

Healthcare Administration - B.S.

Curriculum

The Healthcare Administration bachelor's degree program prepares graduates for entry-level careers in hospital and nursing home administration, quality improvement, health marketing and communication, health program management, health consulting, and health policy at both the state and federal levels. This program is a joint degree between the College of Health & Wellness and the College of Business. Students in this program focus on data-driven solutions in healthcare administration. The program also prepares students who are interested in entry into graduate programs such as health policy and management, public health, and other areas of business.

Students in this program engage in a systems thinking approach and engage in coursework that focuses on the innovation of policy, financing, and delivery in healthcare systems by utilizing courses focused on data analytics. The curriculum has a strong foundation in public health principles along with additional coursework in economics, accounting, and research methods. This B.S. degree program in Healthcare Administration exposes students to coursework across all colleges at the university, providing for a comprehensive skillset that can be implemented when working to improve healthcare for the population.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are expected to:

- Describe the legal and ethical principles of healthcare organizations that apply to individual patient and community healthcare needs.
- Evaluate the major components of healthcare system financing and delivery of the U.S. Healthcare System.
- Analyze quantitative and qualitative data to develop policy and implement effective healthcare decision-making.
- Integrate cultural competency and sensitivity in the organization and delivery of healthcare services.

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A four-year program leading to the bachelor of science degree

Major Courses

HSC1010	Introduction to Health Professions	1
HSC1230	Introduction to Public Health	3
HSC2310	Introduction to Healthcare in the United States	3
HSC2330	Healthcare Organizational Theory and Management	3
HSC2400	Research Methods for Health Science	3
HSC3300	Comparative Healthcare Systems	3
HSC3410	Quality Improvement in Healthcare Organizations	3
HSC3430	Healthcare Research Ethics	3
HSC4100	Health Policy, Ethics and the Law	3
HSC4310	Innovations in Healthcare Finance and Delivery Systems	3
HSC4900	Data and Evidence in Health: Research Capstone	3

Applied/Experiential Learning

Choose 6 credits from the following:		6
CHW4799	College of Health & Wellness Internship ^{lc}	
DEE3999	Directed Experiential Education ^D	
	Study Abroad ^{Sa}	

Related Professional Studies

ACCT1210	Financial Accounting	3
ACCT1220	Managerial Accounting	3
DMSM2025	Introduction to Data Visualization	3
DMSM2050	Spreadsheets for Data Analysis	3
ECON1001	Macroeconomics	3
ECON1002	Microeconomics	3
ECON3030	Managerial Economics	3
FISV2000	Finance	3
FIT1040	Spreadsheet Design for Business Solutions	3
MRKT1001	Marketing Foundations	3

University Core Curriculum

Communicating		9
ENG1020	Rhetoric & Composition I	
ENG1021	Rhetoric & Composition II	
ENG1030	Communication Skills	
Connecting		6
Two courses with the Connecting attribute (ECNG), one at the 2000 level, one at the 4000 level		
Experiencing		6

PHIL3240	Ethics: A Global Perspective	
Additional course with the Experiencing attribute (EEXP) in a different discipline		
Measuring		6
MATH1020	Fundamentals of Algebra (or higher, based on student's placement)	
MATH2010	Introduction to Biostatistics	
Exploring		3
SCI1050	Nutrition	
Interacting		6
PSYC1001	Introductory Psychology	
Additional course with the Interacting attribute (EINT) in a different discipline		
A&S Electives		6
Two courses with the Arts & Sciences elective attribute (EASC)		
Free Electives #		
12 credits selected from 1000-4999 numbered offerings within the university		12
Total Credits		121.0

^{lc}Typically, internships require a minimum of six credits. Students interested in a 9 or 12-credit internship can apply additional experiential learning and free elective credits, if available. Students are strongly encouraged to contact a faculty advisor before scheduling internship and free elective credits.

^D Directed Experiential Education (DEE) opportunities are based on project availability with community partners and student eligibility. For more information, visit Experiential Education & Career Services (EE&CS).

^{Sa}To be eligible to count toward Applied/Experiential Learning, a Study Abroad offering must meet certain requirements. Contact JWU Global to discuss eligible Study Abroad options for this degree program.

In addition to classes, free elective credits may be applied to a number of options such as internship, study abroad, Directed Experiential Education courses and courses in a specialization or minor as relevant. For students who qualify for the J2 program, up to four graduate courses may apply. Students are strongly encouraged to contact a faculty advisor before scheduling free elective credits.

Note: Students must pass MATH0010 Pre-Algebra or have equivalent placement scores to enroll in required math courses.

Note: Students must pass ENG0001 Writing Workshop or have equivalent placement scores to enroll in ILS 2000-level courses.

Internships will be available but they will not be required. For online students who do not wish to register for an internship, 3000+ level college discipline-specific courses can be taken in place of the internship.

In collaboration with academic colleges Study Abroad offer several options, direct enroll with international universities, domestic and digital options meet with a Study Abroad Advisor to learn more about how your major, minor, free electives, experiential learning and transferable courses would benefit by a Study Abroad program. There are many options for students during a semester, spring and/or summer breaks. Faculty-led, exchange, and direct-enroll programs range in duration from one week to a full semester or full year. Financial aid may be applied, and some partners offer external scholarships. Visit the study abroad website for information, program descriptions and online applications. Where will you go? Wherever you decide, make the best of your educational journey!

Admissions Requirements

Johnson & Wales University holistically reviews all elements of a student's application to identify those students most likely to succeed at the university.

Prior to being considered for admission into an online JWU undergraduate program, the following must be submitted:

1. A completed application for admission
2. Official high school or GED transcript
3. If applicable, official or certified transcripts from all previous college/university institutions attended

Accelerated Program Options

J2 Program

The JWU J2 program allows qualified students enrolled in a matriculating undergraduate program to take graduate level courses at JWU. Students interested in pursuing this option should meet with their academic advisor

to discuss their interest, qualifications and plans. The undergraduate student may take up to four graduate courses (maximum 12 credits) and are limited to 6 credits a semester and 3 credits per session (Fall Session I and Fall Session II).

The completion of graduate credits to fulfill undergraduate program requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the graduate program after completion of the baccalaureate degree. Matriculating undergraduate students who wish to formally enroll in a graduate program must fulfill all requirements for entrance into the intended graduate program and complete a graduate program application.

Note: Not all graduate courses are included as part of this policy. Courses offered as part of the Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Education, Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies and doctoral courses are excluded from this policy and are restricted to program majors only. Additional courses and/or programs as determined by individual colleges may also have restricted access.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to enroll in graduate level courses (excludes: Masters of Arts in Teaching, Masters of Education, Masters of Science in Physician Assistant Studies, doctoral courses and other programs as outlined by the colleges).

Undergraduate students must meet the following criteria:

- Undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher
- Completed and registered undergraduate credits at least 90 credits
- Meet the individual course prerequisites

Appeal to Eligibility Criteria: College dean or designee will receive a copy of the Petition Form, Student's GPS and email requesting appeal if the student requests to appeal the GPA or earned/registered credit criteria. College dean/designee will review and determine approval.

These courses carry graduate credit and will replace undergraduate degree requirements when applicable, traditionally free-electives (maximum of 12 credits). The course will be applied to the undergraduate degree in the order in which they are taken (if required) and will also be applied towards both the students undergraduate and graduate GPA.

Students should maintain enrollment in at least 12 credits of undergraduate coursework to maintain full-time status; graduate course enrollment is not calculated into undergraduate full-time status. For students already attending full-time as undergraduates (12 credits or more) and paying the full-time tuition, the graduate credits will be included in full-time tuition fee. Students attending part-time (11 credits or less) will pay the cost per-credit undergraduate tuition for the graduate course.

Course registration will be based on space availability and students enrolled in graduate level courses will be required to maintain good academic standing at the undergraduate and graduate level.