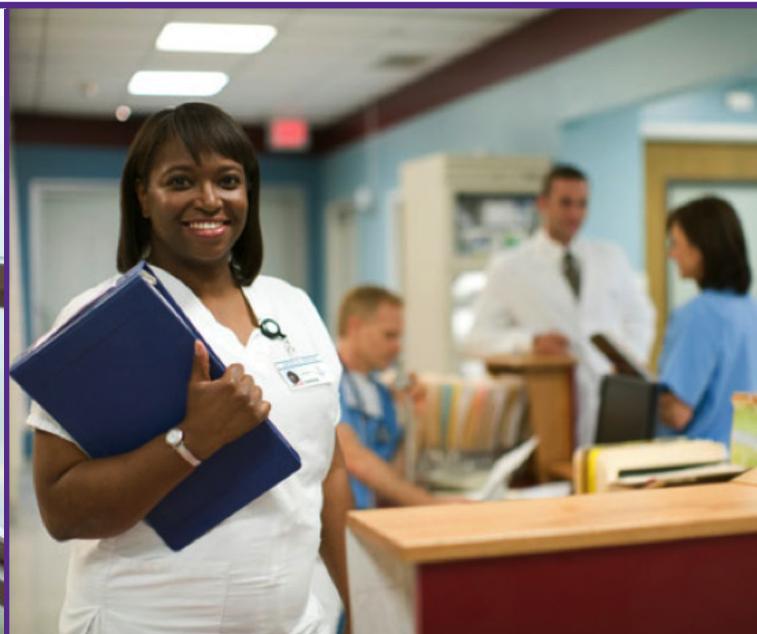


Health Services Management

Department of Health Sciences and Social Work, College of Education and Human Services



Program of Study

The health services management bachelor's degree includes concentrations in long term care administration, private sector health services management (hospitals, physician practices, managed care organizations, etc.) and public health services management. The major in health services management helps students develop the knowledge, skills and competencies for effective management and leadership in the working environment. Through courses in public health and health services management, accounting, economics, finance and management, students are equipped with an understanding of the administrative structure, operations, management, and policies of the healthcare industry. Majors complete their training in health services management with a professional internship during their final academic term. The department also offers majors in emergency management; public health, with two areas of concentration—community health education and environmental and occupational safety; and social work. Minors are offered in emergency management and occupational safety. The program also participates in interdisciplinary programs with Women's Studies.

WIU's Emergency Medical Technician's Training courses are designed to improve proper emergency care to victims of trauma or sudden illness. Those in the medical field are encouraged and often required to obtain such training. Satisfactory completion results in eligibility to take the EMT state certification examination. The focus is on application in the health field.

Faculty

WIU Department of Health Sciences and Social Work courses are taught by faculty holding doctoral and graduate degrees from distinguished universities across the United States such as

- Johns Hopkins University
- Oklahoma State University
- Oregon State University
- Penn State University
- Southern Illinois University–Carbondale
- University of New Mexico
- The University of Toledo
- Virginia Tech

Faculty are dedicated educators, seeking to foster active student participation and active scholars with numerous published articles and scholarly presentations.

Scholarships

The department offers four scholarships for majors. The scholarships are named after distinguished former faculty members in the department: (1) the Willis and Rosemary Zorn Scholarship; (2) the W. I. Taylor Memorial Scholarship; (3) the V. F. Lowell Award and (4) the John H. and Mary M. Leach Scholarship, which is awarded in even years to an incoming freshman. Detailed information on these scholarships can be found on the department website at wiu.edu/coehs/health_sciences/scholarships/hs_undergrad.php.

Honors in Health Services Management

To be eligible for the Centennial Honors College, entering freshmen must have an ACT composite score of at least 28 OR have a 26 or 27 composite ACT and be in the top 15 percent of their graduating class OR have an ACT composite score of at least 24 and be in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class. A comparable SAT score is acceptable. Transfer and current WIU students who wish to join the Centennial Honors College (including the Quad Cities Honors Program) must have a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale based on 12 or more semester hours. Honors credit is given for honors coursework completed at other accredited institutions. To find out more, visit wiu.edu/Honors.



General honors seminars in the humanities, sciences and social sciences provide students with the opportunity to explore key academic issues with distinguished faculty members. In the health services management major, honors students take courses for honors credit and, as seniors, prepare an honors thesis under the direction of a department faculty member.

Student Activities

Eta Sigma Gamma is the National Professional Health Education Honorary. Pi Chapter has been honored four times by the Eta Sigma Gamma national office as the outstanding national chapter. Five Pi Chapter students received national Gamman of the Year honors. The department also has a new student organization for future healthcare professionals. There are a wide variety of student activities and organizations available to all WIU students, as well. Learn more at wiu.edu/osa.

For More Information

Contact the WIU Department of Health Sciences and Social Work chair at HealthSciences@wiu.edu or (309) 298-1076, or e-mail the advisor at SE-Dorsett@wiu.edu. Learn more about the department by visiting wiu.edu/health.

University Libraries

University Libraries consists of the Leslie F. Malpass Library, which is the main branch, and four other branches: the Physical Sciences Library, the Music Library, the Curriculum Library and the Quad Cities Library. The libraries offer students access to a variety of resources in print and online. Research assistance is available in person at the Reference Desk and via instant messaging. Check out the website for hours, events and services available: wiu.edu/libraries.

Higher Values in Higher Education

Located in Macomb (population 20,000), with a campus in the Quad Cities (Moline, IL), Western offers a caring and supportive learning environment to more than 10,000 students in west-central Illinois. Western students have all the advantages of a large public university—strong faculty, state-of-the-art technology and facilities, and a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities—in an atmosphere free from distractions. Western offers a broad-based athletics program, sponsoring 19 NCAA Division I intercollegiate varsity sports. Football competes in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision through the Missouri Valley Football Conference; all other varsity sports compete at the Division I level through The Summit League. Western's presence in the Quad Cities spans more than 40 years, and that campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 1,400 students. The core values that are at the heart of the University are academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth and social responsibility.

Western's GradTrac and Cost Guarantee programs ensure that students can achieve their degrees within four years while paying a fixed rate for tuition, fees and room and board.

Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity employer with a strong commitment to diversity. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of people, including, but not limited to, minorities, women and individuals with disabilities. WIU has a non-discrimination policy that includes discrimination based on an individual's membership in the following classes: sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, genetic information, veteran status, and any other classes protected by state or federal law.

Campus Visits

The Admissions Reception Center (Sherman Hall 115) is open most weekdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. when the University is in session. Group information sessions are available on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and individual appointments can be made on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Campus tours are conducted at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments with advisors, faculty or a financial aid advisor may be arranged separately during the week. The Admissions Reception Center is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. most Saturdays when the University is in session. A group information session is available at 10 a.m., and a campus tour is conducted at 11 a.m. Students may schedule a visit or tour online at wiu.edu/admissions by selecting "Visit Campus." Students may also schedule a visit, tour or individual appointment by calling toll free (877) PICKWIU (742-5948) or (309) 298-3157, or by emailing admissions@wiu.edu.

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