HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION (BS)

Be a leader in the business of health care

Are you interested in health care with a role in operations and business? With a healthcare administration degree, you can work in the management and organization of healthcare delivery systems and health services.

Loyola’s Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration (BSHCA) teaches the latest health industry knowledge, such as healthcare finance, quality management, and health information systems, with a solid grounding in ethics and liberal arts. Graduates are prepared for careers in the growing field of healthcare administration, and are employed in hospitals systems, post-acute care agencies, insurance companies, healthcare consulting firms, and more.

Curriculum

The BS in Healthcare Administration differs from a traditional business degree in that it focuses on understanding how the health care delivery system functions and how to best manage those functions. Students must complete 121 credit hours to graduate.

The Healthcare Administration program is guided by the External Advisory Board (https://www.luc.edu/parkinson/academics/departments/healthcareadministration/bshealthcareadministration/externaladvisoryboard/) (EAB) and is fully certified by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (https://www.aupha.org/certification/certification/) (AUPHA).

Courses

Coursework includes the University Core, as well as the Healthcare Administration core courses, electives, business courses in the Quinlan School of Business, field internship, and a culminating capstone course. Students also have room in their program of study to add a minor, in complementary areas such as global and international studies, marketing, or bioethics. Download HCA Curriculum 2022-2023 (https://www.luc.edu/media/lucedu/parkinson/pdfs/HCA%20Curriculum%202022-2023%20Core%20Updated.pdf).

- Careers in Healthcare Administration
- Medical Terminology for Healthcare Administration
- Health Care in America
- Statistics
- Health Care Data Analytics
- Health Care Ethics
- Accounting
- Microeconomics
- Finance
- Health Care Project Management
- Health Care Services for Healthy Aging
- Health Equity
- Health Care Quality and Performance Improvement
- Health Care Fiscal Management
- Health Care Strategy and Marketing
- Health Care Policy

- Health Care Workforce Environment
- Health Care Management Research
- Health Care Information Systems Management
- Health Care Legal and Regulatory Environment
- Health Care Administration Capstone Course

Internship

During their senior year, students complete a field-based internship under the supervision of a preceptor. As a result of extensive relationships between the Parkinson School and Chicago area healthcare executives and organizations, students have the opportunity to complete their internship in key segments of the health care industry. The internship consists of a goal-based project of value to the organization, plus opportunities that include shadowing and networking.

Transfer Credit

Courses taken outside of Loyola may be transferred for appropriate credit upon approval of the program advisor and provided a minimum grade of C is earned for the course. External students wishing to transfer into Loyola and the HCA program must provide official transcripts indicating a minimum 2.5 grade point average (GPA) on a four-point scale. Internal students wishing to transfer to a major in Healthcare Administration must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA.

Healthcare Administration Curriculum 2023-2024

HCA students must complete this list of core areas:

- Historical Knowledge (2 courses/6 credit hours)
- Literary Knowledge (2 courses/6 credit hours)
- Theological Knowledge (2 courses/6 credit hours)
- Artistic Knowledge (1 course/3 credit hours)
- Philosophical Knowledge (1 course/PHIL 130 Philosophy & Persons)
- Scientific Knowledge (2 course/6 credit hours)
- Ethics (1 course/3 credit hours)

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### Second Year

#### Fall
- HSM 110 Healthcare in America 3
- ACCT 201 Introductory Accounting I 3
- CORE 3
- HSM 200 Careers in Healthcare Administration 2
- HSM 120 Essentials of Medical Terminology for Health Professionals 1
- CORE 3
- **Hours** 15

#### Spring
- HSM 230 Fundamentals of Health Equity 3
- HSM 310 Healthcare Project Management 3
- Select one of the following: 3
  - HSM 280 Healthcare Management Ethics (Fulfills Tier II Philosophical Knowledge) 3
  - PHIL 284 Health Care Ethics (Fulfills Tier II Philosophical Knowledge) 3
- CORE 3
- **Hours** 15

### Third Year

#### Fall
- HSM 368 Management of Healthcare Organizations 3
- HSM 345 Healthcare Data Analytics 3
- HSM 386 Health Information Systems Management 3
- FINC 301 Introductory Business Finance 4 3
- CORE 3
- **Hours** 15

#### Spring
- HSM 220 Continuum of Healthcare Services 3
- HSM 240 Healthcare Workforce Environment 3
- HSM 358 Health Services Research 3
- CORE 3
- HSM 338 Healthcare Strategy and Marketing 3
- **Hours** 15

### Fourth Year

#### Fall
- HSM 315 Healthcare Quality & Performance Improvement 3
- HSM 330 Healthcare Legal & Regulatory Environment 3
- HSM 340 Health Care Policy 3
- Business Selective 5 3
- CORE 3
- **Hours** 15

#### Spring
- HSM 325 Healthcare Fiscal Management 6 3
- HSM 350 Healthcare Administration Capstone 3
- HSM 360 Healthcare Administration Field Internship 6 3
- Elective 7
- **Hours** 15

**Total Hours** 121

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1. Students assigned to UCWR 110 Writing Responsibly for spring should take a CORE in the fall.
2. Students assigned to UCWR 110 Writing Responsibly for fall should take a CORE in the spring.
3. PHIL 284 Health Care Ethics or HSM 280 Healthcare Management Ethics is a pre-requisite to HSM 330 Healthcare Legal & Regulatory Environment.
6. FINC 301 Introductory Business Finance is a prerequisite to HSM 325 Healthcare Fiscal Management.
7. Students are strongly encouraged to use program electives toward the following course HSM 210 Introduction to Global Healthcare Delivery.

### Additional Undergraduate Graduation Requirements

All Undergraduate students are required to complete the University Core, at least one Engaged Learning course, and UNIV 101. SCPS students are not required to take UNIV 101. You can find more information in the University Requirements (https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/university-requirements/) area.

### Learning Outcomes

- Apply fiscal and economic principles in the management of health care settings and services
- Apply organizational and management theories and principles in a variety of health care settings
- Apply principles of information management, data analysis, and quality improvement in the organization, delivery, and management of health care settings and services