What is healthcare management?

Healthcare is a business. Like any business it requires people with good management skills to run it efficiently. Since healthcare encompasses the delivery of medical services to patients, managers may be specialists who run clinical departments or generalists who help to manage the facility.

What work is done by people with healthcare management backgrounds?

College graduates with bachelor’s degrees usually find entry-level employment at the department level within healthcare organizations.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics cites jobs as administrative assistants, assistant administrators, and assistant department heads in hospitals as the most frequent employment opportunities for recent graduates with bachelor’s degrees in health administration.

Where do Healthcare Managers work?

Healthcare managers work in very diverse settings from hospitals, clinics, physicians practices and nursing homes to insurance organizations, public health departments, consulting firms, and universities. Virtually any place healthcare is planned, delivered or reimbursed will be staffed with healthcare managers.

Are there employment opportunities in Healthcare Management?

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment of medical and health managers is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2020. Opportunities in home healthcare, long-term care, managed care and consulting firms are expected to lead the growth cycle.

What is the salary range for people employed in Healthcare Management?

The salary range for healthcare managers in New York state can range from $54,000 to over $150,000, all dependent on experience.

What else should I know?

A master’s degree in health services administration, long-term care administration, health sciences, public health, public administration or business administration is the standard credential for most of the non-clinical management positions in the healthcare field. While a bachelor’s degree and experience may lead to advancement within the institution, most healthcare managers will have greater opportunities for advancement with a master’s degree.

“Future medical and health service managers must be prepared to deal with evolving integrated health care delivery systems, technological innovations, and increasingly complex regulatory environments, restructuring of work, and an increased focus on preventative care. They will be called on to improve efficiency in health care facilities and the quality of the health care provided.”

- U.S. Dept. of Labor

HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

What are the requirements for the Healthcare Management concentration?

Health Science students take the major’s core courses during the fall semester of the senior year. During the spring semester, those who choose the Healthcare Management concentration will take specialized courses including:

HAN 432 Introduction to Healthcare Management: Introduces students to the practices and theories of health care policy and management. Presents an overview of the trends in public policy and management techniques. Restricted to students approved for appropriate senior year track in the Health Science major.

HAN 433 Statistics for Healthcare Management: Assists students in defining and understanding the terms used in the statistical treatment of data. Students will perform descriptive and inferential statistical treatments of data (i.e., perform and interpret hypothesis testing). Prerequisite: Restricted to students approved for appropriate senior year track in the Health Science major.

HAN 434 Corporate Compliance and Regulation: Basic principles associated with Total Quality Management (TQM) and Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). Aids identification and quality problem-solving found in all health care organizations utilizing CQI tools and techniques. Through the use of case studies, current events, and textbook materials, students will learn how to identify problems, recommend improvements, and collect data to demonstrate process improvement. Restricted to students approved for appropriate senior year track in the Health Science major.

HAN 436 Continuous Quality Improvement in Health Care: Provides basic principles associated with Total Quality Management (TQM) and Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). Aids identification and quality problem-solving found in all health care organizations utilizing CQI tools and techniques. Through the use of case studies, current events, and textbook materials, students will learn how to identify problems, recommend improvements, and collect data to demonstrate process improvement. Restricted to students approved for appropriate senior year track in the Health Science major.
Students can declare the Health Science major at any time during their academic career. All major courses are taken during the senior year.

In order to begin your senior year courses in the major, you must have:

- A G.P.A. of at least 2.0 and have successfully completed 91 credits and have met all D.E.C/S.B.C requirements except TECH SBC requirement which will be satisfied during the senior year
- At least 16 credits in sciences, which must include HAN 200 and HAN 202 sequence, or equivalent sequence (ask advisor for information)
- 21 credits of related electives, which must include HAN 251 and HAN 312
- 10 upper division credits.

Successful completion of the following courses during the fall semester of your senior year is required:

- Health Care Issues
- Professional Ethics
- Communication Skills
- Professional Writing
- Health Informatics

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