Certificate in Health Administration

Students expand upon prior business knowledge and expertise to advance their career potential in health care administration by completing the online Graduate Certificate in Health Administration (GCHA) program at Wichita State University. The GCHA allows students to complement existing experience and educational background in business, finance or related management/leadership, building upon that knowledge base to better plan, direct, manage and coordinate medical and health services. The program prepares students in areas of health care leadership, operations management, strategic planning, health care policy, law and ethics, and trends in the health care delivery system.

The curriculum can be completed within one academic year, with entry to the program allowed in both fall and spring semesters. The certificate may also be pursued concurrently with a graduate degree program such as the Master of Arts in Aging Studies or the Master of Business Administration. The GCHA provides quality distance education, enabling students to earn their graduate certificate from anywhere in the state or country.

Admission
To be admitted into the graduate certificate in health administration degree program, the applicant must:

• Be admitted to the Graduate School in a degree program or in nondegree Category A status. All Graduate School policies relative to admissions apply. International students will not be issued an I-20 for certificate programs alone. They may obtain this certificate only while concurrently pursuing a graduate degree. ¹
• Possess an undergraduate or graduate degree in health management, business, finance, clinical profession or related field.
• Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.750 (on a 4.000 scale) or a 2.750 in the last 60 credit hours of undergraduate coursework.

Application deadlines: July 15 for fall admission; December 1 for spring admission.

¹ Online only students (including international students) may complete the certificate without concurrent enrollment in a WSU graduate degree program.

Program Requirements
The GCHA can be completed 100 percent online. It comprises 15 total credit hours covering topics such as health law and ethics, issues and trends in health professions, strategic planning and performance analytics in health care, health care policy and administration, and health care leadership and operations management.

Classes completed in pursuit of the GCHA can be applied to the graduate program of study for the Master of Health Administration (MHA). A student admitted to the Master of Health Administration can apply all 15 GCHA credit hours to the MHA degree. Courses started more than 10 years before the semester in which the master’s degree work is completed may not be used as part of the degree program.

Note: Students entering the program without an MBA or finance-related degree will be required to complete MBA 802 Fundamentals of Accounting, and MBA 803 Fundamentals of Finance, in addition to the 15 credit hours for the certificate.