



INDIANA UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST

COLLEGE OF HEALTH OF HUMAN SERVICES
School of Public and Environmental Affairs

HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT

B.S. IN HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT

The Bachelor of Science in Health Services Management (BSHSM) degree prepares students for a career in various areas of health management. The degree provides students with the opportunity to explore topics such as epidemiology, health law and health disparities among different communities, and U.S. healthcare system operations.

Students may wish to take advantage of internships in local hospitals and health departments. Graduates find opportunities primarily in Northwest Indiana hospitals, but this degree will also prepare students to work in related business areas such as insurance companies, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, public health, government Medicaid and Medicare offices, community health clinics, and private doctors' offices.

BSHSM graduates may wish to continue their studies by pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree (MPA) with a concentration in health.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Completion of the BSHSM requires 120 credit hours and a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average, as well as a minimum 2.3 grade point average in the major-specific courses (public affairs and health concentration courses).

COURSEWORK

- Health Administration Systems
- Epidemiology
- Health Law
- Health Disparities

In addition to these listed courses, the student is responsible for fulfilling the general education requirements, including math, English, social science, and other required courses, as well as other health courses, public affairs courses and general electives.

Students should consult with the department and their advisor for additional information concerning prerequisites, course content and academic counseling.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Students pursuing the BSHSM degree will have the opportunity to learn about the fields of health administration and health management through the use of traditional classroom instruction, optional internships, guest presentations, and career advisement. The Health Systems Administration course, for example, offers students the opportunity to visit the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), the premier organization in the U.S. that accredits hospitals and other health organizations.

The primary goal of the BSHSM faculty is to prepare students to work in the ever-changing arena of healthcare organizations. Courses are designed to enable students to meet both permanent and adjunct faculty and guest speakers who are experts in their fields. All health faculty members in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) bring a wealth of hands-on professional experience to the classroom from either administration of healthcare delivery systems and/or health services research and health policy analysis.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT?

The BSHSM degree can prepare graduates for degrees in the some of the following areas:

- Hospital and hospital department management
- Hospital administration
- Private practice management
- Insurance company administration
- Community health clinic management
- Government health plan administration (Medicaid and Medicare)

Some students may wish to complete their graduate degrees (MPA) following successful completion of the BSHSM degree.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

The faculty is dedicated to helping students become involved in all aspects of health services through an internship program and volunteer opportunities at local hospitals and healthcare organizations. Internships are developed in collaboration with public and private healthcare organizations which actively involve students in meaningful professional activities.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

SPEA offers BSHSM students the opportunity to join the IU Northwest chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE).

RELATED DEGREE OPTIONS

B.S. in Public Affairs (with a concentration in health)

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