Healthcare Management (Online)

Master of Science (M.S.)

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported employment in the medical and health services management category is projected to grow 23 percent between 2012 and 2022. This rate is much faster than other industries. While many of these jobs are for practitioners, nurses, and allied health professionals, many others have duties that do not include hands-on patient care, such as marketing, human resources, finance, and administration positions.

The M.S. in Healthcare Management can be an accelerated program, as it allows up to 12 hours to be dual-transcripted with the B.S. or BSBA degree. Hours taken for a graduate certificate may also be applied to the M.S. in Healthcare Management. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, “The demand for health services is expected to increase as the population ages. An aging population will need more medical tests, treatments, and procedures. This will also mean more claims for reimbursement from private and public insurance. Additional records, coupled with widespread use of electronic health records by all types of healthcare providers, should lead to an increased need for technicians to organize and manage the associated information in all areas of the healthcare industry” (U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 edition). This degree will help fulfill the need for non-clinical healthcare employees.

Healthcare management students will...
- Open doors to managerial employment opportunities in healthcare.
- Increase their lifetime earning potential by 50 percent.
- Have an advantage over other candidates at promotion time.
- Enhance their management skills.
- Increase their confidence, maturity, and influence in the workplace.

Career Planning
Currently, 98 percent of Harrison College of Business graduates find employment within a year of graduation. A St. Louis Outreach Office, located in Chesterfield, Missouri, provides career exploration assistance, résumé critiques, interview tips, job search strategies and more. St. Louis Business Interview Days offers Southeast business students a one-of-a-kind interviewing and networking opportunity.

Admission Requirements
1. Post bachelor experience in healthcare setting
2. Bachelor’s degree
3. Undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale (overall or in last 60 hours)
4. Submission of GRE, GMAT, or proof of active healthcare practitioner’s license

A committee will make decisions on approving applications to the program.

About Our Online Programs
At Southeast, if a program is designated as an online degree, you can complete your degree from anywhere, without having to come to one of our campuses. As a student in online classes, your professors will be the same professors who teach in our campus classrooms. Advising for online programs and other support services are all completed online by staff who specialize in serving distance students.
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This is a guide based on the 2014-2015 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use DegreeWorks to monitor their progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Recommended sequence of required course work, healthcare management option.

Core Requirements - 18 hours
- BA600 Management Communication and Leadership (3)
- BA656 Applied Human Resource Management (3)
- HA580 Management of Health Systems (3)
- HA620 Research Methodology in Healthcare (3)
- HA657 Applied Research Project in Healthcare (3)
- HA658 Graduate Internship in Healthcare (3) (18 hours completed)

Administration Option – 12 hours
- EC585 Healthcare Economics (3)
- HA510 Healthcare Operations (3)
- HA581 Health Administration Policy (3)
- HA582 Healthcare Budgeting and Reimbursement (3)

Communication Option – 12 hours
- HA585 Marketing for Health Services Organizations (3)
- HL672 Health Promotion Programs (3)
- PY555 Health Psychology (3)
- SC560 Organization Communication (3)

General Option – 12 hours - Choose one course from each option.
- Administration (3)
- Communication (3)
- Informatics (3)
- Quality and Patient Safety (3)

Informatics Option – 12 hours
- BA630 Integrated Decisions Information Systems (3)
- HA540 Healthcare Informatics (3)*
- HA545 Healthcare Database Systems (3)
- MG575 Information Technology Management (3)
  OR
- CY501 Introduction to Cybersecurity (3)

Quality and Patient Safety Option – 12 hours
- HA520 Introduction to Healthcare Quality (3)
- HA525 Advanced Healthcare Quality (3)
- HA530 Introduction to Patient Safety (3)
- HA535 Advanced Patient Safety (3)
* Has prerequisite of MI375