

Job opportunities

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job growth for postsecondary education administrators is projected to be 10 percent between 2016 and 2026. A Doctor of Health Administration can help prepare you to be a:

- Clinical director
- Health information management director
- Nursing director

Networking opportunities

Access powerful networking tools through our PhoenixLink™ career services platform. Take advantage of personal career coaching. Search and apply for jobs, or make your resumé visible to employers. And connect with employers and alumni through career fairs and mixers or with peers through the school's [Facebook®](#) group for doctoral students. It's all about connections. And we help you make them.

Learning outcomes

Along with the knowledge and skills related to the University Learning Goals, graduates should gain program-specific knowledge, skills and abilities. Each college or school creates a set of Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) to describe the knowledge, skills or attitudes students will possess upon completion of the program of study. By the time you complete your Doctor of Health Administration, you should be able to perform these [learning outcomes](#).

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.

The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality. Accreditation is your assurance that the University meets quality standards.

Course length:

8 weeks

Total credits required:

54

Max. number of transfer credits:

27

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 54 credits to complete this program. Required courses may vary based on previous education or transferable credits.

Dissertation requirement

You'll begin your [dissertation](#) in your third course and follow a schedule of milestones throughout your program. This makes your dissertation doable in smaller segments and helps identify any research methodology challenges early, so there are no surprises or delays at the end.

Symposium

While some doctoral programs require on-campus residency, we've shifted to an 8-week online Symposium. In the required course you'll:

- Receive a detailed overview of each milestone in the doctoral journey
- Understand what the University expects from doctoral students
- Understand what doctoral students can expect from the University

Doctoral students may also enroll in an optional, zero-credit, zero-tuition/fee one-weekend seminar in Phoenix, Ariz. The seminar provides an opportunity for personal interaction with faculty and peers as well as instruction around the framework of your dissertation.

Transfer credits

[Earn your degree faster.](#) Current doctoral students from an accredited university or college may be eligible to receive up to 27 credits based on previous doctoral coursework.

Core courses

- DOC705R: Creative And Critical Thinking
- DOC741B: Doctoral Dissertation
- DOC741A: Doctoral Dissertation
- DOC700: Developing The Doctoral Identity
- DHA721: Health Care Economics
- RES726: Correlational Methods Of Analysis
- DOC890: Dissertation Continuing Enrollment II
- DHA732: Evaluation Of Health Care Programs
- DHA731: Population Health And Epidemiology
- DOC741: Doctoral Dissertation
- DOC889: Dissertation Continuing Enrollment I
- DHA733: Contemporary Leadership Issues
- RES729: Ethnomethodology And The Study Of Culture
- DOC892: Dissertation Continuing Enrollment II
- DHA714: Health Care Marketing
- RES725: Descriptive And Comparative Data Analysis
- DOC888: Dissertation Continuing Enrollment II
- DOC891: Dissertation Continuing Enrollment I
- DHA723: Executive Information Systems
- DOC741R: Annual Renewal Residency
- RES710: Statistical Research Methods And Design I

- DHA711: Administration Of Complex Health Care Systems
- DOC722: Doctoral Seminar II
- DOC742: Doctoral Project IV
- LDR711A: Leadership Theory And Practice
- RES745: Grounded Theory Methods
- RES720: Statistical Research Methods And Design II
- DHA724: Globalization Of Health Care
- DOC723: Doctoral Seminar II
- DOC733: Doctoral Dissertation
- RES728: Qualitative Case Study
- DOC734R: Doctoral Seminar IV
- RES709: Research Conceptualization And Design
- DHA722: Policy And Regulation In Health Care
- RES724: Qualitative Methods And Design
- DOC720R: Doctoral Seminar I
- DOC734: Doctoral Project IV
- RES746: Mixed Methods
- RES727: Approaches To Phenomenological Inquiry And Data Analysis
- DHA715: Risk Management In Complex Health Organizations
- DOC733R: Doctoral Seminar III
- DOC887: Dissertation Continuing Enrollment I