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The College of Nursing and Health Sciences was created in 2006 by the merger of the School of Nursing and the School of Health Sciences. In support of the University’s mission as a major urban research institution, the College offers programs of professional study in selected health professions.

The College offers baccalaureate degrees in Health Services Administration and Nursing. Master’s degrees are offered in Athletic Training, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, and Nursing. The Doctor of Philosophy is offered in Nursing and the Doctor of Physical Therapy is offered in Physical Therapy.

Students interested in the academic programs offered by the College of Nursing and Health Sciences are urged to contact the academic unit for guidance on admissions requirements, curriculum and career planning.

College Policies

Background checks and drug screenings:
The practicum/field placement sites used by some of the programs in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences require the disclosure of conviction records for misdemeanors and/or felonies and current screening for drug use. Therefore, students are often required to submit to criminal background checks and drug screening tests prior to the initiation of the clinical education portion of their education. The student will be responsible for the financial cost of such screenings. Findings in background checks and/or drug screening tests may affect a student’s ability to participate in clinical experiences and complete the program, and/or obtain licensure or certification.

Standard disclaimer on policy/procedure changes
The programs, policies, requirements, and regulations listed in this catalog are continually subject to review in order to serve the needs of the University’s and College’s various publics and to respond to the mandates of the Florida Department of Education, Board of Governors, the Legislature, and other regulatory and accrediting agencies. Changes may be made without advance notice. Please refer to the General Information section for the University’s policies, requirements, and regulations.

Changes to the Curriculum Requirements
The curricula described in this catalog are continually subject to review in order to respond to the mandates of the Florida Department of Education, Board of Governors, and the Legislature. This is especially true for the programs that are subject to national accreditation requirements. University policy changes in curriculum may be made without advance notice. Please refer to the College’s website for the most recent information regarding program requirements, policies, and procedures.

Generally, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences makes every effort to minimize the impact of curriculum changes on currently enrolled students by stipulating that students complete the requirements of their degree program in effect at the time of admission or readmission to the program. In the event that this is not possible due to accreditation standards or the deletion of courses, students may be required to complete alternative degree requirements in order to graduate. Students should review their file to ensure that all documentation of changes is noted.
Bachelor of Health Services Administration

The Bachelor of Health Services Administration (BHSA) qualifies students for entry-level management positions in health services delivery organizations. The program provides professional education for administrative occupations in various health care settings. The degree also prepares individuals for further study in health services administration or public health. It is an excellent career development pathway for persons licensed in clinical health and medical care professions but lacking an undergraduate degree.

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

Courses which form part of the statewide articulation between the State University System and the Community College System will fulfill the Lower Division Common Prerequisites.

For generic course substitutions/equivalencies for Common Program Prerequisites offered at community colleges, state colleges, or state universities, visit: http://www.flvc.org. See Common Prerequisite Manual.

Admissions Requirements

Students must follow regular University admission procedures and upon admission declare their specific major as Health Services Administration. In addition, students must complete the following courses are part of their 60 credit-hours of lower-division course work and achieve the minimum "B-" required grade:

- ECO 2023 Principles of Microeconomics
- ACG 2021 Accounting for Decisions
- CGS 2060 Introduction to Microcomputers
- STA 3145 Statistics for the Health Professions
- STA 2023 Statistics for Business and Economics

The GPA in the first 60 credit-hours must be a 2.5 or higher.

Program Graduation Requirements

1. Satisfy all requirements for Bachelors of Health Service Administration program including undergraduate student regulations and degree requirements governed by the policies of Florida International University and the State University System.
2. Complete a minimum of 60 credit hours of Health Services Administration program required courses.
3. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours for graduation.
4. Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 with a minimum grade of "C" or better in Health Services Administration program required courses. Grade of "C-" or lower will not count towards HSA degree.
5. Meet with Academic Advisor to receive Graduation Check prior to final semester.
6. Apply for graduation online on or before the deadline posted in the Academic Calendar.

Scholastic Requirements

To remain in good academic standing students must achieve a grade of "C" or higher in Health Services Administration program required courses. A student who earns less than a "C" in any upper division Health Services Administration program required course must repeat the course in order to progress in the Health Services Administration program. Students who do not receive a "C" or better in two Health Services Administration program required courses or have two attempts in the same Health Services Administration program required course with less than a "C", will be dismissed from the program.

Degree Program Hours: 120

Courses are sequenced to enhance the development of competencies as student’s progress through the curriculum. Students need to pay particular attention to proper sequencing and course prerequisites.

Foundation Courses: (18 credits)

Foundation Courses are prerequisites to Core Courses. Must earn a “C” or higher to count towards BHSA degree (minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for graduation).

- HSA 3111 Introduction to Health Services Systems 3
- HSA 3180 Leadership and Management for Health Professionals 3
- HSA 4431 Values, Ethics, and Conflict Resolution in Health and Urban Affairs 3
- HSA 3412C Cultural Competency in Health Sciences 3
- ENC 3213 Professional and Technical Writing 3
- COM 3110 Business and Professional Communication 3
- PAD 3438 Communication Skills for Policy and Management 3
- HSC 3661 Communication Theory and Practice for Health Professions 3

Core Courses: (15 credits)

Must earn a “C” or higher to count towards BHSA degree (minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for graduation).

- HSA 4700 Quality and Evidence-Based Healthcare Services 3
- HSA 4190 Information and Communication Technology for Health Professionals 3
- HSA 4170 Healthcare Financial Management 3
- HSA 4110 Healthcare Organizational Behavior and Resource Management 3
- HSA 4421 Legal Aspects of Healthcare 3

Elective Courses: (12 credits)

Must earn a “C” or higher to count towards BHSA degree (minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for graduation) and the electives need to upper level courses unless preapproved by HSA advisor. With a bachelor’s in health services administration, you have a variety of possible careers. The electives you choose for your degree can provide a focus and foundation that helps you gain entry into a specific career path.

Students are encouraged to choose courses from a suggested list of BHSA electives, as these do not require advisor approval. Please note that suggested courses are not scheduled or managed by the Department of Health Services Administration; if you should encounter issues
with registration, you must contact the respective department in which the course(s) is/are affiliated. Students may select other 3000 or 4000 level courses not on the suggested elective list and may select specific lower division courses required for Athletic Training, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, or Speech Language Pathology with prior approval from HSA advisor before registration.

**Integrative Courses: (15 credits)**
Must earn a “C” or higher to count towards BHSA degree (minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for graduation).

- HSA 4140 Program Planning and Evaluation 3
- HSA 4150 Global Healthcare Systems and Policy – GL 3
- HSA 4192 Health Management Systems Engineering 3
- HSA 4113* Global Issues and Trends in Healthcare – GL 3
- HSA 4850 BHSA Administrative Internship or HSA approved elective 3

**HSA 4850 Administrative Internship**
As of Fall 2012, all students who are transitioning into the BHSA program will have the opportunity to complete a minimum of 210 clock hours of the BHSA Administrative Internship. Students must complete all Foundation and Core course work, have an educational plan approved by the Faculty Preceptor and must be cleared through the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Clinical Clearance the semester prior to registering. For further information regarding the BHSA Internship, please visit the BHSA website.

*HSA 4113 Global Issues and Trends in Healthcare is an integrative capstone course and should be taken during the final semester of the BHSA program. Prerequisites are in place to assure you have the appropriate foundation for the capstone coursework. Students who register without completing the appropriate prerequisites may be Administratively Dropped from courses.*

**Minor in Health Services Administration**
A five course minor in Health Services Administration is available to baccalaureate degree seeking students who have a minimum GPA of 2.5, have completed 60 lower division hours, achieve the competencies of the CLAS requirement, and are interested in careers in health services administration or who wish to examine the administrative aspects of health services delivery.

Fifteen hours in Health Services Administration are required: Six required credit hours and nine credit hours of electives.

**Required Courses: (6 credit hours)**
- HSA 3111 Introduction to Health Services Systems 3
- HSA 3180 Leadership and Management for Health Professionals 3

To be taken in first semester of minor matriculation. These courses are prerequisite for electives and no substitutions or waivers will be granted.

**Elective Courses: (9 credit hours)**
The other nine hours may be selected from the following, providing all prerequisites have been met:
- HSA 4700 Quality and Evidence-Based Healthcare Services 3
- HSA 4110 Healthcare Organizational Behavior and Resource Management 3
- HSA 4150 Global Healthcare Systems and Policy – GL 3
- HSA 4170 Healthcare Financial Management 3
- HSA 4421 Legal Aspects of Healthcare 3

It is the student’s responsibility to contact the department from which the student wishes to receive the minor when they apply for graduation. This will ensure that the minor will be posted on their transcript.