

HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION: PUBLIC HEALTH CONCENTRATION

Associate of Science Degree

Program Description

The Associate of Science in Healthcare Administration: Public Health Concentration prepares students for entry-level positions at the intersection of healthcare management and community health. This specialized program combines core healthcare administration principles with public health concepts, developing professionals who can address population health needs while effectively managing healthcare operations. The curriculum emphasizes both administrative competencies, the understanding of social determinants of health, epidemiology, and healthcare delivery systems, while developing critical thinking skills essential for addressing contemporary public health challenges. The program prepares students to complete further public health/healthcare administration related programs of study, transfer to a four-year program of study, or enter the work force in an entry level position healthcare administration or public health in settings related to settings that address population health needs.

Program Outcomes

At the completion of this program, the student should be able to:

- Apply healthcare terminology correctly in professional communication and documentation
- Demonstrate knowledge of healthcare delivery systems and differentiate between U.S. healthcare systems and other countries' systems
- Identify the role and function of healthcare databases and information systems as they relate to public health data collection and analysis
- Outline the ethical considerations that influence healthcare decision making with emphasis on community health disparities and social determinants of health
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively with diverse populations and stakeholders in public health initiatives
- Demonstrate application of principles of epidemiology to identify and address community health issues
- Develop and evaluate health promotion strategies for diverse populations based on evidence-based practices

Additional Information

1. Indicates course requires the completion of a prerequisite.

Note: All classes are offered in the fall and the spring unless otherwise designated:

F=Class is only offered in the Fall

S=Class is only offered in the Spring

General Education Requirements – see p. 98		Credits
25 credits total		
Computer Science		3 credits
ENG 101 English Composition I		3 credits
ENG 102 English Composition II ¹		3 credits
History/Government		3 credits
IDS 167 First Year Seminar		3 credits
Math (Statistics Preferred)		3 credits
SOC 101 General Sociology		3 credits
Natural Science w/ Lab (BIO 106 Nutrition with Lab Preferred)		4 credits

Program Requirements – 36 credits total		Credits
CSA 213 Database Management		3 credits
HPS 101 Principles in Health Promotion & Wellness		3 credits
HPS 102 Community and Public Health		3 credits
HCA 104 Healthcare Delivery Systems		3 credits
HSV 260 Diverse Populations		3 credits
SOC 112 Interpersonal Communication		3 credits
PHL 103 Medical Ethics		3 credits
SOC 320 Sociology of Health, Illness, and Medicine		3 credits
SOC 355 Race, Class, Gender, and Social Justice		3 credits
TBD Introduction to Epidemiology		3 credits
Program Electives (see below)		6 credits

Total credits required for graduation **61 credits**

Program Electives		Credits
BUS 101 Fundamentals of Business		3 credits
HCA 108 Electronic Healthcare Records ¹		3 credits
HPS 103 Key Issues in Health Promotion & Wellness		3 credits
HSV 240 Social Policy		3 credits
MGT 201 Principles of Management		3 credits
MGT 203 Human Resources Management		3 credits
MKT 202 Principles of Marketing ¹		3 credits
PSY 280 Research Design & Methodology		3 credits
TBD Emerging Health Issues		3 credits

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Semester 1	Credits	Pre-Requisites
Computer Science	3 credits	
ENG 101 English Composition I	3 credits	
IDS 167 First Year Seminar	3 credits	
HCA 104 Healthcare Delivery Systems	3 credits	
HPS 101 Principles in Health Promotion & Wellness	3 credits	
Total	15 credits	

Semester 2	Credits	Pre-Requisites
HPS 102 Community and Public Health	3 credits	
CSA 213 Database Management	3 credits	
ENG 102 English Composition II	3 credits	ENG 101
Math (Statistics Preferred)	3 credits	
PHL 103 Medical Ethics	3 credits	
Total	15 credits	

Semester 3	Credits	Pre-Requisites
SOC 320 Sociology of Health, Illness, and Medicine	3 credits	
History/Government	3 credits	
TBD Introduction to Epidemiology	3 credits	
HSV 260 Diverse Populations	3 credits	SOC 101
Natural Science w/ Lab (BIO 106 Nutrition w/lab Preferred)	4 credits	
Total	16 credits	

Semester 4	Credits	Pre-Requisites
HCA 103 Information Systems in Healthcare Management	3 credits	ENG 101 & CSI 101
SOC 355 Race, Class, Gender, and Social Justice	3 credits	SOC 101 or SOC 102
Program Elective	3 credits	Program Elective
PSY 101 General Psychology	3 credits	
SOC 112 Interpersonal Communication	3 credits	
Total	15 credits	

Semester Path:

Recommended course of study for a full-time student. It is recommended that students speak to an Academic Advisor before registering for courses each semester.

Student Resources:

Academic Advising
617-984-1720

Dean's Office of Arts and Sciences & Professional Programs
617-405-5920

Dean's Office of Allied Health
617-405-5960

Dean's Office of Nursing
617-405-5990

Financial Aid Office
617-984-1620

Registrar's Office
617-984-1650

Student Accessibility and Academic Support Services
617-405-5915