

The **Economics: Healthcare Services Administration BA** prepares students for careers planning, directing, and coordinating medical and wellness services. This degree is a great option for healthcare professionals with an associate's degree who want to advance their careers as managers or supervisors. The program is also well suited to students looking to work in the healthcare industry with a focus on operations, administration, and management rather than the science-focused aspects of this profession.

Healthcare administration professionals make decisions every day that help improve the lives of their patients. They are often responsible for managing health records, communicating new policies, coordinating with doctors and nurses, and ensuring compliance with healthcare laws and regulations. They work closely with medical staff to positively impact patient care.

Degree overview

Our curriculum provides a sound foundation in the leadership, financial, and analytical skills necessary for intelligent decision-making and management in healthcare organizations. You'll gain the practical skills necessary to manage staff, oversee budgets, and juggle multiple priorities of all in the context of the healthcare industry.

Students will gain the practical skills necessary for intelligent decision-making and administration in healthcare. You will be able to:

- create evaluative techniques
- design and implement budgets
- effectively deploy quantitative skills
- evaluate management goals
- use theoretical concepts of social dynamics
- research healthcare and economic issues

Curriculum overview

Students can pursue the concentration in Healthcare Services Administration as either a full undergraduate degree program or a degree completion program.

Examples of courses offered through the program include (course offerings subject to change):

- PSC 345 Politics of Public Health
- ECO 338 Health Economics
- PHL 317 Ethics and Healthcare Professionals
- ECO 475 Healthcare Services Administration and Management

Sample Careers

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, jobs in Healthcare Administration will grow at an astounding 32% through 2029 (much faster than average). Students in our program gain the practical skills necessary for intelligent decision-making and administration in healthcare. With this degree you will be prepared to pursue a wide array of employment options:

- Practice Managers (average salary \$61,008)
- Community Clinic Medical Directors (average salary \$78,473)
- Hospital Director/Administrators (average salary \$87,361)
- Nursing Home Administrators (average salary \$92,109)
- Insurance Analysts (average salary \$51,294)
- Insurance Underwriters (average salary \$60,765)
- Regulatory Agency Specialists (average salary \$69,431)
- Lobbyists (average salary \$75,315)

Sample Alumni Careers

- Cape Cod Healthcare
- Wellfleet (Insurance)
- Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare
- Steward Healthcare
- Life Care Centers of America

Graduate Opportunities

UMass Dartmouth MS Healthcare Management (MSHM) and 4+1 MSHM Interested in graduate study? Students can continue their degree through application into the UMass Dartmouth Charlton College of Business Master of Science in Healthcare Management (MSHM) program. The degree provides students with the knowledge and tools to help improve the quality and efficiency of healthcare delivery and become an agent for positive change. Undergraduate Economics students can elect the 4+1 pathway and take MSHM in their fourth year.



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