

MASTER OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Program Director

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Program Description

The Master of Health and Human Services is a collaborative degree between The Bitonte College of Health and Human Services and the Warren P. Williamson, Jr. College of Business Administration. The program accommodates students from health and human services professions who require the skills and abilities for supervisory/managerial positions or who desire competence in health promotion and methods in the community. The program is structured as a completely online or evening college program. After completion of an academic core of coursework, students may concentrate in health promotion, health care administration or health informatics for health and human service professions.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the minimum College of Graduate Studies admission requirements, applicants must complete the following undergraduate courses or their equivalent:

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
	Research Methodology	
	Statistics	
ACCT 2602	Financial Accounting	3
AHLT 4810	Management Skills for Health Professionals	3
MGT 3725	Fundamentals of Management	3

Students should complete any undergraduate deficiency coursework before completion of the third semester of graduate work and must complete it prior to enrolling in related graduate-level courses. Also, students must submit three letters of reference:

- one from a faculty member,
- one from an employer, and
- one from another source, or
- two from faculty members and one from another source.

Regular admission requires a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

Ronald K. Chordas, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

John M. Hazy, Ph.D., Professor
Community health; life course issues; teaching effectiveness

Joseph P. Lyons, Sc.D., Associate Professor
Health informatics; voice recognition; electronic medical records

Salvatore Sanders, Ph.D., Professor
Technology applications for health care, education and management; student and faculty attributes related to learning; instructional design; distance learning

There are two areas of coursework in the MHHS: an academic core and a specialty track. A thesis or non-thesis option is available with each track.

The academic core consists of 23-24 semester hours distributed among the following course areas:

- tools (six semester hours),
- management skills (six semester hours), and
- issues in health and human services (12 semester hours).

A total of 12 to 13 semester hours of coursework is devoted to a specialty track in health promotion, administration for health and human service professions, and health informatics. Each track offers a thesis or non-thesis option. The non-thesis option in the health promotion, administration for health and human service professions, and health informatics track requires the student to complete an internship, which is called a practicum. The thesis must be submitted according to the general requirements established by the College of Graduate Studies. The student is required to defend the thesis in an oral presentation before a committee of graduate faculty from a minimum of two academic disciplines. Students selecting the non-thesis option must successfully complete a comprehensive examination and additional courses for graduation.

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
Academic Core		
Tools ¹		
CJFS 6942	Research and Statistics in Health and Human Services	3
HHS 6930	Health Informatics	3
or HHS 6981	Grant Writing	
Management Skills		
Select 5-6 hours from the following: ²		5-6
MGT 6930	Managing and Leading in Organizations	
HHS 6971	Optimizing Performance and Commitment	
MKTG 6943	Consumer & Product Management	
MGT 6944	Managing Business Processes	
HHS 6930	Health Informatics	
Issues in Health and Human Services		
HHS 6949	Community Health Practice	3
HHS 6953	Health Behavior	3
HHS 6958	Health Services Issues	3
HHS 6962	Health Care Reform	3
Concentration Area		
Select a concentration area from the following options:		10-14
Health Promotion		
HHS 6959	Foundation and Planning	
HHS 6960	Implementation and Evaluation	
HHS 6980	Seminar	
HHS 6990	Practicum	
or HHS 6999	Thesis	
Administration for Health and Human Services Professions		
HHS 6918	Program Planning and Evaluation	
HHS 6922	Planning and Fiscal Management	
HHS 6980	Seminar	
HHS 6990	Practicum	
or HHS 6999	Thesis	
Health Informatics		
HHS 6935	Clinical Informatics	
HHS 6945	Health Care System Analysis	
HHS 6922	Planning and Fiscal Management	
HHS 6990	Practicum	
or HHS 6999	Thesis	
Total Semester Hours		34-37

- ¹ Prerequisites for the tools courses include undergraduate research methodology, a statistics course, and ACCT 2602 Financial Accounting or equivalent.
- ² Prerequisite for the management skills component is AHLT 4810 Management Skills for Health Professionals, MGT 3725 Fundamentals of Management or equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

1. The student will demonstrate skills to access and integrate important facts, concepts, principles, and theories in the field of management when developing solutions to problems.
2. The student will utilize current technologies such as, computer and online systems/services, to access and communicate information.
3. The student will demonstrate effective research skills.
4. The student will produce a manuscript in a style suitable for publication.
5. The student will demonstrate skills to critically analyze health and human services issues.