Healthcare Administration

Programs in Health Care Administration

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Department Overview

Our Mission

The Healthcare Administration Program (HCA) provides quality education and lifelong learning opportunities to future and current healthcare leaders. HCA supports Idaho State University’s mission as the center for the education of health professionals in the State of Idaho. The HCA serves to advance the knowledge and the ability of healthcare professionals to lead their organizations, to serve their communities, and to improve the health status of their communities.

Learning Goals

The Healthcare Administration Program delivers state-of-the-art education to traditional and nontraditional students using a theoretical and programmatic approach. Emerging industry needs are addressed using innovative instructional methods to deliver valid competencies and educational outcomes based on industry and stakeholder needs.

Specifically, the HCA:

- Prepares individuals for entry to mid-level management positions in group practice, ambulatory care, long-term care, hospitals, managed care organizations, and other health-related organizations;
- Develops administrative, technical, problem-solving, conceptual, and human relations knowledge and skills that provide the foundation for future healthcare administrators and leaders;
- Uses industry competency models and current evidence on teaching and learning to provide students the best quality education possible; and
- Fosters practical educational experiences and promotes interaction among students, alumni, and mentors in area and regional health organizations.

Health care facilities constitute some of the most complex institutions in our society. These facilities and the scope of their services are becoming more responsive to the community they serve. The healthcare administrator is at the forefront of these activities and is in demand in a number of organizations, including hospitals, extended-care facilities, group practices, insurance companies, state and federal health agencies, educational programs, and research institutions. The purpose of the undergraduate program in Healthcare Administration at Idaho State University is to prepare students for the wide range of activities needed for the administration of health care facilities and to provide courses for students majoring in other health-related programs. The program is designed to provide students with the basic requirements to pursue a graduate degree in the field. The curriculum leads to a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Healthcare Administration.

Faculty

Healthcare Administration Courses