

HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

Master of Science (MS) Online Delivery

This is a guide based on the 2026-2027 Graduate Catalog 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

30 Hours Required¹

Core Requirements:

- ___ BA600 Organizational Behavior in Practice (3)
- ___ BA620 Business Research Methods (3)
- ___ BA656 Applied Human Resource Management (3)
- ___ HA557 Healthcare Law & Regulatory Compliance (3)
- ___ HA681 Health Administration Policy² (3)

Choose 3 hours:

- ___ HA657 Applied Research Project in Healthcare³ (3)
- ___ HA658 Internship in Healthcare (3)

Electives:

- ___ Any HA5xx or HA6xx course not used for Core Requirements (3)
- ___ BA630 Integrated Decision Information Systems (3)
- ___ EC585 Healthcare Economics (3)
- ___ MG548 Project Management (3)

¹ Minimum of 15 hours in the degree program must be at the 600 level.

² HA681 is the capstone course experience for practice-focused graduates.

³ Applied Research Project must be in Health Management Area. HA657/BA657 is the capstone course experience for academic research-focused graduates.

ACCELERATED MASTERS' DEGREE PROGRAM

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



Admission Requirements

In addition to the criteria established for general admission to graduate studies, there are departmental criteria. Applicants are eligible for admission if they qualify under one of the following four scenarios:

- Any bachelor's degree* with a GPA of ≥ 3.0 .
- Any graduate degree*
- Bachelor's degree* with a GPA of 2.5 to 2.99
 - Regular Admission with documentation** of one of the following:
 - 5 years of managerial work experience.
 - an active healthcare provider license.
 - recognized professional certification.
 - Probationary Admission otherwise. They will need to complete the first 9 graduate credit hours with grades of B or better.
- Individuals with a bachelor's degree* GPA under 2.5 may be considered for Probationary Admission with additional documentation** demonstrating the applicant's preparation for graduate school.

*Degrees earned from a U.S.A. regionally accredited institution or foreign equivalent.

**Decisions about admission based upon the evaluation of a resume, a healthcare provider license, professional certification, or additional documentation would be made at the discretion of the Director – Graduate Business Studies. The healthcare provider license should be something like nursing, pharmacist, etc. that has recognized standards and requires continuing education. Examples of professional certification include PMI Project Management, Six Sigma Green Belt, SHRM Certified Professional, Charter Financial Analyst, Certified Financial Planner, Certified Scrum Master, etc.

Students without an undergraduate degree in business may need to document experience in or demonstrate proficiency in the required foundation coursework* prior to taking courses for which there are prerequisites. The foundation knowledge/coursework includes the following:

- MG 301 Principles of Management or BA 607 Graduate Business Management Essentials
- QM 257 Business Analytics I or BA 601 Graduate Business Statistics Essentials
- The Informatics option also requires MI 375 Management Information Systems or BA 605 Graduate Business Information Systems Essentials

Students must earn a sufficient grade in all of the above classes. ["CR" for Graduate Business Essentials courses. "C" or better for other courses listed.]

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

1. Completion of BA601 and/or BA605 Business Essentials coursework.
2. 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.
3. Applied knowledge of a given domain in the work environment. Three or more years of managerial work experience with significant level of responsibility may be accepted towards MG 301. 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 detailed current resume with their application.

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DEGREE MAP

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