

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences Health Sciences with a Major in Health Services Administration (Professional) (BSHS)

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The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences with a major in Health Services Administration (Professional) is designed to offer advanced educational experiences to students who are health professionals and/or who have completed a certification or Associate of Science degree in a health-related discipline, have credentials to practice in their field, and have experience as a health care provider. This program also builds on the expertise of practicing health professionals and allows them the opportunity to enhance their formal learning. The program focuses on upper-level course work and general education in conjunction with an area of career enhancement chosen by the individual student.

Additionally, the program will prepare persons seeking advanced study in preparation for the MHA, MPH, MPP, MPA, and MS degrees and the foundation for PhD or MD educational career paths.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences with a major in Health Services Administration will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to enhance the administration and the delivery of health services through health care management and policy education. These graduates will serve as leaders for health care organizations in the public, private, and military organizations. The curriculum for the Health Services Administration major integrates a multidisciplinary approach that includes global and public health, health care finance, health services research, epidemiology, health care policy and health care management. Students will have the opportunity to gain practical health care management experience and drive innovation in health care policy.

Graduates of the program will be ready to serve as invaluable leaders in health care services.

The Health Services Administration (Professional) major is available fully online, with the option to complete some courses on campus.

Admission to the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences Program

ODU students who have completed all prerequisite courses with a C or better and meet the minimum cumulative GPA (2.00) requirement are admitted to the BSHS Health Services Administration program. Admission is conducted on a rolling basis. Students who have met all program admissions requirements will be referred by their advisor in the Health Sciences Advising Center/ODU Online Health Sciences advisor to the program director for major declaration, program admission and assignment to a program advisor.

For additional information on the curriculum or admission requirements, please contact: Program Director (bshshsa@odu.edu (<http://outlook.odu.edu>)) or College of Health Sciences Advising Center (hsadvising@odu.edu (<http://www.odu.edu/hs/advising/>)).

Continuance and Readmission Policy

In addition to the Old Dominion University continuance policies in this catalog, the following policies are specific to all declared majors in the BSHS Program:

1. A grade of C (2.00) or better is required in all BSHS courses to continue in the program.
2. A student who earns a grade of C- or lower will not be considered in good academic standing in the major and must retake the course in the next semester the course is offered.
3. A BSHS student who does not earn a grade of C or higher in multiple BSHS courses may be undeclared and must meet with the program director to create an academic success plan that outlines requirements for continuance in the major. Students who continue not to meet continuance requirements for more than one semester may be removed from the major and referred to the Academic Success Center for advising and degree counseling.
4. A cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better is required to continue in the BSHS program.
5. A student may be readmitted to the BSHS major only once.

Internship

The internship (HLSC 468) is designed and implemented to ensure that students achieve the following objectives:

1. Practical experience in a health setting via exposure to an organization and/or community context that generates health activities.
2. Acquisition of practical skills via related field assignments that challenge students to utilize knowledge of competencies learned from the academic curriculum and improved understanding of the political, economic, social and organizational context within which health services administrative activities operate.

BSHS student must apply for approval to enroll in the Internship course. Internship is a planned, supervised and evaluated exercise that serves as a culminating experience for students pursuing the BSHS degree. A student may be eligible for the internship upon senior standing in the major (at least 90 credits completed). Internships must be planned and approved in advance. The internship course may be taken with other courses up to the minimum full-time credit hours for the term, i.e. a student may enroll in no more than a total of 9 credits in summer or 12 credits in fall/spring when enrolled in HLSC 468 Internship. The internship learning contract must be submitted for approval prior to the internship paperwork deadline: May 1 deadline to register for summer semester; August 1 deadline to register for the fall semester; January 1 deadline to register for the spring semester.

Internships should be sought and undertaken in an organization, agency, department or community that provides planning and/or services that are relevant to the core areas of health services administration. Any student who plans to organize an internship without the appropriate foundation may be at a disadvantage in the organizations in which internships are undertaken. All students must complete an internship within their major, i.e. Health Services Administration. The internship experience and course address the relevance of developing skills and competencies.

Some internship sites may require the student to complete a criminal background check and/or proof of vaccination status prior to beginning the internship.

Students who have five or more years of supervisory or management experience in a related field can apply for a Prior Learning ePortfolio Challenge which could replace the internship course. A cover letter and resume will be required for the initial review. Please contact the BSHS internship coordinator to discuss this option.

Requirements

Lower-Division General Education

Written Communication (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#written)	6
Oral Communication (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#oral)	3
Mathematics (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#math)	3

Language and Culture (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#language)	0-6
Information Literacy and Research (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#information)	3
Human Behavior (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#behavior)	3
Human Creativity (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#creativity)	3
Interpreting the Past (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#interpret)	3
Literature (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#literature)	3
Philosophy and Ethics (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#philosophy)	3
The Nature of Science (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#nature)	8
Impact of Technology (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#impact)	3

Written Communication: grade of C or better required in both courses

Mathematics: STAT 130M required; met as part of core requirements; must be completed with a grade of C or better prior to major declaration.

Information Literacy and Research: HLTH 120G preferred

Philosophy and Ethics: PHIL 345E preferred

Impact of Technology: met in the major by HLSC 485

Upper-Division General Education

Completion of the MGMT courses required for the major with a grade of C or higher results in a minor in management and meets upper-division general education.

Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include the following:

- Minimum of 120 credit hours.
- Minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward the major.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward a minor.
- Completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better. The W course must be taken at Old Dominion University.
- Completion of Senior Assessment.

Health Services Administration (Professional) Major

Current/active licensure (through state board) and/or certification (exam-based proficiency) as a clinical health professional and an Associate of Applied Science degree make a student eligible for the Health Services Administration Professional major. The following programs are some that have been accepted: Radiation Technology, Medical Dosimetry, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiologic Technology, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Dental Hygiene, Emergency Medical Technology, Medical Laboratory Technology, Cytotechnology, Paramedic, Respiratory Therapy, and Physical Therapy Assistant or military experience such as Hospital Corpsman. Consult the Program Director for specific information on program eligibility.

For students approved as eligible for the Health Services Administration Professional major, PUBH 200 will be taken in the first semester after admission to ODU as a co-requisite with 300-level major courses.

Lower-division general education courses and STAT 130M must be completed prior to major declaration. STAT 130M must be completed with a grade of C or better. Students must be admitted to the program by the Program Director prior to starting 400-level BSHS major courses. All courses required for the major must be completed with a grade of C or better.

Up to 23 professional elective credits may be awarded upon program admission and review of transcripts and other provided documentation to the Program Director; the number of credits is determined by training hours completed. These experiential hours are included in the overall number of hours needed for graduation. These hours are applied to the number of elective hours needed to meet the graduation requirement of 120 hours.

In summary, up to 23 experiential credit hours can be awarded, leaving 97 hours needed to complete the BSHS Health Services Administration Professional major.

General Education

Complete lower-division requirements 38-44

Complete upper-division requirements (met in the major with a C or better in required MGMT courses)

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Prerequisite

PUBH 200	Principles of Public Health **	3
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Core Courses

HLSC 320	Health Equity and Disability Culture **	3
HLSC 335	Population Health **	3
HLSC 390	The U.S. Healthcare Delivery System **	3
HLSC 468	Internship **	3
HLSC 485	Health Informatics *	3
STAT 130M	Elementary Statistics **	3

Program Requirements

ENVH 301	Principles of Environmental Health Science **	3
HLSC 430W	Community Health Resources and Health Promotion **	3
HLSC 440	Finance and Budgeting in Healthcare **	3
HLSC 445	Health Services Research Methods **	3
HLSC 450	Public and Community Health Administration **	3
HLSC 461	Managerial Epidemiology **	3
HLSC 480	Health Ethics and the Law **	3
MGMT 325	Contemporary Organizations and Management ****	3
Select four MGMT 300/400-level electives from the following:		12
MGMT 330	Organizational Behavior **	
MGMT 340	Human Resource Management **	
MGMT 350	Employee Relations Problems and Practices **	
MGMT 360	Labor Management Relations **	
MGMT 417	Employment Law **	
MGMT 418	Advanced Human Resource Management: Contemporary Issues **	
MGMT 452	Negotiations and Change Management **	
MGMT 462	Comparative International Management **	

Total Credit Hours 95-101

- * HLSC 485 meets the general education impact of technology requirement. Grade of C or better required.
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Electives

Elective credit may be needed to achieve the minimum 120 hours required for the degree.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
PUBH 200	Principles of Public Health	3
HLSC 320	Health Equity and Disability Culture	3
HLSC 335	Population Health	3
HLSC 390	The U.S. Healthcare Delivery System	3
STAT 130M	Elementary Statistics	3
Credit Hours		15
Second Semester		
HLSC 440	Finance and Budgeting in Healthcare	3
HLSC 445	Health Services Research Methods	3
HLSC 450	Public and Community Health Administration	3
ENVH 301	Principles of Environmental Health Science	3
MGMT 325	Contemporary Organizations and Management	3
Credit Hours		15
Second Year		
First Semester		
HLSC 430W	Community Health Resources and Health Promotion	3
HLSC 461	Managerial Epidemiology	3
HLSC 480	Health Ethics and the Law	3
MGMT Elective		3
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Credit Hours		15
Second Semester		
HLSC 485	Health Informatics	3
HLSC 468	Internship	3
MGMT Elective		3
MGMT Elective		3
Credit Hours		12
Total Credit Hours		57