

BS in Health Management

The Bachelor of Science in health management (BSHM) at Wichita State University is certified by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (<https://www.aupha.org/home/>) and offered in hybrid and 100% online formats. The program prepares students for entry-level management roles in hospitals, long-term care organizations, public health agencies, and other healthcare settings, while also providing a strong foundation for graduate study in health administration, public health or aging studies.

The curriculum emphasizes the core skills essential for healthcare management, including leadership, communication, financial and operational fundamentals, quality improvement, and an understanding of healthcare delivery systems. Students also select from a range of interdisciplinary electives, allowing flexibility to explore related fields and supporting a smooth transfer process for incoming students.

All students complete:

- An applied learning professional portfolio, and
- A 160-hour practicum in a healthcare organization.

Qualified students have the option to advance their education through the accelerated master's degree programs in health administration (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/accelerated-bs-health-management-mha/>) or aging studies (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/accelerated-bachelors-degree-master-aging-studies/>). These programs allow students to apply 9 credit hours toward both their bachelor's and master's degrees, further accelerating their educational and career goals.

Admission

Students admitted to WSU with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.000 or higher may self-select the Bachelor of Science in health management. The program is available on campus or 100% online.

Program Requirements

Students admitted to the Bachelor of Science (BS) in health management are assigned both a college advisor and a faculty advisor who work collaboratively to support degree planning, career preparation and student success from admission through graduation. To meet the needs of diverse learners, the program is offered in two formats, on campus or 100% online, allowing students to choose the learning environment that best fits their schedule and goals.

Students must be in the final year of their program of study and must be health management majors to take PHS 485 or PHS 495. Students enrolled in PHS 495 are required to purchase professional and general liability insurance coverage. The cost of this insurance is included in the university's comprehensive fee schedule and is part of the fee requirements for this major.

A minimum total of 120 credit hours is required for the BS in health management. Students in the health management program are required to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.000, with no individual program course generating a grade less than 1.700 credit points per credit hour. In addition to meeting the requirements of the WSU General Education Program (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/academic-information/general-education-program/>) and the requirements of the College of Health Professions, students in the BS in health management program must take the following courses:

Course	Title	Hours
General Education		
Select courses to meet General Education requirements ¹		34-35
Health Management Required Courses (45 credit hours)		
PHS 100	Introduction to Aging Studies ²	3
PHS 101	Introduction to Public Health ²	3
PHS 310	Introduction to U.S. Healthcare and Administration ²	3
PHS 325	Epidemiology	3
PHS 344	Health for All	3
PHS 356	Foundations of Healthcare Policy, Law and Ethics	3
PHS 407	Foundations of Healthcare Informatics	3
PHS 410	Interprofessionalism and Health Communication	3
PHS 428	Healthcare Organization and Leadership	3
PHS 442	Foundations of Healthcare Finance	3
PHS 448	Healthcare Quality and Analytics	3
PHS 478	Foundations of Healthcare Economics	3
PHS 617	Community Health Methods	3
PHS 621	Effective Management in Healthcare ³	3
PHS 622	Human Resource Management in Healthcare ³	3
Interdisciplinary Electives (9 credit hours)		
Choose any three classes for a total of 9 credit hours		9
PHS 300	Careers in Healthcare	
PHS 331	Principles of Diet and Nutrition	
PHS 404	Psychology of Aging	
PHS 405	Sociology of Aging	
PHS 408	Adaptive Leadership	
PHS 518	Healthcare Coordination ⁴	
PHS 525	Living with Death: Understanding Loss and Legacy ⁴	
PHS 560	Care Networks and Services ⁴	
PHS 562	Senior Living Operations ⁴	
PHS 609	Rural Healthcare Leadership	
PHS 565	The Medicare System ⁴	
PHS 623	Public Health and Communication in Aging ⁴	
PHS 626	Hospitality and Enrichment in Aging Communities ⁴	
ACCT 210	Financial Accounting	
ACCT 220	Managerial Accounting	
BLAW 431	Legal Environment of Business	
ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics	
MGMT 360	Principles of Management	
MKT 300	Marketing	
MLS 203	Medical Terminology	

or MLS 303	Medical Terminology	
PHIL 327	Bioethics	
PSY 301	Psychological Statistics	
PSY 325	Developmental Psychology	
Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)		
PHS 494	Practicum Preparation	0
PHS 485	Healthcare Professionalism	3
PHS 495	Practicum	3
Open Electives		
Select enough electives to reach 120 credit hours		25-26
Total Credit Hours		120

- ¹ Required major courses may also count towards General Education requirements. Students will need to select additional electives to reach 120 credit hours required for graduation with assistance from an advisor.
- ² These should be the first courses students complete in the degree program.
- ³ These courses can be used in the Accelerated BS in health management to Master of Health Administration (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/accelerated-bs-health-management-mha/>). Consult with the director of graduate programs (phs@wichita.edu) prior to taking PHS 621 and PHS 622 to apply and create your plan of study.
- ⁴ These courses can be used in the Accelerated Bachelor's in health management to Master's in aging studies (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/health-professions/health-sciences/public-health-sciences/accelerated-bachelors-degree-master-aging-studies/>). Consult with the director of graduate programs (phs@wichita.edu) before enrolling in any of these courses to apply and develop an approved plan of study.
- ⁵ PHS 494 must be successfully complete for enrollment in PHS 495.

Graduation

Students majoring in department of public health sciences undergraduate programs (health science and health management) must fulfill Applied Learning Portfolio activities to successfully complete their degree. Evidence of completed activities along with written entry for each activity is required. You can find information about the Applied Learning Portfolio (https://www.wichita.edu/academics/health_professions/phs/undergraduate/portfolio.php) on the public health sciences' website. Questions about the Portfolio may be sent to the undergraduate program director at phs@wichita.edu.

To be eligible for graduation from Wichita State University, students must have 120 acceptable credit hours toward their degree and a grade point average (GPA) in the major of 2.000. Students transferring from a two-year college must complete at least 45 credit hours of upper-division coursework to qualify for graduation. Public health sciences (PHS) policy requires a program cumulative GPA of 2.000 with no individual program course generating a grade less than 1.700 credit points per credit hour.

For a program handbook and answers to questions about the program, contact the undergraduate coordinator by email: phs@wichita.edu, by phone at 316-978-3060, or visit the department of public health sciences website (<http://wichita.edu/phs/>).

Departmental Honors Program

Scholarship and research are encouraged at the undergraduate level. Students who meet the qualifications should explore adding the honors program to their undergraduate major. Students who are not PHS

majors and are involved in the Cohen Honors College, should contact the PHS department for permission to enroll in these courses, as appropriate.

Admission requirements include:

1. Status as a PHS major;
2. An overall GPA of 3.500 in all major coursework;
3. A one-page, double-spaced letter describing reasons for applying to the honors track, goals and potential benefits to participating in the program; and
4. Agreement by a PHS faculty member to mentor the final project.

Honors Program Requirements

Students admitted to the PHS honors track must complete the following:

1. Maintain a 3.500 cumulative GPA in all major coursework;
2. Be a participating member of the Health, Education, Advocates for Leadership, Teamwork and Humanity (HEALTH) student organization;
3. Maintain a portfolio of assignments, activities and reflections throughout the honors track;
4. Complete and present a mentored scholarly activity during the last year of the program by enrolling in a 1-3 credit hours of PHS 401H Field Research Public Health Science Honors; and
5. Enroll in and complete the honors assignments with a minimum of 12 credit hours of PHS coursework selected from the following options:

Course	Title	Hours
PHS 325H	Epidemiology Honors	3
PHS 344H	Health for All Honors	3
PHS 356H	Foundations of Healthcare Policy, Law and Ethics Honors	3
PHS 408H	Adaptive Leadership Honors	3
PHS 410H	Interprofessionalism and Health Communication Honors	3

Students who have previously taken the courses above without honors can contact their advisor to see how they can earn honors credit.

Applied Learning

Students in the BS in health management program are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from the program. The requirement can be met by completing the following program course requirement: PHS 495 Practicum.