

Exploring Career Opportunities

The term "health services administrator or manager" encompasses all individuals who plan, direct, coordinate, and supervise the delivery of healthcare services. Generally, they fall into one of two categories: 1) generalists (health care administrators) - who manage an entire facility and 2) health specialists (departmental managers) - who are in charge of specific departments within a health care facility. EKU's Health Services Administration degree lays the educational foundation for both of these categories.

The Health Services Administration Program at EKU

The Health Services Administration program at EKU offers two academic opportunities.

Ancillary Health Management

Ancillary Health Management (AHM) is a degree progression opportunity. This option is for credentialed or licensed practitioners with a previous degree in a health-related field who want to advance into supervisory and managerial positions within a health care organization.

Health Care Administration and Informatics

Health Care Administration and Informatics (HCAI) provides individuals with a unique blend of both business and healthcare-related course work. This option is ideal for individuals who would like the flexibility of developing a career as either 1) a health care administrator or 2) a specialist in health informatics and information management.

The HSA curriculum establishes a strong health care management foundation while developing a depth of knowledge in health informatics. Health informatics and information management professionals are experts in collecting, interpreting, and analyzing patient data for clinical, financial, and administrative decision-making. With the advancement of health communication and information technology, the need for these professionals will grow significantly in the future.

Students graduating from the HCAI option are eligible to sit for the national certification examination leading to a credential as a Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA).

The HCAI option is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

**Health Information Technology (KCTCS)
To
Health Care Administration and Informatics (EKU)**

General Education Requirements			
HSA Curriculum Requirement	Credits	HIT Curriculum Equivalent	Credits
Written Communication	6	ENG 101 and 102	6
Arts and Humanities	6	Heritage or Humanity	0-3
Natural Sciences	6		0
Social and Behavioral Sciences	6	PY 110 or SOC 101	3-6
Wellness	3		0
Breadth of Knowledge	3		0
Support Course Requirements			
HSA Curriculum Requirement	Credits	HIT Curriculum Equivalent	Credits
Anatomy and Physiology (BIO 171 and 301)	6	BIO 137 & BIO 139	(6)
Computer Course (CIS 212 or CSC 104)	3	OST 105 or CIS 100	3
Computer Course (CIS 230, CIS 300, CCT 290)	3	OST 240 or CIS 130	3
Oral Communication (CMS 100 or 210)	3	Oral Communication	3
Math (MAT 105, MAT 107 or higher)	3	MA 109, MA 111, MT 145 or MT 150	3
Statistics (STA 215 or 270)	3		0
Accounting (ACC 201 and 202)	6		0
Economics (ECO 230)	3		0
Management (MGT 301 and 320)	6		0
Marketing (MKT 301)	3		0
Core Requirements			
HSA Curriculum Requirement	Credits	HIT Curriculum Equivalent	Credits
Health Services Administration Program	48	Medical Terminology (CLA 131 or OST 103 or AHS 115)	3
		HIT 100, 102, 104, 106 (1), 108, 202 (1), 112	15
		Previous internship/clinical credit	2
Electives and University Requirements			
HSA Curriculum Requirement	Credits	HIT Curriculum Equivalent	Credits
Free Electives	2	OST coursework	3
Orientation	1		Waived
Total Needed for Degree	120	Total Taken Toward Degree	53

Additional EKU Courses That Can Be Taken at KCTCS: ACC 201, ACC 202, STA 215 or 270, ECO 230, and general education for a bachelor's degree. (Meet with an advisor to identify course equivalents)

Curriculum Pattern

First Semester (Pre-HSA)		Third Semester	
ACC 201		HSA 375	
STA 215 or 270		HSA 406	
ECO 230		HSA 409	
MGT 300 or 301		MKT 300 or 301	
General Education		General Education	
General Education		General Education	
	18 credits		18 credits
Second Semester		Fourth Semester	
ACC 202		HSA 405	
HSA 370		HSA 407	
HSA 401		HSA 412	
MGT 320		General Education	
General Education			
	16 credits		13 credits