Health Care Administration

Healthcare is the largest and fastest changing industry in the United States, comprising close to 18% of our national gross domestic product (GDP). Health Care Administrators are skilled professionals who manage hospital and healthcare organizations and services. Administrators make a difference by managing medical information and healthcare staff in all areas of the industry so that excellent healthcare quality and value can be provided.

To make effective decisions, Health Care Administrators must understand basic business principles and tools related to finance, information systems, strategic planning, human resource management and marketing. Key to your success will be strong leadership abilities, including excellent communication and relationship management skills, diplomacy, collaboration and teamwork, adaptability and ability to manage change and mentoring.

As a Health Care Administrator, you may be responsible for establishing and implementing the policies and objectives of a specific clinical or administrative department or service within a single facility, or an entire healthcare organization or system. In some cases, as a senior executive with experience and an advanced degree, you could be responsible for millions of dollars in facilities and resources, as well as hundreds or thousands of employees.

A degree in health administration provides a wide range of professional career opportunities for those who want to “do well by doing good.” (AUPHA)
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WHERE YOU CAN WORK

- Clinic/Medical Group Practice
- Hospital/Health System
- Home Health/Hospice Services
- Residential/Long-Term Care
- Insurance/Managed Care
- Medical Supply Company
- Government Services
- University/Research Institution

YEARS OF COLLEGE REQUIRED

Minimum 4-year degree contingent upon incoming proficiency in mathematics. Advancement to a leadership position typically requires a Master’s Degree in Business Administration (MBA), Health Administration (MHA), Management, Public Health, Informatics or related field.

THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The College of Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is widely known for excellence in education, innovative cutting-edge research, and community-engaged learning and service. Our College offers the greatest number of health-related degree programs in the state of Wisconsin, and our academic and clinical partners represent some of the best healthcare facilities and medical centers in metropolitan Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the nation. Our collaborative research and community engagement initiatives allow us to establish a distinguished presence in our region and beyond.

Our mission is to enrich the health and well-being of people in Wisconsin and the world through innovative research, outstanding education and exceptional service, and to inspire others to carry out this work.

GETTING INVOLVED

Future Healthcare Executives (FHE) is an active student organization that engages students as volunteers in the community, and provides support for students to pursue educational and professional development, such as attending professional workshops and conferences. As a participant in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) higher education network, the student organization has access to additional job shadowing resources and sponsors speaker events on campus featuring local healthcare executives. Joining a professional association can also give you a head start in building your career.

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WHAT YOU CAN BE

- Quality/Data Analyst
- Project Manager
- Recruiter/Talent Manager
- Benefits Specialist
- Consultant/Trainer
- Strategic/Financial Analyst
- Credentialing Coordinator
- Clinic/Business Manager
- Program Director
- Assisted Living Director
- Division Administrator
- Executive Director

JOB OUTLOOK

The demand for Medical and Health Services Managers is expected to continue to grow nationally, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Salaries depend on education level, experience, type of employment setting and size of the organization. In Wisconsin, 2013 salary levels for Medical and Health Services Managers were: $51,770 (entry level); $90,790 (average); and $106,980 (experienced). [Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics] Salaries differ for non-managerial entry level positions, with higher pay typically associated with positions requiring a master’s degree.

YOU SHOULD ENJOY...

Business, Science, Mathematics and Technology