

HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



Health Services Administration at Drexel

Drexel University's Health Services Administration program prepares students for administrative or managerial positions in the ever-expanding health care industry — in such settings as hospitals, clinics, managed care organizations, health insurance companies, health marketing firms, and law firms. Students gain a foundation in general management and economic principles related to health care, as well as an understanding of the administrative structure, operations, and policies of the health care industry.

The curriculum provides interdisciplinary courses dealing with religious, ethical, psychosocial, political, legal, literary, and historical perspectives on health care practices and populations in need of health care. The program is also designed to prepare students for the rigor of graduate programs in health services administration, business administration, public health, health communications, and law.

Drexel Co-op for Health Services Administration

A key part of the program is Drexel's prestigious co-operative education program, in which students alternate periods of classroom study with periods of professional work experience. Health Services Administration students can participate in the following:

- One Co-op Option (Four Years): includes one six-month period of full-time employment

Employers

Here are some of the companies that have hired Drexel students as co-op or full-time employees:

- Fox Chase Cancer Center
- Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- Keystone Home Health
- Logan Square East
- Mercy Health System

Potential Careers

Health Services Administrator. Manages staff and ensures that patients' health care needs are met in hospital units or departments and other health care facilities. Makes sure that hospitals and clinics run efficiently. Sets budgets, keeps track of how the money is spent, and stays abreast of economic and demographic trends. May run departments and be responsible for communicating policies and standards to guide professional behavior and practice. May analyze trends in health marketing and develop strategies.

Group Practice Director. Manages the business affairs of medical group practices. Helps devise business strategies and oversees day-to-day business by performing daily business operations, handling billing, and managing the flow of patients. Typically works closely with physicians.

Health Unit Manager. Keeps the delivery of health services organized, running smoothly, and evaluated. Will plan, direct, coordinate, and assess health programs and services.

Major Competency Areas of the Program

- Health Care Delivery Services and Systems
- Managing Resources of Health Care Organizations
- Nature and the Extent of Health Issues
- Principles and Practices of Management
- Sociopolitical and Ethical Issues in Today's Health Care

Courses You'll Really Enjoy

Development of World Health Care. A broad overview of the ongoing development of health-care policies, availability, and philosophy in a cross-section of countries by means of detailed case studies. Examines both common and unique challenges and solutions, as well as global responses to crises such as plagues, epidemics, and natural disasters.

Health Technology and Ethical Responsibility. This course challenges students to consider some of the issues raised by changing health technology — including our common assumptions about basic concepts such as health, disease, and normality.

Partnerships in Health Care. Addresses health service as a collaborative venture and explores how to develop effective partnerships. Identifies the primary stakeholders and partners in the administration of health care — including clinicians, administrators, institutions, industry, private and governmental agencies, and patients.

Learn More: University Catalog

A list of required courses for the Health Services Administration major is available online at www.drexel.edu/catalog.

Accelerated Degree Options

Accelerated degree programs, such as the BS/MD, BS/PhD in Engineering, BS/JD, and BS/MBA, enable academically qualified students to earn both a bachelor's and an advanced degree, graduating sooner than they would in traditional programs. Eligible students can be admitted to an accelerated degree program in one of two ways: apply as an incoming freshman through Undergraduate Admissions or apply to the Office of Graduate Studies after completing a minimum of 90 credits. To learn more about accelerated degree options, visit www.drexel.edu/em/ug/accelerated.

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