Graduate certificates are an ideal way to update existing knowledge, gain new knowledge, and study at the graduate level. Coursework completed in a graduate certificate program may be applied toward a graduate degree program at Capella.

Health care administration is a fast-growing, rapidly changing field.

Health Administration Graduate Certificate

The Health Administration graduate certificate is designed for professionals who want to increase their knowledge in the administrative, economic, and political aspects of health care administration, including strategic planning, organizational leadership and governance, and regulatory compliance.
Curriculum

- 4 required courses
- Total program credits: 16 quarter credits

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Course Descriptions

MHA5010  Strategic Health Care Planning

In this course, learners examine strategic orientation, planning, and decision making in health care organizations and environments. Learners analyze the political, legal, regulatory, organizational, demographical, and multicultural implications of strategic planning decisions and how those decisions impact communities and populations, define best practices for health care organization staff development, and balance the prioritization of organizational and regulatory needs with feasible cost-effective solutions. Learners also develop a long-term strategic health care plan that includes information on human resource requirements, technology needs, and financial implications.

Prerequisite(s): Completion of or concurrent registration in MHA5010.

MHA5012  Organizational Leadership and Governance

Learners in this course explore and articulate the fundamental concepts and principles of health care organization management and leadership, including governance, cost-effective decision making, and managing and leading stakeholders and staff. Learners identify best practices for mobilizing, managing, and improving employee, organization, stakeholder, and community commitment and for creating employee-centered organizations that foster professional and organizational accountability. Learners also analyze an organizational leadership structure and governance plan and examine how to apply team leadership skills to initiate change.

Prerequisite(s): Completion of or concurrent registration in MHA5010.

MHA5014  Health Care Quality, Risk, and Regulatory Compliance

Learners in this course focus on demonstrating knowledge of concepts, principles, processes, and issues associated with health care quality, risk, and regulatory compliance. Learners examine performance measures associated with quality of care, patient safety, risk management, regulatory standards and compliance, and patient and stakeholder satisfaction and conduct a cost benefit analysis based on these factors. Learners also evaluate the impact of regulatory demands on health care organizations and environments and integrate health care market analysis and scorecard results into formal and informal designs for process improvement and organizational fitness.

Prerequisite(s): MHA5010, NHS6008.

NHS6008  Economics and Decision Making in Health Care

This course helps learners develop and demonstrate concepts, principles, issues, and trends in health care economics and the economic decision-making practices employed in the health care environment. Learners analyze the political, legal, regulatory, organizational, demographical, and multicultural implications of business decisions on health care economics; explore the ways economic and stakeholder influences affect operational planning and decision making; and practice applying performance monitoring and process management measures as part of the decision-making process. Learners also examine cost-effective problem solving; community- and population-based orientation; and effective use of health care market research, analysis, and assessment.

The courses in this program may require live web conferencing activities and/or learner audio/video recordings. Learners who require assistive technology or alternative communication methods to participate in these activities should contact Disability Services to request accommodations.
Financial Aid

Capella University offers assistance to learners who qualify and would like to secure educational funding to help finance their academic program. A number of options are available, given the diverse needs and backgrounds of prospective learners. Options include:

- Federal Direct Stafford Loan Program
- Federal Direct PLUS Loan Program
- Non-federal loans through preferred lenders and financial institutions
- Capella scholarships
- External scholarships
- Veterans’ educational benefits and U.S. armed forces discounts
- Corporate and higher education alliances
- Employer tuition reimbursement

Regarding loan programs, interest rates for Stafford student loans are low compared to other types of consumer loans, and repayment can be deferred until after graduation. In compliance with federal and state laws, Capella University has established policies for all learners regarding satisfactory academic progress, which is necessary for financial aid eligibility.
F. Patrick Robinson, PhD, RN, FAAN

Dean

Dr. Patrick Robinson serves as the dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences at Capella University. Prior to joining Capella, Dr. Robinson served as Senior Vice President of Academics for Orbis Education, Dean of Curriculum and Instruction at Chamberlain College of Nursing, Executive Assistant Dean of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing, and Chair of the Department of Health Management and Risk Reduction at the Niehoff School of Nursing at Loyola University Chicago. Additionally, Dr. Robinson is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN). He holds a BSN and MSN from Indiana University, a PhD in Nursing Science from Loyola University Chicago and has completed a post-doctoral fellowship in biobehavioral nursing research at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Christy Davidson, DNP, RN

Associate Dean and Director of Nursing

Dr. Christy Davidson serves as associate dean and director of nursing for Capella University's School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Dr. Davidson has been with Capella since 2010, and has been a registered nurse for almost 18 years, having previously served as a staff nurse, clinical nurse specialist, legal nurse consultant, and nurse manager. Her areas of specialty and interest include women’s and children’s health, leadership and management, and quality improvement. Dr. Davidson holds a DNP in Leadership from the University of South Alabama and holds both an MSN in Adult Health and a BSN from the University of Mobile.

Ben Spedding, DHA

Faculty Chair

Dr. Ben Spedding serves as the Faculty Chair for Public Health and Health Care Leadership in the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Dr. Spedding has taught at Capella since 2011 in the School of Undergraduate Studies (psychology program), where he most recently functioned in the interim faculty chair role. In 2013, he joined the School of Public Service Leadership as a faculty mentor for doctoral students. He has been recognized twice with the Stephen Shank award. He has served in various faculty roles since 2004 and has over 20 years of experience working in the nonprofit health care and social services arenas. His professional expertise includes responding to the health care industry's demand for determining new methods of organizing, delivering, and purchasing services. Ben states, “I enjoy teaching, knowing that it assists in the development of the next generation of leaders and helps to prepare students for their roles in society as lifelong learners.”
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