Healthcare Administration | Major

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
According to Federal statistics, Healthcare Administration is the fastest-growing industry in the country - the need for professionals to manage growing and complex medical groups and related organizations creates a high demand in the field for professionally trained healthcare administrators. Alvernia’s brand-new Bachelor of Science degree in Healthcare Administration prepares students to pursue job opportunities in a wide variety of career options in this growing and popular field, including hospital and nursing home administrators, personal care home and assisted living managers, practice managers and health insurance employees.

Career opportunities with this degree include much more than just hospital care; other types of healthcare facilities and organizations often employ administrators, which could include such positions as a manager or health insurance claims manager. Graduates will be prepared to handle the business pieces of the health industry, including such areas as human resources, accounting, marketing and sales, planning, information systems and facility management and may also seek employment in the corporate world or in federal agencies in managing the requirements under the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

HONOR SOCIETY
Alvernia University’s Business program sponsors the Lambda Zeta chapter of the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society through its accrediting body, ACBSP. Delta Mu Delta is an honor society for juniors, seniors and graduate students that recognizes scholarship in Business Programs. Membership in Delta Mu Delta is limited to the top 20 percent of the junior, senior and graduate classes. Becoming a member is an honor indicative of earnest, intelligent purpose and achievement.

PHI BETA LAMBDA
Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) provides opportunities for post-secondary and undergraduate students to develop vocational competencies for business and office occupations. The specific goals are to promote competent, aggressive business leadership, understand American business enterprise, establish career goals, encourage scholarship, promote sound financial management, develop character and self-confidence and to facilitate transition from school to work.

The Alvernia University PBL Chapter has won many awards on both state and national levels. Since its formation in 1988, the Chapter has become well known for its excellence, earning the prestigious Hollis & Kitty Guy (national) Gold Seal Award of Merit six times. In competitions, the Alvernia PBL Chapter regularly participates in state and national workshops and conferences, is active in campus projects and completes community service projects.

ACCREDITATION
Alvernia University’s Business department programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council of Business Schools & Programs (ACBSP). The Healthcare Administration program is subject to the same standard, and will achieve accreditation upon students completing the program. For information explaining the benefits of earning a degree from an ACBSP-accredited program, please visit www.acbsp.org or send an email to info@acbsp.org.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates could enter the field as health counselors or advocates, science and health writers or policy analysts. In addition, graduates from the program may find positions in government organizations, consumer groups, healthcare agencies, scientific research or consumer institutes. Some examples include:

Ambulatory surgical centers
Assisted-living facilities
Birthing centers
Free-standing clinics
Home healthcare agencies
Managed care organizations
Nursing homes
Physician practices
Public health centers
Retirement centers

Graduates may also be employed by organizations that do business with healthcare facilities, including:

Computer software firms
Medical equipment companies
Insurance companies
Pharmaceutical companies
CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Business Core (30-31 credits)
BUS 101  Financial Accounting
BUS 200  Managerial Accounting (or BUS 250)
BUS 206  Management Principles
BUS 207  Marketing Principles
MAT 208  Statistics (or MAT 209)
BUS 342  Business Law
BUS 410  Financial Markets
BUS 411  Corporate Finance
BUS 426  Strategic Management
BUS 438  Business Seminar

Healthcare (21 credits)
HCS 200  Foundations of Healthcare Science
HCS 300  Writing for Healthcare Science
HCS 330  Healthcare Literacy & Adv.
HCS 340  Healthcare Science Mgt.
HCS 400  Healthcare Systems & Policy
HCS 430  Healthcare Science Capstone

Related Requirements (6 credits)
ECON 248  Macroeconomics
ECON 249  Microeconomics

Recommended:
BUS 441  Cooperative Education in Business I
BUS 442  Cooperative Education in Business II

*Students entering the program with 70+ transferable credits or an associate's degree must complete 30/31 Liberal Arts Core credits.
A total of 123 credits and 3 credits in a human diversity course are required to complete a Bachelor's degree.
To adhere to Franciscan values, community service hours are also required. In addition, at least 30 credits at the 300/400 levels must be taken at Alvernia University. Program requirements are subject to change.
Contact your admissions counselor for the most up-to-date information.

LOCATIONS
Students can choose to take classes where and when it is most convenient. This program is offered on campus at our Reading, Philadelphia, and Pottsville locations.

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