

# Healthcare Management (Online)

## Master of Science (MS)



The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported wage and salary employment in the medical and health services management category is projected to grow 23 percent between 2012 and 2022. This growth 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: for example, marketing, human resources, finance, and administration positions.

The Master of Science: Healthcare Management degree is especially well suited for people who do not have a major at the undergraduate level in business administration but are employed in positions with managerial responsibilities. The additional management training will allow managers to better perform in their current position and advance to mid-level managerial positions. The program provides the business knowledge necessary to work within a business organization and enhances career options in the healthcare industry.

### Accreditation

The Harrison College of Business and Computing holds the prestigious accreditation of the AACSB, an honor held by only 5% of business programs worldwide. Accreditation by the Network of International Business Schools (NIBS) recognizes us for "deep" internationalization of all facets of our business program. Only 9 institutions in the U.S. have received this distinction. In addition, Southeast Missouri State University is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. University accreditation ensures a strong instructional environment for our programs.

### About Our Online Programs

At Southeast, if a program is designated as an online degree, you can complete your degree from anywhere, without ever having to come to one of our campuses. As a student in an online class, your faculty will be the same faculty 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.

### Becoming Career Ready...

- / Students open doors to better employment opportunities in healthcare.
- / Students increase their lifetime earning potential by 50%.
- / Students position themselves for a promotion advantage.
- / Students enhance their management skills.
- / Students increase their confidence, maturity and influence in the workplace.

### Career Planning

/ The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests, and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

### Admission Requirements

1. Undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (overall or in last 60 credit hours)
2. GRE of 147 in both Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning or GMAT of 500 or proof of active healthcare practitioner's license.

The department can review students on a case-by-case basis for probationary admission.

### Prerequisite Courses

- /MG301 Principles of Management
- /PY271 Introduction to Behavioral Statistics or QM257 Business Statistics I or PY571 Introductory Behavioral Statistics or BA601 Graduate Business Statistics Essentials
- /MI375 Management Information Systems or BA605 Graduate Information Systems Essentials (*required only for the Informatics option*)

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This is a guide based on the 2021-2022 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 Degree Works to monitor their progress.

### CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

#### Healthcare Management: 30 hours

##### Core Requirements:

- BA600 Organizational Behavior in Practice (3)
- BA656 Applied Human Resource Management (3)
- HA620 Research Methods in Healthcare (3)
- HA681 Health Administration Policy (3)

##### Choose 3 hours:

- HA657 Applied Research Project in Healthcare (3)
- HA658 Internship in Healthcare (3)

##### Choose One of the Following Options:

##### ADMINISTRATION

- EC585 Healthcare Economics (3)
- OR
- HA550 Healthcare Risk Management (3)
- HA510 Healthcare Operations (3)
- HA582 Healthcare Budgeting and Reimbursement (3)
- HA585 Marketing for Health Services Organizations (3)
- HA5xx-6xx – choose 3 hours

##### INFORMATICS

- BA630 Integrated Decision Information Systems (3)
- HA520 Introduction to Healthcare Quality (3)
- HA540 Healthcare Informatics (3)
- HA545 Healthcare Database Systems (3)
- HA5xx-6xx – choose 3 hours

##### QUALITY & PATIENT SAFETY

- HA520 Introduction to Healthcare Quality (3)
- HA525 Advanced Healthcare Quality (3)
- HA530 Introduction to Patient Safety (3)
- HA535 Advanced Patient Safety (3)
- HA5xx-6xx – choose 3 hours

##### GENERAL

Choose 5 courses from options above. At least 3 options must be represented.

### ACCELERATED MASTERS' DEGREE PROGRAM

*Save time and money by utilizing upper-level courses toward an accelerated master's degree!*

The accelerated Master of Science in Healthcare Management degree program allows **undergraduate** students to take up to 12 hours of classes in their senior year to count for both undergraduate credit and graduate credit.

*Hours taken for a graduate certificate may also be applied to the MS in Healthcare Management.*

#### Program Requirements:

- / Junior standing with at least 75 credit hours completed
- / Maximum of 12 credit hours, not to exceed 6 credit hours per semester, (500 level courses)
- / Minimum grade point average of 3.25
- / Submit formal application

#### Program Notes:

- / Must apply and be admitted to the accelerated graduate study program prior to taking courses.
- / Must notify Graduate Business Studies office and course instructor at start of course that it is for dual UG/Grad credit
- / Course fee will be at undergraduate rate.
- / Course will be initially recorded as undergraduate class at the end of semester. After grades are submitted at the end of the semester, the courses will be added to the graduate course list for graduate credit.

#### Prerequisites:

All undergraduate prerequisites must be satisfied before enrolling in a required core or elective course that require these foundation courses. Students without an undergraduate degree in business may need to complete the following required foundation coursework\* with a minimum grade of C:

- Principles of Management
- Business Statistics I or Introduction to Behavioral Statistics or Graduate Business Statistics Essentials
- Management Information Systems or Graduate Business Information Systems Essentials (only for the Informatics option)

\*Proficiency in these areas may be demonstrated through any of the following alternatives:

- A CLEP or DANTES exam if available. Credit will not be given for these courses with a passing grade on the exam, but a passing score will indicate proof of course knowledge.
- Applied knowledge of a given domain in the work environment. The extent to which relevant work experience demonstrates proficiency will be determined by the program director. Applicants who would like their work experience to be considered must submit a resume with their application.