

Health Systems Management

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Health Systems Management track is designed to prepare nurses at the graduate level to manage the delivery of nursing and health services across multiple settings and specialty areas. Graduates are prepared to assume leadership positions in a variety of health care settings, including public and private sector hospitals, community agencies, ambulatory care facilities, and long-term care facilities. You will be exposed to content fundamental to management, and develop competencies needed to analyze managerial problems and provide resourceful solutions. Special opportunities are provided for you to acquire the breadth of management knowledge and skills needed to perform effectively at the business and clinical interface of health care delivery organizations.

This Program is offered at both the MSN and Post-Master's level, and the MSN in Health Systems Management can be combined with a MBA from the Darden School at the University of Virginia.

DISTANCE LEARNING

The HSM MSN program is offered via a distance-learning format. Most of the instruction is asynchronous via the internet. If you enroll in this program, you should have a familiarity with computers and the internet. You would come to Charlottesville only two days per semester (first and last day of the session).

PROGRAM FORMAT

- 43 credits for MSN; 22 credits for Post-Master's
- 20 months fulltime, or 32 months part-time (at 1-2 courses/term) for MSN
 - Post-Master's program can be completed part-time in 20 months
- Preceptored experience in student's geographic area

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Students who complete the Master's Degree program in Health Systems Management are able to:

- Synthesize and apply theories, models, and research relating to nursing management and health systems;
- Analyze managerial problems in health care, and provide resource solutions;
- Provide leadership and management to nursing and health care systems
- Effectively lead and manage change in healthcare and nursing;
- Develop and implement strategic and operational plans to guide the organization towards successful outcomes

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students meet all admissions requirements including the completion of a course in statistics (within the past five years) and successful performance on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Applicants must have a BSN degree from an accredited institution, and should have a GPA Of 3.0 or higher. Enrolled students must have a current RN license, but prior work experience as a RN is not required.

Full-time students enroll in the Fall semester; part-time students may enroll any term.

International students must demonstrate ability in English, and must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores. The deadline for international students is February 1.

Application deadlines:

Fall Semester	April 1
Summer Term	April 1
Spring Semester	November 1



Health Systems Management MSN

(part-time, distance learning option)

Fall Semester

Epidemiology & World Health (3)
Managing Care in Populations/Systems (3)

Spring Semester

Theoretical Foundations in Nursing (3)
Health Policy: Local to Global (3)

Summer Session

Culture & Health (2)
Health Care Economics (3)

Fall Semester

Research Processes & Biostatistics (4)
Community Assessment (3)

Spring Semester

Health Care Planning & Evaluation (3)
Crisis Management & Emergency Preparedness (3)

Summer Session

Resource Management (3)

Fall Semester

Managing Information Technology (3)
Administration Practicum I (3)

Spring Semester

Administration Practicum II (4)

Post-Master's Certificate Health Systems Management

(part-time, distance learning option)

Fall Semester

Managing Care in Populations/Systems (3)

Spring Semester

Health Care Planning & Evaluation (3)
Crisis Management &
Emergency Preparedness (3)

Summer Session

Health Care Economics (3)
Resource Management (3)

Fall Semester

Administrative Practicum I (3)

Spring Semester

Administrative Practicum II (4)