

DEGREE(S)

+ Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in health management

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

A degree in health management educates students about the business side of public health and health care, built upon a foundation in Jesuit-based liberal arts, business and public policy. Decisions made by health care executives help improve the lives of millions of people every day. Students gain the knowledge and skills vital to understanding the role of the health care system in implementing policies and processes that impact the complex challenges facing the health of communities. Health management is a great major for students interested in leadership positions within the health industry.

Additional degree options include:

+ Accelerated Program:

High achieving students may apply to this selective program during their junior year of study. Accepted students earn a B.S. in health management in four years and a Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.) with one additional year of study.

+ Pre-Med Track:

Students interested in going to medical school can combine pre-med requirements with health management coursework.

+ Medical Scholars Track:

Students in the Medical Scholars Program can choose health management as their undergraduate field of study.

+Honors Courses:

Students in the SLU Honors program can take honors sections of several health management classes.

ABOUT THE FACULTY

Our faculty are internationally recognized as leaders in health management. Classes for the health management major are taught by the same faculty as SLU's Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.) program, which ranks in the top ten nationally among graduate programs in health care management according to U.S. News & World Report.

CURRICULUM

Students study the business side of the health status of communities and health care by focusing on all the elements of a health system: marketing, finance, human resources, organization, technology and strategic planning.

Our degree combines a core curriculum with 30 credit hours of health management courses to prepare students to be business professionals in health care.

Case studies and group work prepare students to work in teams and as leaders who are responsible for decision making in all areas of the health care industry. During senior year, students complete a career-development "health management rounds" course that exposes them to the philosophical approaches, leadership styles, policy processes and decision-making strategies used by successful health care management executives, health policy makers and health policy analysts across the spectrum of the health sector.

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Graduate Programs

+ Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.)
For a full listing of graduate programs, visit graduate.slu.edu.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Freshman: All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University and are used as qualifiers for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the office of admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- + Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- + Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

- + SLU's health management degree empowers students to pursue multiple career options and graduate degree paths, each of which can open doors to executive-level careers and significantly increased earning potential.
- + Students at SLU study the business side of the health status of communities and health care by focusing on all the elements of a health system: marketing, finance, human resources, technology and strategic planning.
- + A health management degree from SLU provides unique insight into the evolving priorities of health industry, from individualized treatment to more integrated preventative community health.

Although degree credit is not given for internships, students are encouraged and assisted by faculty to participate in internships to further enhance their learning experiences at Saint Louis University. Many local and national organizations are eager to involve SLU students studying health management in their work.

Careers exist in both traditional health-focused organizations as well as in new practice settings. Moreover, the need for a trained health management workforce will increase going forward to meet the needs of a growing world population.

A career in health management offers a plethora of job opportunities that can suit a wide variety of interests and skills. Graduates of SLU's College for Public Health and Social Justice are employed in many different settings, including:

- + Federal, state and local health agencies
- + Consulting firms
- + Consumer advocacy organizations
- + Emergency preparedness organizations
- + Hospitals and integrated health care systems
- + Long-term and extended care and health insurance companies
- + Medical service organizations
- + Physician management organizations
- + Private business and industry
- + University and private research centers

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