

Approx. program length:

42 months

Credits:

54

Cost per credit:

\$810

[Tuition Guarantee](#)

Format:

Online

Doctor of Health Administration

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.

You'll learn how 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

Projected job growth:

28%

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

What can you do with a Doctor of Health Administration?

An DHA can help prepare you to be a:

- Clinical director
- Health information management director
- Nursing director

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), job growth for medical and health services managers is projected to be much faster than average between 2021 and 2031.

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

Total credits required:

54

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 54 credits to complete this doctorate of health administration online.

18 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 this field.

- DHA/700: Introduction to Health Administration in Doctoral Study
- LDR/711A: Leadership Theory and Practice
- RES/709: Research Conceptualization and Design
- DOC/714S: Symposium I
- RES/724: Qualitative Methods and Design
- RES/710: Statistical Research Methods and Design I
- DHA/711: Administration of Complex Health Care Systems
- DHA/715: Risk Management in Complex Health Organizations
- DOC/715: Doctoral Seminar I
- DHA/721: Health Care Economics
- DHA/722: Policy and Regulation in Health Care
- DOC/723: Doctoral Seminar II
- DHA/731: Population Health and Epidemiology
- DHA/732: Evaluation of Health Care Programs
- DOC/741: Doctoral Dissertation
- DHA/733: Contemporary Leadership Issues
- DOC/719S: Symposium II
- DOC/742: Doctoral Project IV

Dissertation

You'll begin your [dissertation](#) in your third course and follow a schedule of milestones throughout your program. This helps you manage your dissertation in smaller segments and helps identify any research methodology challenges early, so surprises or delays can be addressed.

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

Schedule

Your academic counselor will help schedule your courses for a Doctor of Health Administration. You may also enroll in an optional, zero-credit, zero-tuition/fee one-weekend seminar in Phoenix.*

What you'll learn

When you earn your doctorate of health administration online, you'll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

You will learn how to:

- Integrate the SPL model throughout the doctoral journey and beyond.
- Cultivate a leadership identity that reflects a mature and strategic understanding of the dynamics of diverse health sector environments.
- Analyze organizational landscapes in order to drive performance excellence through integration of the Triple Aim, with consideration for the importance of innovation and risk taking in balance with imperatives for quality and safety, policy, sustainability and environmental stewardship, and community relationships.
- Generate research of a high caliber to identify and address opportunities for improvement in complex health sector contexts.