

HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (559P, 559)

Program Coordinator

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The undergraduate degree program in health care administration prepares the student for administrative positions in various types of health care facilities and agencies, such as acute care, long term care, group medical practices, managed care organizations, health insurance agencies, public health agencies, clinics, and health related organizations such as manufacturing, marketing and consulting.

Program Requirements (73 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php. (https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php)

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
HCA 120	Health Literacy for Consumers	3
Select one of the following:		3
HCA 247	Contemporary Healthcare Issues	
PH 447	Human Values and the Health Sciences	
PHIL 322	Biomedical Ethics	
PHIL 323	Social Ethics	
MGT 305	Ethics and Critical Thinking	
SWRK 433	Ethical Issues and Dilemmas in Social Work	
HCA 340	Health Care Organization and Management	3
HCA 342	Human Resources Management for Healthcare Managers	3
HCA 343 or HCA 353	Quality Management for Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety in Long-Term Care	3
HCA 344	Health Systems Management	3
HCA 345	Long-Term Care Administration	3
HCA 346 or HCA 355	Ambulatory Care Administration Nursing Facility Administration	3
HCA 347 or PH 410	International Comparisons of Health Care Systems Global Perspectives on Population Health	3
ACCT 220 or HIM 252	Principles of Financial Accounting Healthcare Payment Systems	3
HCA 383	Management Applications in Healthcare	1

HCA 440	Health Economics (or any 300 level or higher economics course)	3
Select one of the following:		3
HCA 441	Legal Aspects / Health Care	
MGT 200	Legal Environment of Business	
MGT 301	Business Law	
HIM 225	Legal Issues in Health Information Management	
HCA 442	Principles and Methods of Health Planning	3
HCA 445	Health Care Finance	3
HCA 446	Health Care Informatics	3
HCA 447	Information Systems Laboratory	1
HCA 448	Health Care Analysis and Evaluation	3
HCA 449	Internship in Health Care Administration	3
FIN 330 or HCA 401	Principles of Finance Fundamentals of Health Care Financial Management	3
Select one of the following:		3
PH 383	Biostatistics in the Health Sciences	
MATH 183	Introductory Statistics	
SOCL 300	Social Statistics	
AH/HIM 290	Medical Terminology	2
Select two 3-hour HCA electives with permission of advisor		6
Total Hours		67

Additional Courses

In addition to meeting the Colonnade requirements, students pursuing the health care administration curriculum must take the following:

Code	Title	Hours
ECON 202 or ECON 203	Principles of Economics (Micro) Principles of Economics (Macro)	3
Select one of the following:		3-6
BIOL 131	Human Anatomy and Physiology	
PH 100 & PH 381	Personal & Public Health and Public and Community Health	
PH 384	Introduction to Epidemiology	
Total Hours		6-9

Some of these required courses fulfill Colonnade subject area requirements. Requirements for admission (reference number 559): 30 hours including the above courses with overall GPA of 2.5 or better. (ECON 202 or ECON 203 and one of the following options BIOL 131; PH 100 & PH 381; or PH 384).

All courses listed above require a minimum grade of "C" (both prerequisites and core courses).

Students will not be allowed to enroll in 400-level HCA classes until they are fully admitted into the HCA program.

Requirements for degree completion: 67 hours of program courses with an overall GPA of 2.5 or better.

First Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 100		3 HIST 101 or HIST 102	3
Colonnade - Arts & Humanities		3 ENG 200	3
Colonnade - Quantitative Reasoning		3 COMM 145	3
Colonnade - Natural & Physical Science (Not Biology)		3 BIOL 131 or PH 100	3-4
HCA 120		3 PH 383, MATH 183, or SOCL 300	3
15		15-16	

Second Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ECON 202 or ECON 203		3 AH 290 or HIM 290	2
ENG 300		3 ACCT 220 or HIM 252	3
PH 381 or PH 384 (only if PH 100 is taken)		3 World Language or General Elective	3
Connections - Social & Cultural		3 General Elective	3
General Elective or Natural & Physical Science (if BIOL 131 not taken)		3 Connections - Systems	3
15		14	

Third Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
HCA 340		3 FIN 330 or HCA 401	3
HCA Elective		3 HCA 345	3
Connections - Local to Global		3 HCA 344	3
HCA 383		1 HCA 342	3
PH 447, HCA 247, PHIL 322, PHIL 323, MGT 305, or SWRK 433		3 HCA 446	3
		HCA 447	1
13		16	

Fourth Year					
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
HCA 343 or HCA 353		3 HCA 445		3 HCA 449 - Internship in HCA	3
HCA 441, MGT 200, MGT 301, or HIM 225		3 HCA 347 or PH 410			
HCA 346		3 HCA 442			

HCA 440 (or upper-level ECON course)	3 HCA 448	3
HCA Elective	3 General Elective	2
15		14
Total Hours 120-121		3