

## HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION OPTION DETAILS

A degree in Health Science with the Health Care Administration option is designed to **build leadership, management, and administrative skills** for students who are allied health professionals and/or who are licensed in a health professional discipline, such as nursing, physical therapy, radiography, para-medics, and respiratory therapy. This program prepares graduates for entry-level to mid-level leadership and administrative positions in a full array of healthcare organizations, including:

- Hospitals
- Ambulatory care centers
- Surgery centers
- Medical practices
- Home health care agencies

Graduates may also find employment as consultants or with companies serving as vendors to the healthcare industry, as well as governmental healthcare agencies. This program provides training for positions in which clinical knowledge expertise is applied in a health care leadership and administrative environment.

Undergraduate students, especially those with an allied health licensure, who plan to seek admission to health administration, health informatics, medical records, or other graduate-level health professional academic programs may also apply for admission to the option. Prerequisites for admission to the program can be integrated into the course of study if needed.

**VIEW PROGRAM  
DETAILS:**



## QUICK FACTS AT A GLANCE HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION OPTION

### DEGREE PROGRAM:

Bachelor of Science

### MAJOR:

Health Science - Health Care Administration Option

### LENGTH OF STUDY:

The length of study varies based on the student's prior educational experience. The professional program curriculum provides the junior and senior years of the bachelor's degree. Certain students may require additional coursework at the freshman or sophomore level.

### COURSE DELIVERY:

Courses are offered through a flexible delivery system, with the vast majority of courses offered in a Distance Learning format.

### CAREER OPTIONS:

Healthcare is a booming career field, with the employment of medical and health services professionals growing by a projected 10 to 15 percent faster than average, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Graduates from this program will be prepared to serve in leadership and administrative roles in a healthcare organization setting.

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN HEALTH SCIENCE

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## YOUR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

**GENERAL EDUCATION & MAJOR PREREQUISITES:** 64 semester hours

**PROFESSIONAL COURSES:** 40 semester hours

- HCM 340 Introduction to Health Care Systems
- HCM 345 Management of Health Care Organizations
- HS 320 Biomedical Ethics
- HS 380 Essentials of Health Care Finance
- HS 455 Health Care Administration Internship
- HS 447 Public Health Concepts and Systems
- HS 465 Senior Research Project
- HS 481 Health Care Quality Assurance, Risk Management & Utilization Review
- HWM 401 Measurement and Evaluation
- HWM 450 Introduction to Epidemiology
- PO 351 American Public Policy  
OR  
HS 355 Health Policy in the United States

AND TWO COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- HWM 354 Contemporary Health
- HS 400 Public Safety and Health Education
- MG 349 Human Resource Management
- PSHA 443 Special Topics in Public Safety & Health Admin.
- PSHA 446 Public Sector Organization Theory and Management
- PSHA 448 Managing the Public Safety & Health Emergency
- SO 352 Sociology of Health and Illness
- SO 471 Aging in a Mass Society

**GENERAL ELECTIVES:** 20 semester hours

**TOTAL FOR GRADUATION:** 124 semester hours

## YOUR CONTACTS FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT TO BRAG ABOUT!**

### BETTER WITH AGE

Founded in 1822, Athens State University is the oldest institute of higher education in the state of Alabama.

### AFFORDABILITY

Athens State University is considered one of the “best buys” in Alabama and Southern Tennessee due to below average cost of tuition.

### CONVENIENCE

We recognize each student’s individual needs and provide degree options to meet each, including online degree programs. Athens State University is **Your University, Your Way.**

