



**BACHELOR of SCIENCE in HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION (#559)**

Department of Public Health  
College of Health and Human Services  
Western Kentucky University

The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your advisor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the electives selected.

**Success Markers**

**SAMPLE - 4 year plan**

<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
<i>Visit the Math Lab for free tutoring!</i>	ENG 100 Intro to College Writing (F-W1)	3	HIST 101 World History I OR HIST 102 World History II (F-SB)	3
	Arts and Humanities (E-AH)	3	Human Communications (F-OC)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (F-QR)	3	ENG 200 Intro to Literature (F-AH)	3
	Natural & Physical Science (Not Biology) (E-NS)	3	BIOL 131 Human Anatomy & Physiology (E-NS, SL) OR PH 100 Personal Health (E-SB)	4 OR 3
	HCA 120 Health Literacy for Consumers	3	PH 383 – Biostatistics in the Health Sciences OR MATH 183 - Intro Statistics OR SOCL 300 - Using Stats in Socl	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16 OR 15</b>
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
<i>Join a Student Organization like Green Toppers</i>	ECON 202 – Princ. of Econ (Micro) (E-SB) OR ECON 203 – Princ. of Econ (Macro) (E-SB)	3	AH 290 – Medical Terminology OR HIM 290 - Medical Terminology	2
	ENG 300 Writing in the Disciplines (F-W2)	3	ACCT 200 – Introductory Accounting (Financial) OR HIM 252- Healthcare Payment Systems	3
	PH 381 - Community Health OR PH 384 - Introduction to Epidemiology (only if PH 100 is taken)	3	World Language OR General Elective (IF World Language Proficiency is completed)	3
	Connections: Social and Cultural (K-SC)	3	General Elective	3
	General Elective or Natural & Physical Science (E-NS) (IF BIOL 131 not taken)	3	Connections: Systems (K-SY)	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>14</b>

**World Language Proficiency:** All students entering in Fall 2014 or later must demonstrate proficiency in a world language at the Novice High level before completing 60 credit hours. Novice high is the ability to communicate in writing and speaking on familiar topics in simple sentences. To meet this requirement, students may take college language courses or take a proficiency test. For more information go to [www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/](http://www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/).

**Colonnade Program:** All students entering in fall 2014 or later must complete 39 hours in 13 specific Colonnade areas. Colonnade areas are listed in parentheses marked in blue after the corresponding classes. Some areas may have specific course requirements while others can be chosen from selected lists of options. For more details and to see lists of options, go to [http://www.wku.edu/colonnade/documents/approved\\_colonnade\\_courses\\_website.pdf](http://www.wku.edu/colonnade/documents/approved_colonnade_courses_website.pdf)

*\*\*Please see undergraduate catalog for admission requirements to the Department of Public Health and for course grade requirements in major. (If World Language course is taken, total credit hours may increase.)\*\**

Prerequisites, Course Numbers, and Course Titles are subject to change. Consult your advisor each semester.

<b>THIRD YEAR</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
<i>Visit Career Services</i>	HCA 340 – Health Care Organization and Management	3	FIN 330 – Princ. of Financial Mgmt <b>OR</b> HCA 401- Fund. of Health Care Financial Mgmt	3
	HCA Elective	3	HCA 345 – Long-Term Care Administration	3
	Connections: Local to Global Course ( <a href="#">K-LG</a> )	3	HCA 344 – Health Systems Mgmt	3
	HCA 383 – Statistical Applications in Healthcare	1	HCA 342 – Human Resources Mgmt for Healthcare Managers	3
	PH 447 – Human Values & the Health Sciences <b>OR</b> HCA 247 - Contemporary Healthcare Issues <b>OR</b> PHIL 322 - Biomedical Ethics <b>OR</b> PHIL 323 - Social Ethics <b>OR</b> MGT 305 - Ethics & Critical Thinking <b>OR</b> SWRK 433 - Ethical Issues & Dilemmas in SWRK	3	HCA 446 – Health Care Informatics	3
			HCA 447 – Information Systems Lab	1
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
<i>Apply for Graduation</i>	HCA 343 – Quality Mgmt for Healthcare <b>OR</b> HCA 353 - Quality & Patient Safety in Long-Term Care	3	HCA 445 – Health Care Finance	3
	HCA 441 – Legal Aspects / Health Care <b>OR</b> MGT 200 - Legal Environment of Business <b>OR</b> MGT 301 - Business Law <b>OR</b> HIM 225 - Legal Issues in HIM	3	HCA 347 - International Comparisons of Health Care Systems <b>OR</b> PH 410 – Global Perspectives on Population Health	3
	HCA 346 – Ambulatory Care Administration <b>OR</b> HCA 355 - Nursing Facility Administration	3	HCA 442 – Principles and Methods of Health Planning	3
	HCA 440 – Health Economics <b>OR</b> ECON 3** <b>OR</b> 4**	3	HCA 448 – Health Care Analysis and Evaluation	3
	HCA Elective	3	General Elective	1 <b>OR</b> 2
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>13 <b>OR</b> 14</b>
	<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	<b>Summer Term</b>		
	HCA 449 – Internship in HCA	3		
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>3</b>		
<b>Total Credit Hours: 120 **</b>				

**For more Information:**

**Department:** Department of Public Health, Academic Complex 133

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**Course Descriptions:** <http://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog/>