

HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

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Students in the Master of Science in Healthcare Management program will be at the forefront of a rapidly evolving healthcare market, equipped with the leadership, management, and communication skills necessary to bring strategic vision and innovation to the workplace. Students will learn how to transform the industry and better serve the patient, provider, payer, and population perspectives locally, nationally, and globally. Students will learn to thrive in a value-driven system by leveraging collaborative and integrative techniques that support high-quality, cost-effective healthcare delivery.

This degree prepares students to:

- Demonstrate effective communication techniques appropriate to the audience including healthcare and health industry professionals, patients, and the public
- Apply relevant program theory and research to formulate innovative solutions to vexing healthcare and health industry challenges
- Connect management strategies to action among healthcare and health industry teams across a variety of settings within an ethical framework
- Formulate visionary solutions to address current issues facing local, national, and global health and healthcare organizations
- Evaluate healthcare reform efforts and proposals to contextualize governmental regulation and oversight as they relate to healthcare delivery and health industry operations

Master of Science in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Organizations

Advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion is critical to achieving organizational goals, positioning organizations for success in today's world, and creating environments where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. In this master's degree concentration, you will gain skills that are crucial for advancing equity as an integrated part of organizational strategy while developing solutions that meaningfully leverage diversity to create a culture of belonging. Learn about the historical, cultural, and economic factors that shape identity and apply appropriate tools and techniques to help organizations achieve their vision for change as it relates to diversity, equity, and inclusion practices.

This degree prepares students to:

- Assess the influence of historical, social, cultural, and economic factors in shaping one's identity and conceptions of diversity, equity, and inclusion practices.
- Integrate an understanding of social and cultural difference, perspective-taking, and empathy to better inform interpersonal communication and problem-solving strategies.
- Develop practices that advance equity as an integrated component of organizational strategy.
- Design solutions that meaningfully leverage diversity to achieve organizational goals and cultivate a culture of belonging across different organizational settings.
- Apply change models, tools and techniques to successfully achieve a vision for change.

Master of Science in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Telehealth and Virtual Care

Advance your leadership and capabilities within the emerging areas of telehealth and virtual care. In this concentration, you will learn how to assess the business and healthcare environments to properly plan, implement, and sustain programs to support care in a virtual environment. Gain a deeper understanding of the social determinants of health (SDOH) that impact patients and staff virtually, technology for telehealth and virtual care, the business strategy and policy behind telehealth and virtual care, and systems planning and development for telehealth and virtual care programs.

This degree prepares students to:

- Analyze systems and processes necessary to deliver telehealth and virtual care services
- Design strategic plans for successful telehealth and virtual care systems
- Investigate the opportunities and barriers to the 4Ps (patient, provider, payor, and populations) with regard to telehealth and virtual care
- Create models for the success of telehealth and virtual care teams
- Analyze risks, impact, and benefit analysis for implementing virtual care

Master of Science in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Healthcare Policy and Regulatory Leadership

The Healthcare Policy and Regulatory Leadership master's degree concentration is offered online or on campus at the University of Denver in the evenings, or in a combination of both, to meet the needs of busy adults. This degree has a set of core courses addressing healthcare systems and regulatory environments, finance, and communication and leadership. The career-relevant courses within the concentration provide students with the

knowledge and tools to help them gain leadership and management skills with a pulse on the dynamism in healthcare and continuing emergence of reform leading to changes in healthcare policy.

Students acquire the essential tools necessary to become leaders and managers who help shape, interpret, and implement policies and regulations that impact a value-driven healthcare system. Students improve their understanding of healthcare systems, legislative procedures, and trends as they relate to healthcare regulatory systems and public policy. Students examine the relationship between public policy, the patient as the consumer, and the impact of culture on the formation of policy and practice within a transitioning healthcare environment.

This degree prepares students to:

- Compare variations in healthcare delivery domestically and internationally
- Examine the legislative process involved in the creation of healthcare public policy
- Assess how change leads to resistance and what measures must be adopted to incorporate change
- Correlate how professional standards and accreditation relate to quality assurance in various areas of healthcare
- Analyze the processes involved in the implementation of healthcare public policy and healthcare reform

Master of Science in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Strategic Leadership in Healthcare Organizations

The Strategic Leadership in Healthcare Organizations master's degree concentration is offered online or on campus at the University of Denver in the evenings, or in a combination of both, to meet the needs of busy adults. This degree has a set of core courses addressing healthcare systems and regulatory environments, finance, and communication and leadership. The concentration prepares students to develop and administer strategic plans for various types of healthcare systems.

Students acquire the skills needed to successfully and strategically lead within healthcare organizations through the integrative process of a changing healthcare industry. Through analysis of the interrelationships of value, quality, and price, students examine the financial state of healthcare at the macro level, allowing them to better understand budgetary restraints while striving to realize an organization's vision and goals. Using case-based study techniques, students explore practice and system management, strategic planning, and change leadership.

This degree prepares students to:

- Compare leadership and administration characteristics that contribute to success in the provision of healthcare
- Evaluate basic components of a strategic plan and change management, relating them to financial planning and patient value within the healthcare system
- Analyze issues that support and detract from a harmonious workplace environment, and how these issues affect patient services, and provide solutions in effectively dealing with these issues
- Compare the strategic management functions required to lead and administer various types of healthcare systems
- Demonstrate expertise in the complex history and process of healthcare economics

Master of Science in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Social Enterprise, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Are you ready to be a social entrepreneur? Innovate the change needed to move the needle on a social problem? The Social Innovation for Global Impact concentration will develop your knowledge and skills in the innovation needed to tackle global, and local, social problems. You will sharpen the social value proposition and mission-driven strategy to address global social problems, or the ones in your community. Courses will develop the why and how of taking an idea and launching it as a social enterprise. Students learn the language and financial insight needed to cultivate funding, initiate prototyping, consider scaling, as well as marketing and measuring impact of global social innovations. Practical experience with a global, national, or local nonprofit, for-profit, healthcare, or other organization enables students to apply theory, strategy and metrics that solve real problems and drive mission impact.

This degree prepares students to:

- Examine existing global, national, and local social enterprises to determine the strengths and challenges in developing an impactful social enterprise
- Utilize innovation tools, design thinking, and other processes to examine a social enterprise idea's social value, scaling potential, and market possibilities
- Apply social innovation frameworks and tools to assess a social enterprise's business and financial structure in global, national, and local contexts

Master of Science in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Supply Chain Management

Supply chains are everywhere, from the local store to a large multinational electronics manufacturer operating halfway across the world. From cradle to grave, it is the supply chain management system that links all of the numerous stakeholders into one strategic plan for us as customers in markets.

These systems link processes such as product design, sourcing, forecasting, planning, manufacturing, distribution, logistics, retailing and material disposal and reuse. In today's fast paced markets driven by globalization and technology, knowledgeable professionals in supply chain management are increasingly important for companies to achieve their business objectives. Some of the most successful manufacturers (e.g., Apple and Samsung) and retailers (e.g., Wal-Mart and Amazon) are winning as a result of their supply chain strategies. Especially as markets change rapidly, supply chain management professionals will be integral to a company's success.

Earned entirely online, in the Supply Chain Management concentration students learn the six pillars of the field, and how to solve problems through the use of Six Sigma principles and the use of data analytics. Through hands-on projects with companies students gain real-world experience on the challenges facing global supply chains in the 21st-century while learning from current leaders in the field.

This degree prepares students to:

- Articulate the six pillars of supply chain management to diagram the process to appraise their role in the market system.
- Apply the six pillars of supply chain management to realistic problem scenarios to develop strategies to diagnose and address future supply chain problems.
- Assess supply chains using a multidimensional perspective that includes connections between supply chain processes and fundamental business topics such as financial management and technology.
- Solve supply chain problems using a nonlinear process that addresses connections between supply chain pillars, market trends, and business best practices.
- Apply best practices to address an authentic supply chain problem in a work setting.

Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Telehealth and Virtual Care

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Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Strategic Leadership in Healthcare Organizations

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Master's Degree Admission

Degree and GPA Requirements

- Bachelor's degree: All graduate applicants must hold an earned baccalaureate from a regionally accredited college or university or the recognized equivalent from an international institution.
- Grade point average: The minimum undergraduate GPA for admission consideration for graduate study at the University of Denver is a cumulative 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 semester credits or 90 quarter credits (approximately two years of work) for the baccalaureate degree. An earned master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution supersedes the minimum standards for the baccalaureate. For applicants with graduate coursework but who have not earned a master's degree or higher, the GPA from the graduate work may be used to meet the requirement. The minimum GPA is a cumulative 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all graduate coursework undertaken.
- Program GPA requirement: The minimum undergraduate GPA for admission consideration for this program is a cumulative 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

English Language Proficiency Test Score Requirements

The minimum TOEFL/IELTS/C1 Advanced/Duolingo English Test score requirements for this degree program are:

- Minimum TOEFL Score (Internet-based test): 80 with minimum of 20 on each sub-score
- Minimum IELTS Score: 6.5 with minimum of 6.0 on each band score
- Minimum C1 Advanced Score: 176
- Minimum Duolingo English Test Score: 115 with individual subscore minimum of 105 for Literacy, Comprehension, and Conversation and minimum subscore of 95 for Production

English Conditional Admission: No, this program does not offer English Conditional Admission.

Certificate Admission

Degree and GPA Requirements

- Bachelor's degree: All graduate applicants must hold an earned baccalaureate from a regionally accredited college or university or the recognized equivalent from an international institution.
- Grade point average: The minimum undergraduate GPA for admission consideration for graduate study at the University of Denver is a cumulative 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 semester credits or 90 quarter credits (approximately two years of work) for the baccalaureate degree. An earned master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution supersedes the minimum standards for the baccalaureate. For applicants with graduate coursework but who have not earned a master's degree or higher, the GPA from the graduate work may be used to meet the requirement. The minimum GPA is a cumulative 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all graduate coursework undertaken.
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Master's Degree Programs

Master of Science in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Organizations

Code	Title	Credits
Core coursework requirement		
HC 4000	Healthcare Systems and Regulatory Environments	4
HC 4010	Healthcare Communication and Leadership	4
HC 4015	Healthcare Finance	4
HC 4900	Experiential Learning in Healthcare	4
HC 4901	Capstone Project	4
or HC 4902	Capstone Seminar	
or HC 4904	Interdisciplinary Capstone Seminar	
Concentration requirement		
GS 4020	Culture, Identity, and Power	4
GS 4050	Diversity and Organizational Structure	4
HRA 4170	The Inclusive Organization	4
ORL 4420	Leading Change for Transformation	4
Elective requirement (Choose three courses)		12
Total Credits		48

Minimum number of credits required: 48

Students will work with their Academic Advisor to determine the best set of courses to choose for their electives.

Master of Science in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Healthcare Policy and Regulatory Leadership

Code	Title	Credits
Core coursework requirements		
HC 4000	Healthcare Systems and Regulatory Environments	4
HC 4010	Healthcare Communication and Leadership	4
HC 4015	Healthcare Finance	4
HC 4900	Experiential Learning in Healthcare	4
HC 4901	Capstone Project	4
or HC 4902	Capstone Seminar	
or HC 4904	Interdisciplinary Capstone Seminar	
Concentration requirements		
HC 4200	Comparative Healthcare Systems	4
HC 4210	Quality Improvement for HC Leaders	4
HC 4220	Ethical Considerations in Healthcare	4
HC 4225	Healthcare Public Policy and the Legislative Process	4
or HC 4230	Implementation and Evaluation of Healthcare Public Policy	
Elective requirements (Choose three courses)		12
Total Credits		48

Minimum number of credits required: 48

Students will work with their Academic Advisor to determine the best set of courses to choose for their electives.

Master of Science in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Social Enterprise, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Code	Title	Credits
Core coursework requirement		
HC 4000	Healthcare Systems and Regulatory Environments	4
HC 4010	Healthcare Communication and Leadership	4
HC 4015	Healthcare Finance	4
HC 4900	Experiential Learning in Healthcare	4
HC 4901	Capstone Project	4
or HC 4902	Capstone Seminar	
or HC 4904	Interdisciplinary Capstone Seminar	
Concentration requirement		
NFP 4115	Leading Nonprofit Financial Health	4
NFP 4400	Principles and Practices in Social Enterprise, Innovation and Entrepreneurship	4
NFP 4405	Social Enterprise Strategies	4
NFP 4410	Social Enterprise Experiential Learning	4
Elective requirements (Choose three courses)		12
Total Credits		48

Minimum number of credits required: 48

Students will work with their Academic Advisor to determine the best set of courses to choose for their electives.

Master of Science in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Strategic Leadership in Healthcare Organizations

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Core coursework requirements		
HC 4000	Healthcare Systems and Regulatory Environments	4
HC 4010	Healthcare Communication and Leadership	4
HC 4015	Healthcare Finance	4
HC 4900	Experiential Learning in Healthcare	4
HC 4901	Capstone Project	4
or HC 4902	Capstone Seminar	
or HC 4904	Interdisciplinary Capstone Seminar	
Concentration requirements		
HC 4100	Management and Leadership in Healthcare	4
HC 4110	Healthcare: Innovative Strategies and Change Management	4
HC 4130	Organizational Behavior in Healthcare	4
HC 4005	Healthcare Macroeconomics	4
or HC 4915	Experiential Learning in Business	
Elective requirements (Choose three courses)		12
Total Credits		48

Minimum number of credits required: 48

Students will work with their Academic Advisor to determine the best set of courses to choose for their electives.

Master of Science in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Telehealth and Virtual Care

Code	Title	Credits
Core coursework requirement		
HC 4000	Healthcare Systems and Regulatory Environments	4
HC 4010	Healthcare Communication and Leadership	4
HC 4015	Healthcare Finance	4
HC 4900	Experiential Learning in Healthcare	4
HC 4901	Capstone Project	4
or HC 4902	Capstone Seminar	
or HC 4904	Interdisciplinary Capstone Seminar	
Concentration requirement		
HC 4805	Virtual Care: Opportunities and Barriers for Health Systems	4
HC 4815	Analysis of Healthcare Environments for Virtual Care	4
HINF 4825	Technology and Applications for Telehealth and Virtual Care Success	4
HINF 4835	Design and Implementation of Telehealth and Virtual Care Systems	4
Elective requirement (Choose three courses)		12
Total Credits		48

Minimum number of credits required: 48

Students will work with their Academic Advisor to determine the best set of courses to choose for their electives.

Graduate Certificate Programs

Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Healthcare Policy and Regulatory Leadership

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration requirements		
HC 4200	Comparative Healthcare Systems	4
HC 4210	Quality Improvement for HC Leaders	4
HC 4220	Ethical Considerations in Healthcare	4
HC 4225	Healthcare Public Policy and the Legislative Process	4
Elective requirements (Choose two courses)		8
Total Credits		24

Minimum number of credits required: 24

Students will work with their Academic Advisor to determine the best set of courses to choose for their electives.

Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Strategic Leadership in Healthcare Organizations

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration requirements		
HC 4005	Healthcare Macroeconomics	4
or HC 4915	Experiential Learning in Business	
HC 4100	Management and Leadership in Healthcare	4
HC 4110	Healthcare: Innovative Strategies and Change Management	4
HC 4130	Organizational Behavior in Healthcare	4
Elective requirements (Choose two courses)		8
Total Credits		24

Minimum number of credits required: 24

Students will work with their Academic Advisor to determine the best set of courses to choose for their electives.

Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Telehealth and Virtual Care

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration requirement		
HC 4805	Virtual Care: Opportunities and Barriers for Health Systems	4
HC 4815	Analysis of Healthcare Environments for Virtual Care	4
HINF 4825	Technology and Applications for Telehealth and Virtual Care Success	4
HINF 4835	Design and Implementation of Telehealth and Virtual Care Systems	4
Elective requirement (choose two courses)		8
Total Credits		24

Minimum number of credits required: 24

Students will work with their Academic Advisor to determine the best set of courses to choose for their electives.

Specialized Graduate Certificate Programs

Specialized Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Leadership Business Acumen

Code	Title	Credits
HC 4005	Healthcare Macroeconomics	4
HC 4015	Healthcare Finance	4
HC 4110	Healthcare: Innovative Strategies and Change Management	4
HC 4100	Management and Leadership in Healthcare	4
Total Credits		16

Specialized Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Leadership Business Expertise

Code	Title	Credits
HC 4000	Healthcare Systems and Regulatory Environments	4
HC 4015	Healthcare Finance	4
HC 4100	Management and Leadership in Healthcare	4
HC 4210	Quality Improvement for HC Leaders	4
Total Credits		16

Specialized Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Policy and Regulatory Leadership

Code	Title	Credits
HC 4200	Comparative Healthcare Systems	4
HC 4210	Quality Improvement for HC Leaders	4
HC 4220	Ethical Considerations in Healthcare	4
HC 4225	Healthcare Public Policy and the Legislative Process	4
Total Credits		16

Specialized Graduate Certificate in Strategic Leadership in Healthcare Organizations

Code	Title	Credits
HC 4005	Healthcare Macroeconomics	4
HC 4100	Management and Leadership in Healthcare	4
HC 4110	Healthcare: Innovative Strategies and Change Management	4

HC 4130	Organizational Behavior in Healthcare	4
Total Credits		16

Specialized Graduate Certificate in Telehealth and Virtual Care

Code	Title	Credits
HC 4805	Virtual Care: Opportunities and Barriers for Health Systems	4
HC 4815	Analysis of Healthcare Environments for Virtual Care	4
HINF 4825	Technology and Applications for Telehealth and Virtual Care Success	4
HINF 4835	Design and Implementation of Telehealth and Virtual Care Systems	4
Total Credits		16

HC 4000 Healthcare Systems and Regulatory Environments (4 Credits)

This course opens with a comprehensive overview of the functions of various types of healthcare organizations: providers, insurance companies, government agencies, and professional associations. Alternative payment and provider models are reviewed, regulatory bodies and issues are explored, and healthcare reform efforts and proposals are discussed. Supply and demand projections for personnel are examined. The work of key federal agencies (NIH, National Center for Disease Control, and Food and Drug Administration) is reviewed as well as the activity of national and international non-governmental organizations. Major national and global public health challenges are introduced.

HC 4005 Healthcare Macroeconomics (4 Credits)

This course focuses on macro analysis of the current financial state of healthcare in the United States. The relationships of value, quality, and price are analyzed. Transparency related to price and quality is considered. Fundamental items such as balance sheets/income statements, accounting vs. financial reporting, equity, cash flows, and debt financing are covered in detail. Payment and incentive models are considered in connection with employer-furnished benefits, private health insurance plans, Medicare and Medicaid. Current issues, such as pay for performance, shared savings, cost shifting, and healthcare for the aging, under and uninsured are discussed. Students will discuss variations in health policy related to payment and coverage systems.

HC 4010 Healthcare Communication and Leadership (4 Credits)

This course focuses on the welfare of patient, family, and community in the context of medical team communication and leadership. Models for communicating highly technical medical information with patients and others involved in their care are examined. Students weigh and assess differences in personal and organizational cultures to optimize patient-centered outcomes. Students acquire a sound body of knowledge and terminology to facilitate communication and leadership across a multitude of disciplines essential in the delivery of healthcare. NOTE: This course is strongly recommended within the first 3 terms of study.

HC 4015 Healthcare Finance (4 Credits)

This course gives students a skills-based grounding in the financial management in healthcare organizations operating in the United States. Students will gain a broad overview of the business of healthcare in the U.S., including interpretation of financial statements, budgeting, operational analysis, expense management issues, revenues, and payment systems used in the current U.S. healthcare system. The course will use a case-based approach where students will demonstrate mastery of financial management skills through application of knowledge to real-life scenarios from the industry.

HC 4100 Management and Leadership in Healthcare (4 Credits)

Healthcare systems are complex, dynamic, and multilayered. They require constant situational awareness to maintain safety, efficiency, compliance, relevance, and fiscal responsibility while supporting an increasingly diverse workforce. Managers and administrators must be able to create and lead effective teams to address constant change. In this course, students explore the functions required to lead and support healthcare systems, organizations, and practices. Students will simulate the role of healthcare managers and leaders by gaining an understanding of leadership approaches, analyzing the performance of a business unit and identifying opportunities for improvement, building teams, identifying and tracking key metrics, and creating solutions that contribute to an effective, efficient, and equitable work environment.

HC 4110 Healthcare: Innovative Strategies and Change Management (4 Credits)

Effective healthcare takes continual innovation to meet the ever-changing needs of the population. Through an examination of disruptions that create a catalyst for change, this course focuses on teaching students how innovative strategies can enable quality care and sustainability both within the healthcare delivery system and the health industry. Further, the drivers of innovation are explored from their use in grassroots efforts through regulatory reform through the lens of supply and demand. Finally, strategic planning for maximum use of financial resources to meet stakeholder expectations is ventured into in this course.

HC 4130 Organizational Behavior in Healthcare (4 Credits)

Customer and employee satisfaction elements of healthcare management are often a result of how well the entire healthcare system functions. Students examine successful and less successful examples of cooperation, compatibility, and dedication within the workplace and explore what contributes to a harmonious and effective healthcare environment. Interpersonal skills are discussed, as are ethical guidelines and laws that define acceptable workplace behavior.

HC 4200 Comparative Healthcare Systems (4 Credits)

This course describes variations in healthcare delivery systems locally, nationally, and globally as they relate to policy, structure, and finance. Comparisons of systems are made relative to expenditure of resources and outcomes. Students learn about healthcare coverage, access to care, healthcare rationing, provider manpower distribution, and seeking healthcare in foreign countries (medical tourism). The discrepancy between the desirable and the practical is explored, and students are asked to outline and defend a system that they believe is both desirable and practical.

HC 4210 Quality Improvement for HC Leaders (4 Credits)

This course provides an analysis of successful healthcare quality programs. Students will review the essential elements of a quality program and the national, state, and local laws and regulations that impact a quality program. The course explores the types of data and scientific methods that can be used to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of a quality program. Students will get the opportunity to design a healthcare quality program for a healthcare setting of their choice. Course content is beneficial to all types of individuals who work in healthcare, from entry level to high-level manager, administrators, and clinicians.

HC 4220 Ethical Considerations in Healthcare (4 Credits)

This course provides a survey of important ethical considerations encountered in U.S. and global healthcare, past and present. It covers issues on which consensus has generally been reached, and some on which debate is currently active. Clinical, professional, and organizational scenarios will be examined, with an occasional glance toward public policy. Students will practice recognizing the elements of ethical problems and applying a "toolbox" of principles, theories, and concepts to understand them. Through readings, class discussions, and assignments, students will review noteworthy cases and policies. They will evaluate the merits of ethical arguments taking different forms. They will compare different frameworks for making ethical judgments and solving dilemmas that arise from competing value perspectives. This background is an essential foundation for practitioners and leaders in every role in a healthcare environment.

HC 4225 Healthcare Public Policy and the Legislative Process (4 Credits)

This course provides students an opportunity to transform a healthcare policy-related idea or problem into policy and legislation reform, change, or development. Students examine political and legislative procedures; the functions of government agencies; the influences of lobbyists, public hearings and testimonies; and advocacy efforts on these processes. Students objectively evaluate how policy changes occur at the federal and state levels and subsequently affect citizens from differing backgrounds and professionals in a variety of settings. As such, students explore the importance of developing relationships, communicating, and creating advocacy strategies with elected officials and various stakeholder groups that interact with the federal and state legislative processes.

HC 4230 Implementation and Evaluation of Healthcare Public Policy (4 Credits)

This course examines strategies for implementation and evaluation of healthcare public policy. Students develop skills in analyzing issues, considering and weighing pros and cons of proposed policy, and defending strategies for bringing about change. Beginning with the passage of a new law, policy, or regulation, students track the process to implement and evaluate new policy. Topics related to implementation of a new policy include funding the implementation, effect on constituents and the overall national economy, sustainability, and short- and long-term evaluation of the policy. At the conclusion of this course, students will prepare an implementation plan for selected recently passed state legislation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete HC 4000 prior to registering for this course.

HC 4300 Health Equity and Justice (4 Credits)

In this course, definitions and historical perspectives of health equity, health disparity, and social justice will be introduced. Students will learn to recognize the geographic, cultural, and social contexts, where health inequities occur. Through reflection and journaling, students will explore the concept of implicit bias. From this critical reflection, students will gain an understanding of the impact of bias on patient care and population health in the U.S. healthcare system. Issues of, racial, ethnic, and gender status and their relationships to health disparities and inequities will be analyzed. Through course assignments, students will conceptualize interventions and design improvement projects aimed at making substantive positive changes toward health equity and justice.

HC 4305 Healthy Aging: A Healthcare Imperative (4 Credits)

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HC 4701 Topics in Healthcare Management (1-10 Credits)

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HC 4815 Analysis of Healthcare Environments for Virtual Care (4 Credits)

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HC 4901 Capstone Project (4 Credits)

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This course develops competencies including principles and practices of: academic inquiry, writing, and ethics. Students will complete Institutional Review Board (IRB) training, data collection, analysis, and evaluation; and synthesize application of peer-reviewed literature. Competencies will be applied and integrated throughout the course of study and demonstrated in the culminating work of the master's degree. Competencies are additionally developed for use in professional employment settings.

HC 4915 Experiential Learning in Business (4 Credits)

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HC 4980 Internship (0-4 Credits)

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HC 4991 Independent Study (1-8 Credits)

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Courses**HC 4000 Healthcare Systems and Regulatory Environments (4 Credits)**

This course opens with a comprehensive overview of the functions of various types of healthcare organizations: providers, insurance companies, government agencies, and professional associations. Alternative payment and provider models are reviewed, regulatory bodies and issues are explored, and healthcare reform efforts and proposals are discussed. Supply and demand projections for personnel are examined. The work of key federal agencies (NIH, National Center for Disease Control, and Food and Drug Administration) is reviewed as well as the activity of national and international non-governmental organizations. Major national and global public health challenges are introduced.

HC 4005 Healthcare Macroeconomics (4 Credits)

This course focuses on macro analysis of the current financial state of healthcare in the United States. The relationships of value, quality, and price are analyzed. Transparency related to price and quality is considered. Fundamental items such as balance sheets/income statements, accounting vs. financial reporting, equity, cash flows, and debt financing are covered in detail. Payment and incentive models are considered in connection with employer-furnished benefits, private health insurance plans, Medicare and Medicaid. Current issues, such as pay for performance, shared savings, cost shifting, and healthcare for the aging, under and uninsured are discussed. Students will discuss variations in health policy related to payment and coverage systems.

HC 4010 Healthcare Communication and Leadership (4 Credits)

This course focuses on the welfare of patient, family, and community in the context of medical team communication and leadership. Models for communicating highly technical medical information with patients and others involved in their care are examined. Students weigh and assess differences in personal and organizational cultures to optimize patient-centered outcomes. Students acquire a sound body of knowledge and terminology to facilitate communication and leadership across a multitude of disciplines essential in the delivery of healthcare. NOTE: This course is strongly recommended within the first 3 terms of study.

HC 4015 Healthcare Finance (4 Credits)

This course gives students a skills-based grounding in the financial management in healthcare organizations operating in the United States. Students will gain a broad overview of the business of healthcare in the U.S., including interpretation of financial statements, budgeting, operational analysis, expense management issues, revenues, and payment systems used in the current U.S. healthcare system. The course will use a case-based approach where students will demonstrate mastery of financial management skills through application of knowledge to real-life scenarios from the industry.

HC 4100 Management and Leadership in Healthcare (4 Credits)

Healthcare systems are complex, dynamic, and multilayered. They require constant situational awareness to maintain safety, efficiency, compliance, relevance, and fiscal responsibility while supporting an increasingly diverse workforce. Managers and administrators must be able to create and lead effective teams to address constant change. In this course, students explore the functions required to lead and support healthcare systems, organizations, and practices. Students will simulate the role of healthcare managers and leaders by gaining an understanding of leadership approaches, analyzing the performance of a business unit and identifying opportunities for improvement, building teams, identifying and tracking key metrics, and creating solutions that contribute to an effective, efficient, and equitable work environment.

HC 4110 Healthcare: Innovative Strategies and Change Management (4 Credits)

Effective healthcare takes continual innovation to meet the ever-changing needs of the population. Through an examination of disruptions that create a catalyst for change, this course focuses on teaching students how innovative strategies can enable quality care and sustainability both within the healthcare delivery system and the health industry. Further, the drivers of innovation are explored from their use in grassroots efforts through regulatory reform through the lens of supply and demand. Finally, strategic planning for maximum use of financial resources to meet stakeholder expectations is ventured into in this course.

HC 4130 Organizational Behavior in Healthcare (4 Credits)

Customer and employee satisfaction elements of healthcare management are often a result of how well the entire healthcare system functions. Students examine successful and less successful examples of cooperation, compatibility, and dedication within the workplace and explore what contributes to a harmonious and effective healthcare environment. Interpersonal skills are discussed, as are ethical guidelines and laws that define acceptable workplace behavior.

HC 4200 Comparative Healthcare Systems (4 Credits)

This course describes variations in healthcare delivery systems locally, nationally, and globally as they relate to policy, structure, and finance. Comparisons of systems are made relative to expenditure of resources and outcomes. Students learn about healthcare coverage, access to care, healthcare rationing, provider manpower distribution, and seeking healthcare in foreign countries (medical tourism). The discrepancy between the desirable and the practical is explored, and students are asked to outline and defend a system that they believe is both desirable and practical.

HC 4210 Quality Improvement for HC Leaders (4 Credits)

This course provides an analysis of successful healthcare quality programs. Students will review the essential elements of a quality program and the national, state, and local laws and regulations that impact a quality program. The course explores the types of data and scientific methods that can be used to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of a quality program. Students will get the opportunity to design a healthcare quality program for a healthcare setting of their choice. Course content is beneficial to all types of individuals who work in healthcare, from entry level to high-level manager, administrators, and clinicians.

HC 4220 Ethical Considerations in Healthcare (4 Credits)

This course provides a survey of important ethical considerations encountered in U.S. and global healthcare, past and present. It covers issues on which consensus has generally been reached, and some on which debate is currently active. Clinical, professional, and organizational scenarios will be examined, with an occasional glance toward public policy. Students will practice recognizing the elements of ethical problems and applying a "toolbox" of principles, theories, and concepts to understand them. Through readings, class discussions, and assignments, students will review noteworthy cases and policies. They will evaluate the merits of ethical arguments taking different forms. They will compare different frameworks for making ethical judgments and solving dilemmas that arise from competing value perspectives. This background is an essential foundation for practitioners and leaders in every role in a healthcare environment.

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This course provides students an opportunity to transform a healthcare policy-related idea or problem into policy and legislation reform, change, or development. Students examine political and legislative procedures; the functions of government agencies; the influences of lobbyists, public hearings and testimonies; and advocacy efforts on these processes. Students objectively evaluate how policy changes occur at the federal and state levels and subsequently affect citizens from differing backgrounds and professionals in a variety of settings. As such, students explore the importance of developing relationships, communicating, and creating advocacy strategies with elected officials and various stakeholder groups that interact with the federal and state legislative processes.

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This course examines strategies for implementation and evaluation of healthcare public policy. Students develop skills in analyzing issues, considering and weighing pros and cons of proposed policy, and defending strategies for bringing about change. Beginning with the passage of a new law, policy, or regulation, students track the process to implement and evaluate new policy. Topics related to implementation of a new policy include funding the implementation, effect on constituents and the overall national economy, sustainability, and short- and long-term evaluation of the policy. At the conclusion of this course, students will prepare an implementation plan for selected recently passed state legislation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete HC 4000 prior to registering for this course.

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